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**AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR GENERAL GOVERNMENT.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 38a-488a of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2017*):

4 (b) Each individual health insurance policy providing coverage of
5 the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section
6 38a-469 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued
7 in this state shall provide benefits for the diagnosis and treatment of
8 mental or nervous conditions. Benefits payable include, but need not
9 be limited to:

10 (1) General inpatient hospitalization, including in state-operated

11 facilities;

12 (2) Medically necessary acute treatment services and medically
13 necessary clinical stabilization services;

14 (3) General hospital outpatient services, including at state-operated
15 facilities;

16 (4) Psychiatric inpatient hospitalization, including in state-operated
17 facilities;

18 (5) Psychiatric outpatient hospital services, including at state-
19 operated facilities;

20 (6) Intensive outpatient services, including at state-operated
21 facilities;

22 (7) Partial hospitalization, including at state-operated facilities;

23 (8) Evidence-based maternal, infant and early childhood home
24 visitation services, as described in Section 2951 of the Patient
25 Protection and Affordable Care Act, P.L. 111-148, as amended from
26 time to time, that are designed to improve health outcomes for
27 pregnant women, postpartum mothers and newborns and children,
28 including, but not limited to, for maternal substance use disorders or
29 depression and relationship-focused interventions for children with
30 mental or nervous conditions or substance use disorders;

31 (9) Intensive, home-based services designed to address specific
32 mental or nervous conditions in a child;

33 (10) Evidence-based family-focused therapy that specializes in the
34 treatment of juvenile substance use disorders;

35 (11) Short-term family therapy intervention;

36 (12) Nonhospital inpatient detoxification;

- 37 (13) Medically monitored detoxification;
- 38 (14) Ambulatory detoxification;
- 39 (15) Inpatient services at psychiatric residential treatment facilities;
- 40 (16) Rehabilitation services provided in residential treatment
41 facilities, general hospitals, psychiatric hospitals or psychiatric
42 facilities;
- 43 (17) Observation beds in acute hospital settings;
- 44 (18) Psychological and neuropsychological testing conducted by an
45 appropriately licensed health care provider;
- 46 (19) Trauma screening conducted by a licensed behavioral health
47 professional;
- 48 (20) Depression screening, including maternal depression screening,
49 conducted by a licensed behavioral health professional; and
- 50 (21) Substance use screening conducted by a licensed behavioral
51 health professional. [;]
- 52 [(22) Intensive, family-based and community-based treatment
53 programs that focus on addressing environmental systems that impact
54 chronic and violent juvenile offenders;
- 55 (23) Other home-based therapeutic interventions for children;
- 56 (24) Chemical maintenance treatment, as defined in section 19a-495-
57 570 of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies; and
- 58 (25) Extended day treatment programs, as described in section 17a-
59 22.]

60 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 38a-514 of the general statutes is
61 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*

62 1, 2017):

63 (b) Except as provided in subsection (j) of this section, each group
64 health insurance policy providing coverage of the type specified in
65 subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 delivered,
66 issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in this state shall
67 provide benefits for the diagnosis and treatment of mental or nervous
68 conditions. Benefits payable include, but need not be limited to:

69 (1) General inpatient hospitalization, including in state-operated
70 facilities;

71 (2) Medically necessary acute treatment services and medically
72 necessary clinical stabilization services;

73 (3) General hospital outpatient services, including at state-operated
74 facilities;

75 (4) Psychiatric inpatient hospitalization, including in state-operated
76 facilities;

77 (5) Psychiatric outpatient hospital services, including at state-
78 operated facilities;

79 (6) Intensive outpatient services, including at state-operated
80 facilities;

81 (7) Partial hospitalization, including at state-operated facilities;

82 [(8) Evidence-based maternal, infant and early childhood home
83 visitation services, as described in Section 2951 of the Patient
84 Protection and Affordable Care Act, P.L. 111-148, as amended from
85 time to time, that are designed to improve health outcomes for
86 pregnant women, postpartum mothers and newborns and children,
87 including, but not limited to, for maternal substance use disorders or
88 depression and relationship-focused interventions for children with
89 mental or nervous conditions or substance use disorders;]

90 [(9)] (8) Intensive, home-based services designed to address specific
91 mental or nervous conditions in a child;

92 [(10)] (9) Evidence-based family-focused therapy that specializes in
93 the treatment of juvenile substance use disorders;

94 [(11)] (10) Short-term family therapy intervention;

95 [(12)] (11) Nonhospital inpatient detoxification;

96 [(13)] (12) Medically monitored detoxification;

97 [(14)] (13) Ambulatory detoxification;

98 [(15)] (14) Inpatient services at psychiatric residential treatment
99 facilities;

100 [(16)] (15) Rehabilitation services provided in residential treatment
101 facilities, general hospitals, psychiatric hospitals or psychiatric
102 facilities;

103 [(17)] (16) Observation beds in acute hospital settings;

104 [(18)] (17) Psychological and neuropsychological testing conducted
105 by an appropriately licensed health care provider;

106 [(19)] (18) Trauma screening conducted by a licensed behavioral
107 health professional;

108 [(20)] (19) Depression screening, including maternal depression
109 screening, conducted by a licensed behavioral health professional; and

110 [(21)] (20) Substance use screening conducted by a licensed
111 behavioral health professional. [;]

112 [(22)] Intensive, family-based and community-based treatment
113 programs that focus on addressing environmental systems that impact
114 chronic and violent juvenile offenders;

115 (23) Other home-based therapeutic interventions for children;

116 (24) Chemical maintenance treatment, as defined in section 19a-495-
117 570 of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies; and

118 (25) Extended day treatment programs, as described in section 17a-
119 22.]

120 Sec. 3. Section 54-142q of the general statutes is repealed and the
121 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

122 (a) As used in this section, (1) "governing board" means the
123 Criminal Justice Information System Governing Board established in
124 this section, (2) "offender-based tracking system" means an information
125 system that enables, as determined by the governing board and subject
126 to this chapter, criminal justice agencies, as defined in subsection (b) of
127 section 54-142g, the Division of Public Defender Services and the
128 Office of the Federal Public Defender to share criminal history record
129 information, as defined in subsection (a) of section 54-142g, and to
130 access electronically maintained offender and case data involving
131 felonies, misdemeanors, violations, motor vehicle violations, motor
132 vehicle offenses for which a sentence to a term of imprisonment may
133 be imposed, and infractions, and (3) "criminal justice information
134 systems" means the offender-based tracking system and information
135 systems among criminal justice agencies.

136 (b) There shall be a Criminal Justice Information System Governing
137 Board which shall be within the [Office of Policy and Management]
138 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection for
139 administrative purposes only and shall oversee criminal justice
140 information systems.

141 (c) The governing board shall be composed of the Chief Court
142 Administrator, the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public
143 Protection, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, the
144 Commissioner of Correction, the chairperson of the Board of Pardons

145 and Paroles, the Chief State's Attorney, the Chief Public Defender, the
146 Commissioner of Administrative Services, the Victim Advocate, the
147 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, the chairpersons and ranking
148 members of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly on
149 judiciary and the president of the Connecticut Police Chiefs
150 Association. The Chief Court Administrator and a person appointed
151 by the Governor from among the membership shall serve as
152 cochairpersons. Each member of the governing board may appoint a
153 designee who shall have the same powers as such member.

154 (d) The governing board shall meet at least once during each
155 calendar quarter and at such other times as the chairperson deems
156 necessary. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for the
157 transaction of business.

158 (e) The governing board shall hire an executive director of the board
159 who shall not be a member of the board and who shall serve at the
160 pleasure of the board. The executive director shall be qualified by
161 education, training or experience to oversee the design and
162 implementation of a comprehensive, state-wide information
163 technology system for the sharing of criminal justice information as
164 provided in section 54-142s. The [Office of Policy and Management]
165 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall provide
166 office space and such staff, supplies and services as necessary for the
167 executive director to properly carry out his or her duties under this
168 subsection.

169 (f) The governing board shall develop plans, maintain policies and
170 provide direction for the efficient operation and integration of criminal
171 justice information systems, whether such systems service a single
172 agency or multiple agencies. The governing board shall establish
173 standards and procedures for use by agencies to assure the
174 interoperability of such systems, authorized access to such systems
175 and the security of such systems.

