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Introduced by:  
(JUD)

**AN ACT CONCERNING A PILOT PROGRAM FOSTERING  
NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY AND CREATING A SET-ASIDE PROGRAM  
FOR PARTICIPANTS IN THE PILOT PROGRAM, AND AUTHORIZING  
BONDING FOR RELATED PROJECTS.**

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

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2016*) (a) There is established a  
2 pilot program to foster neighborhood safety in urban environments.  
3 The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall select a  
4 municipality that has at least one hundred twenty-four thousand  
5 persons, but fewer than one hundred twenty-five thousand persons to  
6 participate in the pilot program. The pilot program shall serve as a  
7 blueprint for a state-wide reduction of neighborhood violence.
- 8 (b) The pilot program shall be funded by state, federal or private  
9 moneys and shall provide and coordinate services, initiatives and  
10 programs for persons who are most likely to be perpetrators or victims  
11 of gun violence through:
- 12 (1) Program development and implementation, including:

13 (A) School-based initiatives to connect students and their families  
14 with culturally competent social and economic service opportunities;  
15 and

16 (B) Outreach to persons most likely to perpetrate gun violence or be  
17 victims of gun violence;

18 (2) Community capacity building, including:

19 (A) Intervention programs designed to assist persons most likely to  
20 perpetrate gun violence or be victims of gun violence;

21 (B) Life skills training to foster resilience to risk factors associated  
22 with gun violence, including, but not limited to, skills training in anger  
23 management and in nonviolent dispute resolution;

24 (C) A fellowship program for young persons identified pursuant to  
25 section 2 of this act or by the municipality's police department or  
26 community leaders as most likely to be perpetrators or victims of gun  
27 violence, who will be provided with support and developmental and  
28 leadership opportunities, including, but not limited to, opportunities  
29 for personal, social, educational and vocational growth, which  
30 program may include a stipend for participants; and

31 (D) A program for persons participating in the fellowship program  
32 under subparagraph (C) of this subdivision to mentor other young  
33 persons who may be likely to perpetrate gun violence or be victims of  
34 gun violence;

35 (3) Service coordination, including:

36 (A) Coordination between the municipality and state agencies to  
37 make the best use of resources; and

38 (B) Partnerships between state and national philanthropic  
39 organizations to enable state-wide replication and implementation of  
40 the program.

41 (c) Not later than January 1, 2018, and not later than January first of  
42 each year thereafter if the municipality received state funding for the  
43 program during the previous year, the municipality and the Secretary  
44 of the Office of Policy and Management shall jointly submit a report in  
45 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes  
46 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having  
47 cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary and appropriations that  
48 details: (1) The number of persons participating in the program; (2) the  
49 change in the level of gun-related incidents of violence in the  
50 municipality; (3) an evaluation of the services, initiatives and programs  
51 described in subsection (b) of this section; (4) the cost of the program in  
52 both state and private dollars; and (5) any recommendations to expand  
53 the program to other municipalities.

54 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2016*) The local or regional board of  
55 education for the municipality participating in the pilot program  
56 pursuant to section 1 of this act, shall develop a system to identify  
57 children who are at risk to be perpetrators or victims of violence  
58 involving a three metrics approach that uses measures of chronic  
59 absenteeism, behavioral information, which is primarily based on  
60 suspension and expulsion data, and academic issues with primary  
61 emphasis on reading and mathematics deficiencies. The board of  
62 education shall notify the parent or guardian of any child identified as  
63 at risk pursuant to such approach and of any child reentering the  
64 school district following a placement or probation through  
65 involvement with the juvenile justice system under chapter 815t of the  
66 general statutes. Such notification shall request permission for such  
67 child to participate in the program established pursuant to section 1 of  
68 this act. Any such request shall conform with the Health Insurance  
69 Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, P.L. 104-191 (HIPAA), as  
70 amended from time to time, and the Family Educational Rights and  
71 Privacy Act of 1974, 20 USC 1232g (FERPA), as amended from time to  
72 time, and any regulations promulgated thereunder at 34 CFR Part 99.  
73 If the parent or guardian grants such permission, such child's name

74 shall be forwarded to the administrators of said program for inclusion  
75 in said program. The administrators of said program shall maintain  
76 any information pertaining to such child in a secure manner.

