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Referred to Committee on COMMERCE

Introduced by:
(CE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING A GRANT-IN-AID FOR THE WOMEN'S
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 32-235 of the 2016 supplement to
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

4 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the
5 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the
6 Department of Economic and Community Development (1) for the
7 purposes of sections 32-220 to 32-234, inclusive, including economic
8 cluster-related programs and activities, and for the Connecticut job
9 training finance demonstration program pursuant to sections 32-23uu
10 and 32-23vv, provided (A) three million dollars shall be used by said
11 department solely for the purposes of section 32-23uu and not more
12 than five million two hundred fifty thousand dollars of the amount
13 stated in said subsection (a) may be used by said department for the
14 purposes of section 31-3u, (B) not less than one million dollars shall be
15 used for an educational technology grant to the deployment center

16 program and the nonprofit business consortium deployment center
17 approved pursuant to section 32-41l, (C) not less than two million
18 dollars shall be used by said department for the establishment of a
19 pilot program to make grants to businesses in designated areas of the
20 state for construction, renovation or improvement of small
21 manufacturing facilities, provided such grants are matched by the
22 business, a municipality or another financing entity. The
23 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall
24 designate areas of the state where manufacturing is a substantial part
25 of the local economy and shall make grants under such pilot program
26 which are likely to produce a significant economic development
27 benefit for the designated area, (D) five million dollars may be used by
28 said department for the manufacturing competitiveness grants
29 program, (E) one million dollars shall be used by said department for
30 the purpose of a grant to the Connecticut Center for Advanced
31 Technology, for the purposes of subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of
32 section 32-7f, (F) fifty million dollars shall be used by said department
33 for the purpose of grants to the United States Department of the Navy,
34 the United States Department of Defense or eligible applicants for
35 projects related to the enhancement of infrastructure for long-term, on-
36 going naval operations at the United States Naval Submarine Base-
37 New London, located in Groton, which will increase the military value
38 of said base. Such projects shall not be subject to the provisions of
39 sections 4a-60 and 4a-60a, (G) two million dollars shall be used by said
40 department for the purpose of a grant to the Connecticut Center for
41 Advanced Technology, Inc., for manufacturing initiatives, including
42 aerospace and defense, and (H) four million dollars shall be used by
43 said department for the purpose of a grant to companies adversely
44 impacted by the construction at the Quinnipiac Bridge, where such
45 grant may be used to offset the increase in costs of commercial
46 overland transportation of goods or materials brought to the port of
47 New Haven by ship or vessel, (2) for the purposes of the small
48 business assistance program established pursuant to section 32-9yy,
49 provided fifteen million dollars shall be deposited in the small

50 business assistance account established pursuant to said section 32-
51 9yy, [and] (3) to deposit twenty million dollars in the small business
52 express assistance account established pursuant to section 32-7h, and
53 (4) for the purpose of providing a grant-in-aid in the amount of five
54 hundred thousand dollars to the Women's Business Development
55 Council in the city of Stamford for a program offering business loans
56 under one hundred thousand dollars to women-owned businesses.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2016	32-235(b)

Statement of Purpose:

To provide a grant-in-aid to the Women's Business Development Council for a lending program for women-owned businesses.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]