176 (g) In addition to the requirements of subsection (f) of this section,
177 the duties and responsibilities of the governing board shall be to: (1)
178 Oversee the operations and administration of criminal justice
179 information systems; (2) establish such permanent and ad hoc
180 committees as it deems necessary, with appointments to such
181 committees not restricted to criminal justice agencies; (3) recommend
182 any legislation necessary for implementation, operation and
183 maintenance of criminal justice information systems; (4) establish and
184 implement policies and procedures to meet the system-wide
185 objectives, including the provision of appropriate controls for data
186 access and security; and (5) perform all necessary functions to facilitate
187 the coordination and integration of criminal justice information
188 systems.

189 (h) A member of the governing board, a member of a permanent or
190 an ad hoc committee established by the governing board, and any
191 person operating and administering the offender-based tracking
192 system shall be deemed to be "state officers and employees" for the
193 purposes of chapter 53 and section 5-141d.

194 (i) Information that may be accessed by the Division of Public
195 Defender Services or the Office of the Federal Public Defender
196 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall be limited to: (1)
197 Conviction information, as defined in subsection (c) of section 54-142g,
198 (2) information that is otherwise available to the public, and (3)
199 information, including nonconviction information, concerning a client
200 whom the division has been appointed by the court to represent and is
201 representing at the time of the request for access to such information.

202 Sec. 4. Section 54-142r of the general statutes is repealed and the
203 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

204 (a) Any data in the offender-based tracking system, as defined in
205 section 54-142q, as amended by this act, shall be available to the
206 Commissioner of Administrative Services and the executive director of

207 a division of or unit within the Judicial Department that oversees
208 information technology, or to such persons' designees, for the purpose
209 of maintaining and administering said system.

210 (b) Any data in said system from an information system of a
211 criminal justice agency, as defined in subsection (b) of section 54-142g,
212 that is available to the public under the provisions of the Freedom of
213 Information Act, as defined in section 1-200, shall be obtained from the
214 agency from which such data originated. The [Secretary of the Office of
215 Policy and Management] Commissioner of Emergency Services and
216 Public Protection shall provide to any person who submits a request
217 for such data to the Criminal Justice Information System Governing
218 Board, pursuant to said act, the name and address of the agency from
219 which such data originated.

220 Sec. 5. Subsection (g) of section 12-170aa of the general statutes is
221 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
222 *1, 2017*):

223 (g) On or before July first, annually, each municipality shall submit
224 to the secretary [,] a claim for the tax reductions approved under this
225 section in relation to the assessment list of October first immediately
226 preceding. On or after December 1, 1987, any municipality [which] that
227 neglects to transmit to the secretary the claim as required by this
228 section shall forfeit two hundred fifty dollars to the state, [provided]
229 except that the secretary may waive such forfeiture in accordance with
230 procedures and standards established by regulations adopted in
231 accordance with chapter 54. Subject to procedures for review and
232 approval of such data pursuant to section 12-120b, said secretary shall,
233 on or before December fifteenth next following, certify to the
234 Comptroller the amount due each municipality as reimbursement for
235 loss of property tax revenue related to the tax reductions allowed
236 under this section, except that the secretary may reduce the amount
237 due as reimbursement under this section by up to one hundred per
238 cent for any municipality that is not eligible for a grant under section

239 32-9s. The Comptroller shall draw an order on the Treasurer on or
240 before the fifth business day following December fifteenth and the
241 Treasurer shall pay the amount due each municipality not later than
242 the thirty-first day of December. Any claimant aggrieved by the results
243 of the secretary's review shall have the rights of appeal as set forth in
244 section 12-120b. The amount of the grant payable to each municipality
245 in any year in accordance with this section shall be reduced
246 proportionately in the event that the total of such grants in such year
247 exceeds the amount appropriated for the purposes of this section with
248 respect to such year.

249 Sec. 6. Subsection (c) of section 4-124v of the general statutes is
250 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
251 *passage*):

252 (c) (1) There is established the nonprofit collaboration incentive
253 grant program to provide grants to nonprofit organizations for
254 infrastructure costs related to the consolidation of programs and
255 services resulting from the collaborative efforts of two or more such
256 organizations. Grant funds may be used for: (A) The purchase of and
257 improvements to facilities; (B) the refinancing of facility loans; (C)
258 equipment purchases; (D) energy conservation, transportation and
259 technology projects; (E) planning and administrative costs related to
260 such purchases, improvements, refinancing or projects; and (F) any
261 other purpose authorized in guidelines established under subdivision
262 (2) of this subsection.

263 (2) Not later than February 1, 2010, the Secretary of the Office of
264 Policy and Management shall, in consultation with the chairpersons of
265 the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
266 cognizance of matters relating to human services, and with
267 representatives of nonprofit organizations that receive state funding,
268 develop guidelines for (A) administration of the nonprofit
269 collaboration incentive grant program, (B) eligibility criteria for
270 participation by nonprofit organizations, and for the expenditure of

271 grant funds, and (C) prioritization for the awarding of grants pursuant
272 to this section.

273 (3) [Not later than March 1, 2010, and annually thereafter, the
274 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall publish a
275 notice of grant availability and solicit proposals for funding under the
276 nonprofit collaboration incentive grant program.] Nonprofit
277 organizations eligible for such funding pursuant to the guidelines
278 developed under subdivision (2) of this subsection may file
279 applications for such funding at such times and in such manner as the
280 secretary prescribes. The secretary shall review all grant applications
281 and make determinations as to which projects to fund and the amount
282 of grants to be awarded in accordance with the guidelines developed
283 under subdivision (2) of this subsection.

284 Sec. 7. Section 4-28f of the general statutes is repealed and the
285 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2017*):

286 (a) There is created a Tobacco and Health Trust Fund which shall be
287 a separate nonlapsing fund. The purpose of the trust fund shall be to
288 create a continuing significant source of funds to (1) support and
289 encourage development of programs to reduce tobacco abuse through
290 prevention, education and cessation programs, (2) support and
291 encourage development of programs to reduce substance abuse, and
292 (3) develop and implement programs to meet the unmet physical and
293 mental health needs in the state.

294 (b) The trust fund may accept transfers from the Tobacco Settlement
295 Fund and may apply for and accept gifts, grants or donations from
296 public or private sources to enable the trust fund to carry out its
297 objectives.

298 (c) The trust fund shall be administered by a board of trustees,
299 except that the board shall suspend its operations from July 1, 2003, to
300 June 30, 2005, inclusive. The board shall consist of seventeen trustees.
301 The appointment of the initial trustees shall be as follows: (1) The

302 Governor shall appoint four trustees, one of whom shall serve for a
303 term of one year from July 1, 2000, two of whom shall serve for a term
304 of two years from July 1, 2000, and one of whom shall serve for a term
305 of three years from July 1, 2000; (2) the speaker of the House of
306 Representatives and the president pro tempore of the Senate each shall
307 appoint two trustees, one of whom shall serve for a term of two years
308 from July 1, 2000, and one of whom shall serve for a term of three years
309 from July 1, 2000; (3) the majority leader of the House of
310 Representatives and the majority leader of the Senate each shall
311 appoint two trustees, one of whom shall serve for a term of one year
312 from July 1, 2000, and one of whom shall serve for a term of three years
313 from July 1, 2000; (4) the minority leader of the House of
314 Representatives and the minority leader of the Senate each shall
315 appoint two trustees, one of whom shall serve for a term of one year
316 from July 1, 2000, and one of whom shall serve for a term of two years
317 from July 1, 2000; and (5) the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
318 Management, or the secretary's designee, shall serve as an ex-officio
319 voting member. Following the expiration of such initial terms,
320 subsequent trustees shall serve for a term of three years. The period of
321 suspension of the board's operations from July 1, 2003, to June 30, 2005,
322 inclusive, shall not be included in the term of any trustee serving on
323 July 1, 2003. The trustees shall serve without compensation except for
324 reimbursement for necessary expenses incurred in performing their
325 duties. The board of trustees shall establish rules of procedure for the
326 conduct of its business which shall include, but not be limited to,
327 criteria, processes and procedures to be used in selecting programs to
328 receive money from the trust fund. The trust fund shall be within the
329 Office of Policy and Management for administrative purposes only.
330 The board of trustees shall, [meet not less than biannually, except
331 during the fiscal years ending June 30, 2004, and June 30, 2005, and,]
332 not later than January first of each year, except during the fiscal years
333 ending June 30, 2004, and June 30, 2005, [shall] submit a report of its
334 activities and accomplishments to the joint standing committees of the
335 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public

336 health and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, in
337 accordance with section 11-4a.