77       Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding any provision of the  
78 general statutes, the municipality of Hartford shall, when awarding a  
79 municipal public works contract, as defined in section 4a-60g of the  
80 general statutes, for a project associated with the (1) Minority  
81 Contractors' Urban Home Initiative, (2) Connecticut Equestrian and  
82 Exhibition Center, for the Ebony Horsewomen, Inc., or (3) Upper  
83 Albany Main Street project, state in its notice of solicitation for  
84 competitive bids or request for proposals or qualifications for such  
85 contract that the general or trade contractor shall be required to  
86 comply with the provisions of section 4a-60g of the general statutes,  
87 and the requirements concerning nondiscrimination and affirmative  
88 action under sections 4a-60 and 4a-60a of the general statutes and may  
89 inquire whether a bidder is a business enterprise that participates in  
90 and contributes to the pilot program pursuant to section 1 of this act.  
91 Any contractor awarded a municipal public works contract for such  
92 project shall, on the basis of competitive bidding procedures, (A) set  
93 aside at least twenty-five per cent of the total value of the state's  
94 financial assistance for such contract for award to subcontractors who  
95 are small contractors, and (B) of that portion to be set aside in  
96 accordance with subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, (i) reserve a  
97 portion equivalent to twenty-five per cent of the total value of the  
98 contract or portion thereof to be set aside for awards to subcontractors  
99 who are minority business enterprises, and (ii) reserve a portion  
100 equivalent to ten per cent of the total value of the contract or portion  
101 thereof to be set aside for awards to subcontractors who are business  
102 enterprises that participate in and contribute to the pilot program  
103 pursuant to section 1 of this act.

104       Sec. 4. (*Effective July 1, 2016*) (a) For the purposes described in  
105 subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have  
106 the power from time to time to authorize the issuance of bonds of the

107 state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in  
108 the aggregate five hundred thousand dollars.

109 (b) The proceeds of the sale of such bonds, to the extent of the  
110 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the  
111 Department of Economic and Community Development for the  
112 purpose of a project in the city of Hartford associated with the  
113 Minority Contractors' Urban Home Initiative.

114 (c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the  
115 exercise of any right or power granted thereby, that are not  
116 inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and  
117 shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission  
118 pursuant to this section. Temporary notes in anticipation of the money  
119 to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized may be  
120 issued in accordance with section 3-20 of the general statutes and from  
121 time to time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times  
122 not exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be  
123 provided in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State  
124 Bond Commission authorizing such bonds. None of such bonds shall  
125 be authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission  
126 that there has been filed with it a request for such authorization that is  
127 signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
128 Management and states such terms and conditions as said commission,  
129 in its discretion, may require. Such bonds issued pursuant to this  
130 section shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and  
131 credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the  
132 principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due, and  
133 accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of  
134 such bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual  
135 payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State  
136 Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become  
137 due.

138 Sec. 5. (*Effective July 1, 2016*) (a) For the purposes described in

139 subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have  
140 the power from time to time to authorize the issuance of bonds of the  
141 state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in  
142 the aggregate five hundred thousand dollars.

143 (b) The proceeds of the sale of such bonds, to the extent of the  
144 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the  
145 Department of Economic and Community Development for the  
146 purpose of a project in the city of Hartford associated with the  
147 Connecticut Equestrian and Exhibition Center, for the Ebony  
148 Horsewomen, Inc.

149 (c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the  
150 exercise of any right or power granted thereby, that are not  
151 inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and  
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169 such bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual  
170 payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State  
171 Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become

172 due.

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>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To create a pilot program to enable and assist a municipality in the reduction of gun violence, to create a set-aside program for certain projects for participants in the pilot program and to authorize bonding for related projects.

*[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.]*