



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 425***

LCO No. 2532



Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by:  
(PD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL TRANSPARENCY, EFFICIENCY  
AND ACCOUNTABILITY.***

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

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2016*) (a) There is established a Connect  
2 Connecticut grant program for the purpose of creating a citizen  
3 relationship management system to (1) enable citizens to communicate  
4 with municipal officials, electronically and otherwise, in order to  
5 document nonemergency issues in municipalities for resolution, and  
6 (2) enable municipalities to monitor, manage and resolve such  
7 nonemergency issues and communicate the outcomes of such issues to  
8 citizens.
- 9 (b) On or before January 15, 2017, in addition to any proposal  
10 submitted pursuant to section 2-124s of the general statutes, any  
11 municipality may apply to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
12 Management for a Connect Connecticut grant, in the form and manner  
13 the secretary prescribes.
- 14 (c) Not later than July 1, 2017, the Secretary of the Office of Policy

15 and Management shall award Connect Connecticut grants to not more  
16 than twenty municipalities from the regional planning incentive  
17 account established pursuant to section 4-66k of the general statutes.  
18 Not later than July 1, 2018, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
19 Management shall award Connect Connecticut awards to not more  
20 than twenty municipalities from the regional planning incentive  
21 account established pursuant to section 4-66k of the general statutes.  
22 Each Connect Connecticut grant awarded to a municipality shall be for  
23 one-half of the cost of implementation of the citizen relationship  
24 management system in such municipality or ten thousand dollars,  
25 whichever is less. The secretary shall award not more than two  
26 hundred fifty thousand dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017,  
27 and not more than two hundred fifty thousand dollars for the fiscal  
28 year ending June 30, 2018, for the purpose of implementing the  
29 Connect Connecticut grant program. The amount of the grant payable  
30 to each municipality under this section during either fiscal year shall  
31 be reduced proportionately if the total of such grants exceeds the  
32 amount of funds available for such year.

33 Sec. 2. Section 4-66k of the general statutes is repealed and the  
34 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

35 (a) There is established an account to be known as the "regional  
36 planning incentive account" which shall be a separate, nonlapsing  
37 account within the General Fund. The account shall contain any  
38 moneys required by law to be deposited in the account. Moneys in the  
39 account shall be expended by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
40 Management in accordance with subsection (b) of this section for the  
41 purposes of first providing funding to regional planning organizations  
42 in accordance with the provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of this  
43 section, then to providing grants under the Connect Connecticut grant  
44 program established pursuant to section 1 of this act, and then to  
45 providing grants under the regional performance incentive program  
46 established pursuant to section 4-124s.

47 (b) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, funds from the regional  
48 planning incentive account shall be distributed to each regional  
49 planning organization, as defined in section 4-124i, revision of 1958,  
50 revised to January 1, 2013, in the amount of one hundred twenty-five  
51 thousand dollars. Any regional council of governments that is  
52 comprised of any two or more regional planning organizations that  
53 voluntarily consolidate on or before December 31, 2013, shall receive  
54 an additional payment in an amount equal to the amount the regional  
55 planning organizations would have received if such regional planning  
56 organizations had not voluntarily consolidated.

57 (c) Beginning in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, and annually  
58 thereafter, funds from the regional planning incentive account shall be  
59 distributed to each regional council of governments formed pursuant  
60 to section 4-124j, in the amount of one hundred twenty-five thousand  
61 dollars plus fifty cents per capita, using population information from  
62 the most recent federal decennial census. Any regional council of  
63 governments that is comprised of any two or more regional planning  
64 organizations, as defined in section 4-124i, revision of 1958, revised to  
65 January 1, 2013, that voluntarily consolidated on or before December  
66 31, 2013, shall receive a payment in the amount of one hundred  
67 twenty-five thousand dollars for each such regional planning  
68 organization that voluntarily consolidated on or before said date.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	4-66k

**Statement of Purpose:**

To authorize the Office of Policy and Management to award Connect Connecticut grants to municipalities for the purpose of creating citizen relationship management systems.

*[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.]*