338 (d) (1) During the period commencing July 1, 2000, and ending June
339 30, 2003, the board of trustees, by majority vote, may recommend
340 authorization of disbursement from the trust fund for the purposes
341 described in subsection (a) of this section and section 19a-6d, provided
342 the board may not recommend authorization of disbursement of more
343 than fifty per cent of net earnings from the principal of the trust fund
344 for such purposes. For the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2005, and
345 each fiscal year thereafter, the board may recommend authorization of
346 the net earnings from the principal of the trust fund for such purposes.
347 For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, and each fiscal year thereafter,
348 the board may recommend authorization of disbursement for such
349 purposes of (A) up to one-half of the annual disbursement from the
350 Tobacco Settlement Fund to the Tobacco and Health Trust Fund from
351 the previous fiscal year, pursuant to section 4-28e, up to a maximum of
352 six million dollars per fiscal year, and (B) the net earnings from the
353 principal of the trust fund from the previous fiscal year. For the fiscal
354 year ending June 30, 2014, and each fiscal year thereafter, the board
355 may recommend authorization of disbursement of up to the total
356 unobligated balance remaining in the trust fund after disbursement in
357 accordance with the provisions of the general statutes and relevant
358 special and public acts for such purposes, not to exceed twelve million
359 dollars per fiscal year. The board's recommendations shall give (i)
360 priority to programs that address tobacco and substance abuse and
361 serve minors, pregnant women and parents of young children, and (ii)
362 consideration to the availability of private matching funds.
363 Recommended disbursements from the trust fund shall be in addition
364 to any resources that would otherwise be appropriated by the state for
365 such purposes and programs.

366 (2) Except during the fiscal years ending June 30, 2004, [and] June
367 30, 2005, and June 30, 2017, the board of trustees shall submit such
368 recommendations for the authorization of disbursement from the trust

369 fund to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
370 cognizance of matters relating to public health and appropriations and
371 the budgets of state agencies. Not later than thirty days after receipt of
372 such recommendations, said committees shall advise the board of their
373 approval, modifications, if any, or rejection of the board's
374 recommendations. If said joint standing committees do not concur, the
375 speaker of the House of Representatives, the president pro tempore of
376 the Senate, the majority leader of the House of Representatives, the
377 majority leader of the Senate, the minority leader of the House of
378 Representatives and the minority leader of the Senate each shall
379 appoint one member from each of said joint standing committees to
380 serve as a committee on conference. The committee on conference shall
381 submit its report to both committees, which shall vote to accept or
382 reject the report. The report of the committee on conference may not be
383 amended. If a joint standing committee rejects the report of the
384 committee on conference, the board's recommendations shall be
385 deemed approved. If the joint standing committees accept the report of
386 the committee on conference, the joint standing committee having
387 cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of
388 state agencies shall advise the board of said joint standing committees'
389 approval or modifications, if any, of the board's recommended
390 disbursement. If said joint standing committees do not act within thirty
391 days after receipt of the board's recommendations for the
392 authorization of disbursement, such recommendations shall be
393 deemed approved. Disbursement from the trust fund shall be in
394 accordance with the board's recommendations as approved or
395 modified by said joint standing committees.

396 (3) After such recommendations for the authorization of
397 disbursement have been approved or modified pursuant to
398 subdivision (2) of this subsection, any modification in the amount of an
399 authorized disbursement in excess of fifty thousand dollars or ten per
400 cent of the authorized amount, whichever is less, shall be submitted to
401 said joint standing committees and approved, modified or rejected in

402 accordance with the procedure set forth in subdivision (2) of this
403 subsection. Notification of all disbursements from the trust fund made
404 pursuant to this section shall be sent to the joint standing committees
405 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
406 public health and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies,
407 through the Office of Fiscal Analysis.

408 (4) The board of trustees shall, not later than February first of each
409 year, except during the fiscal years ending June 30, 2004, and June 30,
410 2005, submit a report to the General Assembly, in accordance with the
411 provisions of section 11-4a, that includes all disbursements and other
412 expenditures from the trust fund and an evaluation of the performance
413 and impact of each program receiving funds from the trust fund. Such
414 report shall also include the criteria and application process used to
415 select programs to receive such funds.

416 Sec. 8. Subsection (b) of section 2c-2h of the general statutes is
417 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
418 *1, 2017*):

419 (b) Not later than July 1, 2015, and not later than every ten years
420 thereafter, the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
421 having cognizance of any of the following governmental entities or
422 programs shall conduct a review of the applicable entity or program in
423 accordance with the provisions of section 2c-3:

424 (1) Board of Examiners of Embalmers and Funeral Directors,
425 established under section 20-208;

426 (2) Board of Examiners in Podiatry, established under section 20-51;

427 (3) Mobile Manufactured Home Advisory Council, established
428 under section 21-84a;

429 (4) Family support grant program of the Department of Social
430 Services, established under section 17b-616;

431 (5) State Commission on Capitol Preservation and Restoration,
432 established under section 4b-60;

433 (6) [Council on Environmental Quality, established under section
434 22a-11] Repealed pursuant to section 31 of this act; and

435 (7) Police Officer Standards and Training Council, established under
436 section 7-294b.

437 Sec. 9. Subsection (a) of section 4b-47 of the general statutes is
438 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
439 *1, 2017*):

440 (a) Prior to the sale or transfer of state land or any interest in state
441 land by a state agency, department or institution, such agency,
442 department or institution shall provide notice of such sale or transfer
443 to the [Council on Environmental Quality, the] Secretary of the Office
444 of Policy and Management and the Commissioner of Energy and
445 Environmental Protection on a form approved by the [Council on
446 Environmental Quality] commissioner. Such notice shall be published
447 in the Environmental Monitor and shall provide for a written public
448 comment period of thirty days following publication of such notice,
449 during which the public and state agencies may submit comments to
450 the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management. Such comments
451 may include, but shall not be limited to, significant natural and
452 recreational resources on such land and recommend means to preserve
453 such natural or recreational resources. The Secretary of the Office of
454 Policy and Management, in consultation with the Commissioner of
455 Energy and Environmental Protection, shall (1) respond to any written
456 comments received during such thirty-day comment period, and (2)
457 publish such written comments along with the Office of Policy and
458 Management's response to such written comments in the
459 Environmental Monitor for a period of not less than fifteen days prior
460 to the sale or transfer of the land.

461 Sec. 10. Subsection (g) of section 16-50j of the general statutes is

462 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
463 *1, 2017*):

464 (g) Prior to commencing any hearing pursuant to section 16-50m,
465 the council shall consult with and solicit written comments from (1) the
466 Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, the Department
467 of Public Health, [the Council on Environmental Quality,] the
468 Department of Agriculture, the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority,
469 the Office of Policy and Management, the Department of Economic
470 and Community Development and the Department of Transportation,
471 and (2) in a hearing pursuant to section 16-50m, for a facility described
472 in subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 16-50i, the Department of
473 Emergency Services and Public Protection, the Department of
474 Consumer Protection, the Department of Administrative Services and
475 the Labor Department. Copies of such comments shall be made
476 available to all parties prior to the commencement of the hearing.
477 Subsequent to the commencement of the hearing, said departments
478 [and council] may file additional written comments with the council
479 within such period of time as the council designates. All such written
480 comments shall be made part of the record provided by section 16-50o.
481 Said departments [and council] shall not enter any contract or
482 agreement with any party to the proceedings or hearings described in
483 this section or section 16-50p that requires said departments [or
484 council] to withhold or retract comments, refrain from participating in
485 or withdraw from said proceedings or hearings.

486 Sec. 11. Section 22a-1b of the general statutes is repealed and the
487 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2017*):

488 The General Assembly directs that, to the fullest extent possible:

489 (a) Each state department, institution or agency shall review its
490 policies and practices to insure that they are consistent with the state's
491 environmental policy as set forth in sections 22a-1 and 22a-1a.

492 (b) (1) Each sponsoring agency shall, prior to a decision to prepare

493 an environmental impact evaluation pursuant to subsection (c) of this
494 section for an action which may significantly affect the environment,
495 conduct an early public scoping process.

496 (2) To initiate an early public scoping process, the sponsoring
497 agency shall provide notice on a form that has been approved by the
498 [Council on Environmental Quality] Department of Energy and
499 Environmental Protection, which shall include, but not be limited to,
500 the date, time and location of any proposed public scoping meeting
501 and the duration of the public comment period pursuant to
502 subdivision (3) of this subsection, to the [council] Department of
503 Energy and Environmental Protection, the Office of Policy and
504 Management and any other state agency whose activities may
505 reasonably be expected to affect or be affected by the proposed action.

506 (3) Members of the public and any interested state agency
507 representatives may submit comments on the nature and extent of any
508 environmental impacts of the proposed action during the thirty days
509 following the publication of the notice of the early public scoping
510 process pursuant to this section.

511 (4) A public scoping meeting shall be held at the discretion of the
512 sponsoring agency or if twenty-five persons or an association having
513 not less than twenty-five persons requests such a meeting within ten
514 days of the publication of the notice in the Environmental Monitor. A
515 public scoping meeting shall be held not less than ten days following
516 the notice of the proposed action in the Environmental Monitor. The
517 public comment period shall remain open for at least five days
518 following the meeting.

519 (5) A sponsoring agency shall provide the following at a public
520 scoping meeting: (A) A description of the proposed action; (B) a
521 description of the purpose and need of the proposed action; (C) a list of
522 the criteria for a site for the proposed action; (D) a list of potential sites
523 for the proposed action; (E) the resources of any proposed site for the

524 proposed action; (F) the environmental limitations of such sites; (G)
525 potential alternatives to the proposed action; and (H) any information
526 the sponsoring agency deems necessary.

527 (6) Any agency submitting comments or participating in the public
528 scoping meeting pursuant to this section shall include, to the extent
529 practicable, but not be limited to, information about (A) the resources
530 of any proposed site for the proposed action, (B) any plans of the
531 commenting agency that may affect or be affected by the proposed
532 action, (C) any permits or approvals that may be necessary for the
533 proposed action, and (D) any appropriate measures that would
534 mitigate the impact of the proposed action, including, but not limited
535 to, recommendations as to preferred sites for the proposed action or
536 alternatives for the proposed action that have not been identified by
537 the sponsoring agency.

538 (7) The sponsoring agency shall consider any comments received
539 pursuant to this section or any information obtained during the public
540 scoping meeting in selecting the proposed actions to be addressed in
541 the environmental impact evaluation and shall evaluate in its
542 environmental impact evaluation any substantive issues raised during
543 the early public scoping process that pertain to a proposed action or
544 site or alternative actions or sites.

545 (c) Each state department, institution or agency responsible for the
546 primary recommendation or initiation of actions which may
547 significantly affect the environment shall in the case of each such
548 proposed action make a detailed written evaluation of its
549 environmental impact before deciding whether to undertake or
550 approve such action. All such environmental impact evaluations shall
551 be detailed statements setting forth the following: (1) A description of
552 the proposed action which shall include, but not be limited to, a
553 description of the purpose and need of the proposed action, and, in the
554 case of a proposed facility, a description of the infrastructure needs of
555 such facility, including, but not limited to, parking, water supply,

556 wastewater treatment and the square footage of the facility; (2) the
557 environmental consequences of the proposed action, including
558 cumulative, direct and indirect effects which might result during and
559 subsequent to the proposed action; (3) any adverse environmental
560 effects which cannot be avoided and irreversible and irretrievable
561 commitments of resources should the proposal be implemented; (4)
562 alternatives to the proposed action, including the alternative of not
563 proceeding with the proposed action and, in the case of a proposed
564 facility, a list of all the sites controlled by or reasonably available to the
565 sponsoring agency that would meet the stated purpose of such facility;
566 (5) an evaluation of the proposed action's consistency and each
567 alternative's consistency with the state plan of conservation and
568 development, an evaluation of each alternative including, to the extent
569 practicable, whether it avoids, minimizes or mitigates environmental
570 impacts, and, where appropriate, a description of detailed mitigation
571 measures proposed to minimize environmental impacts, including, but
572 not limited to, where appropriate, a site plan; (6) an analysis of the
573 short term and long term economic, social and environmental costs
574 and benefits of the proposed action; (7) the effect of the proposed
575 action on the use and conservation of energy resources; and (8) a
576 description of the effects of the proposed action on sacred sites or
577 archaeological sites of state or national importance. In the case of an
578 action which affects existing housing, the evaluation shall also contain
579 a detailed statement analyzing (A) housing consequences of the
580 proposed action, including direct and indirect effects which might
581 result during and subsequent to the proposed action by income group
582 as defined in section 8-37aa and by race, and (B) the consistency of the
583 housing consequences with the state's consolidated plan for housing
584 and community development prepared pursuant to section 8-37t. As
585 used in this section, "sacred sites" and "archaeological sites" have the
586 same meanings as provided in section 10-381.

587 (d) (1) The [Council on Environmental Quality] Department of
588 Energy and Environmental Protection shall publish a document at

589 least once a month to be called the Environmental Monitor which shall
590 include any notices the [council] department receives pursuant to
591 sections 22a-1b to 22a-1i, inclusive, and shall include notice of the
592 opportunity to request a public scoping meeting. Filings of such
593 notices received by five o'clock p.m. on the first day of each month
594 shall be published in the Environmental Monitor that is issued not
595 later than ten days thereafter.

596 (2) The [Council on Environmental Quality] Department of Energy
597 and Environmental Protection shall post the Environmental Monitor
598 on its Internet site and distribute a subscription or a copy of the
599 Environmental Monitor by electronic mail to any state agency,
600 municipality or person upon request. The [council] department shall
601 also provide the Environmental Monitor to the clerk of each
602 municipality for posting in its town hall.

603 (e) Any state department, institution or agency that conducts an
604 environmental impact evaluation pursuant to subsection (c) of this
605 section may enter into a contract with a person for the preparation of
606 such evaluation, provided such department, institution or agency: (1)
607 Guides such person in the preparation of such evaluation, (2)
608 participates in the preparation of such evaluation, (3) independently
609 reviews such evaluation prior to submitting such evaluation for
610 comment pursuant to section 22a-1d, and (4) assures that any third
611 party responsible for conducting any activity that is the subject of such
612 evaluation is not a party to such contract. Such department, institution
613 or agency may require any such third party responsible for conducting
614 any activity that is the subject of such evaluation to remit a fee to such
615 department, institution or agency in an amount sufficient to pay for
616 the cost of hiring a person to prepare such evaluation in accordance
617 with the provisions of this subsection.

618 Sec. 12. Subsection (a) of section 22a-1d of the general statutes is
619 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
620 *1, 2017*):

621 (a) Environmental impact evaluations and a summary thereof,
622 including any negative findings shall be submitted for comment and
623 review to the [Council on Environmental Quality, the] Department of
624 Energy and Environmental Protection, the Office of Policy and
625 Management, the Department of Housing in the case of a proposed
626 action that affects existing housing, and other appropriate agencies,
627 and to the town clerk of each municipality affected thereby, and shall
628 be made available to the public for inspection and comment at the
629 same time. The sponsoring agency shall publish forthwith a notice of
630 the availability of its environmental impact evaluation and summary
631 in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality at least once a
632 week for three consecutive weeks and in the Environmental Monitor.
633 The sponsoring agency preparing an environmental impact evaluation
634 shall hold a public hearing on the evaluation if twenty-five persons or
635 an association having not less than twenty-five persons requests such a
636 hearing within ten days of the publication of the notice in the
637 Environmental Monitor.

638 Sec. 13. Subsection (c) of section 22a-6y of the general statutes is
639 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
640 *1, 2017*):

641 (c) The commissioner shall submit an application of a business
642 under subsection (a) of this section to an advisory board convened by
643 the commissioner for consideration of such application. Such board
644 shall consist of a representative of [the Council on Environmental
645 Quality;] the Attorney General, or a designee; a representative of the
646 industry in which the business is engaged, provided such
647 representative has no business relationship with the applicant; and the
648 commissioner, or a designee.

649 Sec. 14. Subsection (e) of section 22a-119 of the general statutes is
650 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
651 *1, 2017*):

652 (e) Prior to commencing any hearing pursuant to this section the
653 council shall consult with and solicit written comments from the
654 Departments of Energy and Environmental Protection, Public Health,
655 Economic and Community Development, Emergency Services and
656 Public Protection and Transportation, and the Office of Policy and
657 Management. [and the Council on Environmental Quality.] Copies of
658 comments submitted by such agencies shall be available to all parties
659 prior to commencement of the public hearing. Agencies consulted may
660 file additional comments within thirty days of the conclusion of the
661 hearing and such additional comments shall be a part of the record.

662 Sec. 15. Subsection (c) of section 22a-352 of the general statutes is
663 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
664 *1, 2017*):

665 (c) The Water Planning Council shall provide a time period of not
666 less than one hundred twenty days for public review and comment
667 prior to finalizing such plan. The Commissioners of Public Health and
668 Energy and Environmental Protection, the chairperson of the Public
669 Utilities Regulatory Authority and the Secretary of the Office of Policy
670 and Management shall post such draft plan and information
671 concerning such comment period in a conspicuous location on their
672 respective web sites. The [Council on Environmental Quality]
673 Department of Energy and Environmental Protection shall post such
674 draft plan and information concerning such comment period in the
675 Environmental Monitor. The Water Planning Council shall advertise
676 and hold not less than one public hearing during such public review
677 and comment period. After such public comment period, the council
678 shall fully consider all written and oral comments concerning the
679 proposed state water plan. The council shall make available the
680 electronic text of the finalized state water plan on an Internet web site
681 where the finalized state water plan shall be posted and a report
682 summarizing: (1) All public comments received pursuant to this
683 subsection, and (2) the changes made to the finalized state water plan
684 in response to such comments and the reasons for such changes.

685 Sec. 16. Subsection (b) of section 23-8 of the general statutes is
686 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
687 *1, 2017*):

688 (b) Twenty-one per cent of the state's land area shall be held as open
689 space land. The goal of the state's open space acquisition program shall
690 be to acquire land such that ten per cent of the state's land area is held
691 by the state as open space land and not less than eleven per cent of the
692 state's land area is held by municipalities, water companies or
693 nonprofit land conservation organizations as open space land
694 consistent with the provisions of sections 7-131d to 7-131g, inclusive.
695 Such program shall not affect the ability of any water company to
696 reclassify or sell any land, or interest in land, which was not acquired,
697 in whole or in part, with funds made available under the program
698 established under sections 7-131d to 7-131g, inclusive. The
699 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, in
700 consultation with the Commissioner of Agriculture, the Commissioner
701 of Public Health, [and the Council on Environmental Quality
702 established under section 22a-11,] municipalities, regional councils of
703 governments and private nonprofit land conservation organizations,
704 shall prepare not later than December 15, 2012, and update not less
705 than once every five years thereafter, a comprehensive strategy for
706 achieving the state goal. Such strategy shall include, but not be limited
707 to: (1) An estimate of the acres of land preserved by the state,
708 municipalities, water companies and nonprofit land conservation
709 organizations, (2) an evaluation of the potential methods, cost and
710 benefits of establishing a system for increasing the accuracy of such
711 estimate of acres of land preserved by encouraging the voluntary
712 submittal of information regarding new acquisitions by municipalities,
713 water companies and nonprofit land conservation organizations,
714 including the relative costs and benefits of having a state agency, a
715 constituent unit of higher education or a nongovernmental
716 organization host and operate such system, (3) timetables for
717 acquisition of land by the state, (4) plans for management of such land,

718 (5) an assessment of resources to be used for acquisition and
719 management of such land, and (6) the highest priorities for acquisition
720 of land, including the wildlife habitat and ecological resources
721 identified to be in greatest need for immediate preservation, and the
722 general location of each high priority. On or before January first,
723 annually, the commissioner shall submit a report to the joint standing
724 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
725 relating to the environment regarding the strategy and the progress
726 being made towards the goals. For the purpose of this subsection, "to
727 acquire land" includes, but is not limited to, the acquisition in fee
728 simple of land and the acquisition of easements for the conservation of
729 land.

730 Sec. 17. Subsection (a) of section 23-102 of the general statutes is
731 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
732 *1, 2017*):

733 (a) There shall be a Connecticut Greenways Council which shall be
734 within the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection for
735 administrative purposes only. The council shall consist of eleven
736 members, five to be appointed by the Governor, one to be appointed
737 by the speaker of the House of Representatives, one to be appointed by
738 the majority leader of the House of Representatives, one to be
739 appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one to be
740 appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, one to be appointed by
741 the minority leader of the House of Representatives and one to be
742 appointed by the minority leader of the Senate. All appointments to
743 the council shall be made on or before October 1, 1995. Three of the
744 members initially appointed by the Governor shall serve a term of two
745 years and two of the members appointed by the Governor shall serve a
746 term of four years. All members appointed by the Governor thereafter
747 shall serve a term of four years. The terms of all members appointed
748 by members of the General Assembly shall be coterminous with the
749 terms of members of the General Assembly. The appointing authority
750 shall fill any vacancy by appointment for the unexpired portion of the

751 term vacated. The chairman of said council shall be selected by the
752 Governor. Members of said council shall receive no compensation for
753 their services on the council. The council shall hold one meeting each
754 quarter and such additional meetings as may be prescribed by council
755 rules. Special meetings may be called by the chairman or by any three
756 members upon delivery of forty-eight hours' written notice to each
757 member. The council may employ an executive director, exclusive of
758 the provisions of chapter 67, and such additional staff and contractors
759 and consultants as may be necessary to carry out its duties. [and may
760 share the personnel and resources of the council on environmental
761 quality, within available appropriations.] The council may receive aid
762 or contributions from any source, including grants-in-aid from any
763 state agency.

764 Sec. 18. Subsection (a) of section 32-665 of the general statutes is
765 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
766 *1, 2017*):

767 (a) Except as otherwise provided in sections 32-650 to 32-668,
768 inclusive, the following provisions of the general statutes, including
769 regulations adopted thereunder, shall not apply to the overall project:
770 Section 3-14b, subdivisions (13) to (15), inclusive, of section 4-166,
771 sections 4-167 to 4-174, inclusive, 4-181a, 4a-1 to 4a-59a, inclusive, 4a-63
772 to 4a-76, inclusive, title 4b, section 16a-31, chapters 97a, 124 and 126,
773 sections 14-311 to 14-314c, inclusive, 19a-37, 22a-16 and subsection (a)
774 of section 22a-19. For the purposes of section 22a-12, construction plans
775 relating to the overall project shall not be considered construction
776 plans required to be submitted by state agencies to the [Council on
777 Environmental Quality] Department of Energy and Environmental
778 Protection. Notwithstanding any provision of any special act, charter,
779 ordinance, home rule ordinance or chapter 98, no provision of any
780 such act, charter or ordinance or said chapter 98, concerning licenses,
781 permits or approvals by a political subdivision of the state pertaining
782 to building demolition or construction shall apply to the overall project
783 and, notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, the State

784 Building Inspector and the State Fire Marshal shall have original
785 jurisdiction with respect to the administration and enforcement of the
786 State Building Code and the Fire Safety Code, respectively, with
787 respect to all aspects of the overall project, including, without
788 limitation, the conduct of necessary reviews and inspections and the
789 issuance of any building permit, certificate of occupancy or other
790 necessary permits or certificates related to building construction,
791 occupancy or fire safety. For the purposes of part III of chapter 557, the
792 stadium facility project, the convention center project and the parking
793 project shall be deemed to be a public works project and consist of
794 public buildings except that the provisions relating to payment of
795 prevailing wages to workers in connection with a public works project
796 including, but not limited to, section 31-53 shall not apply to the
797 stadium facility project, the convention center project and the parking
798 project if the project manager or the prime construction contractor has
799 negotiated other wage terms pursuant to a project labor agreement.
800 The provisions of section 2-32c and subsection (c) of section 2-79a shall
801 not apply to any provisions of public act 99-241, as amended by public
802 act 00-140, or chapter 588x concerning the overall project. Any building
803 permit application with respect to the overall project shall be exempt
804 from the assessment of an education fee under subsection (b) of section
805 29-252a.

806 Sec. 19. Subsection (a) of section 29-5 of the general statutes is
807 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
808 *1, 2017*):

809 (a) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection
810 may, within available appropriations, appoint suitable persons from
811 the regular state police force as resident state policemen in addition to
812 the regular state police force to be employed and empowered as state
813 policemen in any town or two or more adjoining towns lacking an
814 organized police force, and such officers may be detailed by said
815 commissioner as resident state policemen for regular assignment to
816 such towns, provided each town shall pay [eighty-five per cent of the

817 cost of compensation, maintenance and other expenses of the first two
818 state policemen detailed to such town, and] one hundred per cent of
819 [such] the costs of compensation, maintenance and other expenses for
820 any [additional] state policemen detailed to such town. [, provided
821 further such town shall pay one hundred per cent of any overtime
822 costs and such portion of fringe benefits directly associated with such
823 overtime costs.] In addition, any town that contracts for resident state
824 police services that includes supervision of such town's constabulary
825 shall be assessed a surcharge of seven hundred fifty dollars per
826 constable supervised. Such town or towns and the Commissioner of
827 Emergency Services and Public Protection are authorized to enter into
828 agreements and contracts for such police services, with the approval of
829 the Attorney General, for periods not exceeding two years.

830 Sec. 20. Section 16-2a of the general statutes is repealed and the
831 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2017*):

832 (a) There shall be an independent Office of Consumer Counsel,
833 within the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, for
834 administrative purposes only, to act as the advocate for consumer
835 interests in all matters which may affect Connecticut consumers with
836 respect to public service companies, electric suppliers and certified
837 telecommunications providers, including, but not limited to, rates and
838 related issues, ratepayer-funded programs and matters concerning the
839 reliability, maintenance, operations, infrastructure and quality of
840 service of such companies, suppliers and providers. The Office of
841 Consumer Counsel is authorized to appear in and participate in any
842 regulatory or judicial proceedings, federal or state, in which such
843 interests of Connecticut consumers may be involved, or in which
844 matters affecting utility services rendered or to be rendered in this
845 state may be involved. The Office of Consumer Counsel shall be a
846 party to each contested case before the Public Utilities Regulatory
847 Authority and shall participate in such proceedings to the extent it
848 deems necessary. Said Office of Consumer Counsel may appeal from a
849 decision, order or authorization in any such state regulatory

850 proceeding notwithstanding its failure to appear or participate in said
851 proceeding.

852 (b) Except as prohibited by the provisions of section 4-181, the
853 Office of Consumer Counsel shall have access to the records of the
854 Public Utilities Regulatory Authority and shall be entitled to call upon
855 the assistance of the authority's and the department's experts, and shall
856 have the benefit of all other facilities or information of the authority or
857 department in carrying out the duties of the Office of Consumer
858 Counsel, except for such internal documents, information or data as
859 are not available to parties to the authority's proceedings. The
860 department shall provide such space as necessary within the
861 department's quarters for the operation of the Office of Consumer
862 Counsel, and the department shall be empowered to set regulations
863 providing for adequate compensation for the provision of such office
864 space.

865 [(c) There shall be established an Office of State Broadband within
866 the Office of Consumer Counsel. The Office of State Broadband shall
867 work to facilitate the availability of broadband access to every state
868 citizen and to increase access to and the adoption of ultra-high-speed
869 gigabit capable broadband networks. The Office of Consumer Counsel
870 may work in collaboration with public and nonprofit entities and state
871 agencies, and may provide advisory assistance to municipalities, local
872 authorities and private corporations for the purpose of maximizing
873 opportunities for the expansion of broadband access in the state and
874 fostering innovative approaches to broadband in the state, including
875 the procurement of grants for such purpose. The Office of State
876 Broadband shall include a Broadband Policy Coordinator and such
877 other staff as the Consumer Counsel deems necessary to perform the
878 duties of the Office of State Broadband.]

879 [(d)] (c) The Office of Consumer Counsel shall be under the
880 direction of a Consumer Counsel, who shall be appointed by the
881 Governor with the advice and consent of either house of the General

882 Assembly. The Consumer Counsel shall be an elector of this state and
883 shall have demonstrated a strong commitment and involvement in
884 efforts to safeguard the rights of the public. The Consumer Counsel
885 shall serve for a term of five years unless removed pursuant to section
886 16-5. The salary of the Consumer Counsel shall be equal to that
887 established for management pay plan salary group seventy-one by the
888 Commissioner of Administrative Services. No Consumer Counsel
889 shall, for a period of one year following the termination of service as
890 Consumer Counsel, accept employment by a public service company,
891 a certified telecommunications provider or an electric supplier. No
892 Consumer Counsel who is also an attorney shall in any capacity,
893 appear or participate in any matter, or accept any compensation
894 regarding a matter, before the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority,
895 for a period of one year following the termination of service as
896 Consumer Counsel.

897 [(e)] (d) The Consumer Counsel shall hire such staff as necessary to
898 perform the duties of said Office of Consumer Counsel and may
899 employ from time to time outside consultants knowledgeable in the
900 utility regulation field including, but not limited to, economists, capital
901 cost experts and rate design experts. The salaries and qualifications of
902 the individuals so hired shall be determined by the Commissioner of
903 Administrative Services pursuant to section 4-40.

904 [(f)] (e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent any
905 party interested in such proceeding or action from appearing in person
906 or from being represented by counsel therein.

907 [(g)] (f) As used in this section, "consumer" means any person, city,
908 borough or town that receives service from any public service
909 company, electric supplier or from any certified telecommunications
910 provider in this state whether or not such person, city, borough or
911 town is financially responsible for such service.

912 [(h)] (g) The Office of Consumer Counsel shall not be required to

913 post a bond as a condition to presenting an appeal from any state
914 regulatory decision, order or authorization.

915 [(i)] (h) The expenses of the Office of Consumer Counsel shall be
916 assessed in accordance with the provisions of section 16-49.

917 Sec. 21. Section 31-98 of the general statutes is repealed and the
918 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2017*):

919 (a) The panel, or its single member if sitting in accordance with
920 section 31-93, may, in its discretion and with the consent of the parties,
921 issue an oral decision immediately upon conclusion of the
922 proceedings. If the decision is to be in writing, it shall be signed, within
923 fifteen days, by a majority of the members of the panel or by the single
924 member so sitting, and the decision shall state such details as will
925 clearly show the nature of the decision and the points disposed of by
926 the panel. Where the decision is in writing, one copy thereof shall be
927 filed by the panel in the office of the town clerk in the town where the
928 controversy arose and one copy shall be given to each of the parties to
929 the controversy. The panel or single member which has rendered an
930 oral decision immediately upon conclusion of the proceedings shall
931 submit a written copy of the decision to each party within fifteen days
932 from the issuance of such oral decision. In all cases where a decision is
933 rendered orally from the bench, the secretary shall cause such oral
934 decision to be transcribed, approved by the panel or single member as
935 applicable and filed with the records of the board proceedings.

936 (b) Upon the conclusion of the proceedings, each member of the
937 panel shall receive three hundred twenty-five dollars and a panel
938 member who prepares a written decision shall receive an additional
939 [one hundred seventy-five] five hundred dollars, or the single
940 member, if sitting in accordance with section 31-93, shall receive three
941 hundred twenty-five dollars, provided if the proceedings extend
942 beyond one day, each member shall receive one hundred fifty dollars
943 for each additional day beyond the first day, and provided further no

944 proceeding may be extended beyond two days without the prior
945 approval of the Labor Commissioner for each such additional day.

946 (c) Upon the conclusion of an executive panel session, each member
947 of such panel shall receive one hundred fifty dollars.

948 Sec. 22. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 11-24b of the general
949 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
950 (*Effective July 1, 2017*):

951 (a) Each principal public library [, as defined in section 11-24a,] shall
952 be eligible to receive a state grant in accordance with the provisions of
953 subsections (b), (c) and (d) of this section provided the following
954 requirements are met:

955 (1) An annual statistical report which includes certification that the
956 grant, when received, shall be used for library purposes is filed with
957 the State Library Board in such manner as the board may require. The
958 report shall include information concerning local library governance,
959 hours of service, type of facilities, library policies, resources, programs
960 and services available, measurement of levels of services provided,
961 personnel and fiscal information concerning library receipts and
962 expenditures;

963 (2) Documents certifying the legal establishment of the principal
964 public library in accordance with the provisions of section 11-20 are
965 filed with the board;

966 (3) The library is a participating library in the Connecticard
967 program; [established pursuant to section 11-31b;]

968 (4) Except for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2010, to June 30, 2015,
969 inclusive, the principal public library shall not have had the amount of
970 its annual tax levy or appropriation reduced to an amount which is
971 less than the average amount levied or appropriated for the library for
972 the three fiscal years immediately preceding the year of the grant,

973 except that if the expenditures of the library in any one year in such
974 three-year period are unusually high as compared with expenditures
975 in the other two years, the library may request an exception to this
976 requirement and the board, upon review of the expenditures for that
977 year, may grant an exception;

978 (5) State grant funds shall be expended within two years of the date
979 of receipt of such funds. If the funds are not expended in that period,
980 the library shall submit a plan to the State Librarian for the
981 expenditure of any unspent balance;

982 (6) Principal public libraries shall not charge individuals residing in
983 the town in which the library is located or the town in which the
984 contract library is located for borrowing and lending library materials,
985 accessing information, advice and assistance and programs and
986 services which promote literacy; and

987 (7) Principal public libraries shall provide equal access to library
988 service for all individuals and shall not discriminate upon the basis of
989 age, race, sex, gender identity or expression, religion, national origin,
990 handicap or place of residency in the town in which the library is
991 located or the town in which the contract library is located.

992 (b) Within the limits of amounts appropriated, the amount each
993 principal public library shall be eligible to receive annually as a state
994 grant shall be determined by the State Library Board as follows:

995 (1) Principal public libraries [, as defined in section 11-24a,] shall
996 receive a base grant of one thousand two hundred dollars for each
997 fiscal year.

998 (2) Of the amount appropriated for purposes of this section less the
999 amount distributed as base grants, sixty per cent shall be set aside and
1000 paid to principal public libraries pursuant to subsection (c) of this
1001 section.

1002 (3) Of the amount appropriated for purposes of this section less the
1003 amount distributed as base grants, forty per cent shall be set aside and
1004 paid to principal public libraries pursuant to subsection (d) of this
1005 section.

1006 Sec. 23. Section 11-1b of the general statutes is repealed and the
1007 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2017*):

1008 The State Library Board shall [~~promulgate~~] adopt regulations in
1009 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 to implement the
1010 provisions of sections 11-1a [,] and 11-24b, as amended by this act. [and
1011 11-31a.]

1012 Sec. 24. Section 11-24a of the general statutes is repealed and the
1013 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2017*):

1014 (a) As used in sections 11-24b, as amended by this act, and 11-24c;
1015 [and 11-31a:]

1016 (1) "Board" means the State Library Board.

1017 (2) "Public library" means a library that serves its residents through
1018 its outlet or outlets without charging a borrower's card fee and which
1019 receives its financial support in whole or in part from local tax funds.

1020 (3) "Principal public library" means the public library which has
1021 been so designated by the local municipal governing board.

1022 (4) "Local funds" means moneys received by a public library from
1023 any source, public or private, excluding state or federal grants.

1024 (5) "General library purposes" means all functions of a public
1025 library, including the purchase of land or the construction, alteration
1026 or remodeling of buildings.

1027 (6) "Connecticard program" means a cooperative program among
1028 public libraries in Connecticut that allows a resident of any town in the

1029 state who holds a valid borrower card issued by such resident's home
1030 library to use that card to borrow materials from any public library in
1031 the state that is participating in the program.

1032 (7) "Participating library" means a library that has signed a letter of
1033 agreement on file with the State Library.

1034 (b) A municipality may have more than one public library, but may
1035 designate only one library as its principal public library. A principal
1036 public library may be designated for more than one town if it meets
1037 conditions established and approved by the State Library Board. In
1038 any town or municipality where there are multiple libraries, there shall
1039 be a separate board or governing body and a different library director
1040 and staff for each public library. Each public library shall be a separate
1041 library facility and there shall be a separate town appropriation to each
1042 public library.

1043 (c) Any public library not designated as a principal public library
1044 shall be a "nonprincipal public library". A nonprincipal public library
1045 in a municipality may be eligible to receive a state grant, construction
1046 cost grant [,] or emergency repair grant, [or Connecticut grant]
1047 provided it meets the following conditions: There is a separate board
1048 of trustees or governing body for each such nonprincipal public
1049 library; there is a different library director and staff for each such
1050 library; there is a separate library facility; and there is a separate town
1051 appropriation to each such library.

1052 Sec. 25. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 51-47 of the general
1053 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
1054 (*Effective from passage*):

1055 (a) The judges of the Superior Court, judges of the Appellate Court
1056 and judges of the Supreme Court shall receive annually salaries as
1057 follows:

1058 (1) On and after July 1, 2014, (A) the Chief Justice of the Supreme

1059 Court, one hundred ninety-four thousand seven hundred fifty-seven
1060 dollars; (B) the Chief Court Administrator if a judge of the Supreme
1061 Court, Appellate Court or Superior Court, one hundred eighty-seven
1062 thousand one hundred forty-eight dollars; (C) each associate judge of
1063 the Supreme Court, one hundred eighty thousand two hundred four
1064 dollars; (D) the Chief Judge of the Appellate Court, one hundred
1065 seventy-eight thousand two hundred ten dollars; (E) each judge of the
1066 Appellate Court, one hundred sixty-nine thousand two hundred forty-
1067 five dollars; (F) the Deputy Chief Court Administrator if a judge of the
1068 Superior Court, one hundred sixty-six thousand one hundred fifty-
1069 eight dollars; (G) each judge of the Superior Court, one hundred sixty-
1070 two thousand seven hundred fifty-one dollars.

1071 (2) On and after July 1, 2015, (A) the Chief Justice of the Supreme
1072 Court, two hundred thousand five hundred ninety-nine dollars; (B) the
1073 Chief Court Administrator if a judge of the Supreme Court, Appellate
1074 Court or Superior Court, one hundred ninety-two thousand seven
1075 hundred sixty-three dollars; (C) each associate judge of the Supreme
1076 Court, one hundred eighty-five thousand six hundred ten dollars; (D)
1077 the Chief Judge of the Appellate Court, one hundred eighty-three
1078 thousand five hundred fifty-six dollars; (E) each judge of the Appellate
1079 Court, one hundred seventy-four thousand three hundred twenty-
1080 three dollars; (F) the Deputy Chief Court Administrator if a judge of
1081 the Superior Court, one hundred seventy-one thousand one hundred
1082 forty-three dollars; (G) each judge of the Superior Court, one hundred
1083 sixty-seven thousand six hundred thirty-four dollars.

1084 (3) On and after ~~July 1, 2017~~ July 1, 2019, (A) the Chief Justice of
1085 the Supreme Court, two hundred six thousand six hundred seventeen
1086 dollars; (B) the Chief Court Administrator if a judge of the Supreme
1087 Court, Appellate Court or Superior Court, one hundred ninety-eight
1088 thousand five hundred forty-five dollars; (C) each associate judge of
1089 the Supreme Court, one hundred ninety-one thousand one hundred
1090 seventy-eight dollars; (D) the Chief Judge of the Appellate Court, one
1091 hundred eighty-nine thousand sixty-three dollars; (E) each judge of the

1092 Appellate Court, one hundred seventy-nine thousand five hundred
1093 fifty-two dollars; (F) the Deputy Chief Court Administrator if a judge
1094 of the Superior Court, one hundred seventy-six thousand two hundred
1095 seventy-seven dollars; (G) each judge of the Superior Court, one
1096 hundred seventy-two thousand six hundred sixty-three dollars.

1097 (b) (1) In addition to the salary such judge is entitled to receive
1098 under subsection (a) of this section, on and after July 1, 2014, a judge
1099 designated as the administrative judge of the appellate system shall
1100 receive one thousand one hundred nine dollars in annual salary, each
1101 Superior Court judge designated as the administrative judge of a
1102 judicial district shall receive one thousand one hundred nine dollars in
1103 annual salary and each Superior Court judge designated as the chief
1104 administrative judge for facilities, administrative appeals, judicial
1105 marshal service or judge trial referees or for the Family, Juvenile,
1106 Criminal or Civil Division of the Superior Court shall receive one
1107 thousand one hundred nine dollars in annual salary.

1108 (2) In addition to the salary such judge is entitled to receive under
1109 subsection (a) of this section, on and after July 1, 2015, a judge
1110 designated as the administrative judge of the appellate system shall
1111 receive one thousand one hundred forty-two dollars in additional
1112 compensation, each Superior Court judge designated as the
1113 administrative judge of a judicial district shall receive one thousand
1114 one hundred forty-two dollars in additional compensation and each
1115 Superior Court judge designated as the chief administrative judge for
1116 facilities, administrative appeals, judicial marshal service or judge trial
1117 referees or for the Family, Juvenile, Criminal or Civil Division of the
1118 Superior Court shall receive one thousand one hundred forty-two
1119 dollars in additional compensation.

1120 (3) In addition to the salary such judge is entitled to receive under
1121 subsection (a) of this section, on and after [July 1, 2017] July 1, 2019, a
1122 judge designated as the administrative judge of the appellate system
1123 shall receive one thousand one hundred seventy-seven dollars in

1124 additional compensation, each Superior Court judge designated as the
1125 administrative judge of a judicial district shall receive one thousand
1126 one hundred seventy-seven dollars in additional compensation and
1127 each Superior Court judge designated as the chief administrative judge
1128 for facilities, administrative appeals, judicial marshal service or judge
1129 trial referees or for the Family, Juvenile, Criminal or Civil Division of
1130 the Superior Court shall receive one thousand one hundred seventy-
1131 seven dollars in additional compensation.

1132 Sec. 26. Subsection (f) of section 52-434 of the general statutes is
1133 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
1134 *passage*):

1135 (f) Each judge trial referee shall receive, for acting as a referee or as a
1136 single auditor or committee of any court or for performing duties
1137 assigned by the Chief Court Administrator with the approval of the
1138 Chief Justice, for each day the judge trial referee is so engaged, in
1139 addition to the retirement salary: (1) (A) On and after July 1, 2014, the
1140 sum of two hundred forty-four dollars; (B) on and after July 1, 2015,
1141 the sum of two hundred fifty-one dollars, and (C) on and after [July 1,
1142 2017] July 1, 2019, the sum of two hundred fifty-nine dollars; and (2)
1143 expenses, including mileage. Such amounts shall be taxed by the court
1144 making the reference in the same manner as other court expenses.

1145 Sec. 27. Subsection (h) of section 46b-231 of the general statutes is
1146 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
1147 *passage*):

1148 (h) (1) On and after July 1, 2014, the Chief Family Support
1149 Magistrate shall receive a salary of one hundred forty-one thousand six
1150 hundred eighty-six dollars, and other family support magistrates shall
1151 receive an annual salary of one hundred thirty-four thousand eight
1152 hundred forty-eight dollars.

1153 (2) On and after July 1, 2015, the Chief Family Support Magistrate
1154 shall receive a salary of one hundred forty-five thousand nine hundred

1155 thirty-six dollars, and other family support magistrates shall receive an
1156 annual salary of one hundred thirty-eight thousand eight hundred
1157 ninety-three dollars.

1158 (3) On and after ~~[July 1, 2017]~~ July 1, 2019, the Chief Family Support
1159 Magistrate shall receive a salary of one hundred fifty thousand three
1160 hundred fourteen dollars, and other family support magistrates shall
1161 receive an annual salary of one hundred forty-three thousand sixty
1162 dollars.

1163 Sec. 28. Subsection (b) of section 46b-236 of the general statutes is
1164 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
1165 *passage*):

1166 (b) (1) On and after July 1, 2014, each family support referee shall
1167 receive, for acting as a family support referee, in addition to the
1168 retirement salary, the sum of two hundred eleven dollars and
1169 expenses, including mileage, for each day a family support referee is so
1170 engaged.

1171 (2) On and after July 1, 2015, each family support referee shall
1172 receive, for acting as a family support referee, in addition to the
1173 retirement salary, the sum of two hundred seventeen dollars and
1174 expenses, including mileage, for each day a family support referee is so
1175 engaged.

1176 (3) On and after ~~[July 1, 2017]~~ July 1, 2019, each family support
1177 referee shall receive, for acting as a family support referee, in addition
1178 to the retirement salary, the sum of two hundred twenty-three dollars
1179 and expenses, including mileage, for each day a family support referee
1180 is so engaged.

1181 Sec. 29. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2017*) (a) A grant in lieu of taxes,
1182 payable pursuant to section 12-18b of the general statutes, to a member
1183 municipality of the Metropolitan District Commission that fails to pay
1184 an amount assessed by said commission for sewer use shall be

1185 withheld, in whole or in part, as follows: If any amount assessed by
1186 said commission to such municipality on or after January first of a
1187 calendar year and due on or before September first of such year
1188 remains unpaid on September first of such year, a withholding of such
1189 grant equal to the sum of such unpaid amount, plus the amount due in
1190 October of such year and a surcharge equal to five per cent of the sum
1191 of such amounts. If, on or by December first of such year, such
1192 municipality remits payment for such unpaid assessment amounts,
1193 any amount withheld from such grant payment pursuant to this
1194 subsection shall be paid to such municipality. If, on or by December
1195 first of such year, such municipality fails to remit payment for such
1196 unpaid assessment amounts, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
1197 Management shall remit to said commission, on behalf of such
1198 municipality, an amount equal to such unpaid assessment amounts,
1199 and to such municipality, by December thirty-first of such year, an
1200 amount equal to the amount withheld from such grant payment
1201 pursuant to this subsection. The secretary may retain an amount equal
1202 to the five per cent surcharge withheld pursuant to this subsection.

1203 (b) Any member municipality of the Metropolitan District
1204 Commission that fails to timely pay an amount assessed by said
1205 commission for sewer use during the current or prior fiscal year shall
1206 be ineligible for early disbursement of any grant from the municipal
1207 revenue sharing account such municipality may be entitled to
1208 pursuant to section 4-66l of the general statutes.

1209 Sec. 30. Section 12-7c of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*
1210 *from passage*)

1211 Sec. 31. Sections 11-31a, 11-31b, 11-31c and 22a-11 of the general
1212 statutes are repealed. (*Effective July 1, 2017*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2017	38a-488a(b)

Sec. 2	July 1, 2017	38a-514(b)
Sec. 3	from passage	54-142q
Sec. 4	from passage	54-142r
Sec. 5	July 1, 2017	12-170aa(g)
Sec. 6	from passage	4-124v(c)
Sec. 7	July 1, 2017	4-28f
Sec. 8	July 1, 2017	2c-2h(b)
Sec. 9	July 1, 2017	4b-47(a)
Sec. 10	July 1, 2017	16-50j(g)
Sec. 11	July 1, 2017	22a-1b
Sec. 12	July 1, 2017	22a-1d(a)
Sec. 13	July 1, 2017	22a-6y(c)
Sec. 14	July 1, 2017	22a-119(e)
Sec. 15	July 1, 2017	22a-352(c)
Sec. 16	July 1, 2017	23-8(b)
Sec. 17	July 1, 2017	23-102(a)
Sec. 18	July 1, 2017	32-665(a)
Sec. 19	July 1, 2017	29-5(a)
Sec. 20	July 1, 2017	16-2a
Sec. 21	July 1, 2017	31-98
Sec. 22	July 1, 2017	11-24b(a) and (b)
Sec. 23	July 1, 2017	11-1b
Sec. 24	July 1, 2017	11-24a
Sec. 25	from passage	51-47(a) and (b)
Sec. 26	from passage	52-434(f)
Sec. 27	from passage	46b-231(h)
Sec. 28	from passage	46b-236(b)
Sec. 29	July 1, 2017	New section
Sec. 30	from passage	Repealer section
Sec. 31	July 1, 2017	Repealer section

Statement of Purpose:

To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

[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.]