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Substitute House Bill No. 7157

House of Representatives, March 28, 2019

The Committee on Environment reported through REP. DEMICCO, M. of the 21st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR BIKEWAY PATHS,
RECREATIONAL TRAILS AND GREENWAYS.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 23-103 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

3 (a) For the purposes described in subsection (b) of this section, the
4 State Bond Commission shall have the power, from time to time to
5 authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and
6 in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate [ten] fourteen
7 million dollars.

8 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the
9 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the
10 Department of Energy and Environmental Protection for the purpose
11 of establishing a Connecticut bikeway, pedestrian walkway,
12 recreational trail and greenway grant program for grants-in-aid to
13 municipalities, private organizations that are exempt from taxation

14 pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or
15 any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United
16 States, as from time to time amended, agencies, districts and other
17 organizations. For the purposes of this section, "bikeway" means any
18 road, street, path or way which is specifically designated for bicycle
19 travel, even if such road, street, path or way is shared with other
20 modes of transportation.

21 (c) Such grants shall be used for planning, design, land acquisition,
22 construction, construction administration, equipment, trail amenities,
23 trail facilities, parking lots, toilet buildings, signs, benches and
24 publications for bikeways, pedestrian walkways, greenways and
25 multiuse trails, and for development and maintenance of recreational
26 trails and trail-related facilities for both motorized and nonmotorized
27 uses. Eligible projects may include: (1) Bicycle trails that complete
28 sections of the Connecticut portion of the East Coast Greenway, (2)
29 bikeways that connect to the East Coast Greenway, (3) bikeways or
30 other multiuse paths established within the State Recreational Trails
31 Plan, and (4) other locally supported trails and trail systems.

32 (d) Eligibility criteria for such grants shall include, but not be
33 limited to: (1) A match of twenty per cent, such match may be
34 provided by municipal, federal, other state, nonprofit or private funds,
35 in-kind services, and for applications for trails in more than one
36 municipality or applicant, the match requirement shall be ten per cent,
37 (2) responsibility for maintenance of such bikeways or other trails, (3)
38 public input, and (4) for bikeways, designs that comply with the 1999
39 American Association of State Highway Transportation Official's
40 "Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities". Such grant money
41 may be used to match federal funds being used for the purposes listed
42 in subsection (c) of this section.

43 (e) The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection may
44 use not more than five per cent of the total allocation for
45 administrative purposes. The Connecticut Greenways Council
46 established under section 23-102 shall advise on the allocation of such

47 funds. The Department of Transportation shall, in accordance with the
48 provisions of title 13a, work with the Department of Energy and
49 Environmental Protection in furtherance of such program.

50 (f) All provisions of section 3-20, or the exercise of any right or
51 power granted thereby, which are not inconsistent with the provisions
52 of this section are hereby adopted and shall apply to all bonds
53 authorized by the State Bond Commission pursuant to this section, and
54 temporary notes in anticipation of the money to be derived from the
55 sale of any such bonds so authorized may be issued in accordance with
56 said section 3-20 and from time to time renewed. Such bonds shall
57 mature at such time or times not exceeding twenty years from their
58 respective dates as may be provided in or pursuant to the resolution or
59 resolutions of the State Bond Commission authorizing such bonds.
60 None of said bonds shall be authorized except upon a finding by the
61 State Bond Commission that there has been filed with it a request for
62 such authorization which is signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of
63 the Office of Policy and Management and states such terms and
64 conditions as said commission, in its discretion, may require. Said
65 bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be general obligations of the
66 state and the full faith and credit of the state of Connecticut are
67 pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds
68 as the same become due, and accordingly and as part of the contract of
69 the state with the holders of said bonds, appropriation of all amounts
70 necessary for punctual payment of such principal and interest is
71 hereby made, and the State Treasurer shall pay such principal and
72 interest as the same become due.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2019	23-103

ENV *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 20 \$	FY 21 \$	Out Years \$
Treasurer, Debt Serv.	GF - Potential Cost	None	Up to 250,000	5.9 million total

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill authorizes \$4 million in General Obligation bonding for the bikeway, pedestrian walkway, recreational trail and greenway program administered by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. To the extent that the authorized bonds are allocated by the State Bond Commission, the state would need to repay the principal amount of the bond plus associated fees and interest. If bonds were approved for use and issued in FY 20, the state could begin repayment of up to \$200,000 in FY 20. A later issuance date would not result in repayment cost in the biennium.

The Out Years

Under current market conditions, the state would repay a \$4 million bond over 20 years at approximate total cost of \$5.9 million (for principal and interest, including the initial \$200,000 payment described above), or approximately \$295,000 per year on average.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

This bill authorizes up to \$4 million dollars in general obligation bonds for the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's existing bikeway, pedestrian walkway, recreational trail, and greenway grant program.

By law, this program provides grants to municipalities, districts, government agencies, and organizations. Grants may be used for, among other things, planning, design, land acquisition, construction, equipment, trail amenities and facilities, parking lots, benches, and publications for bikeways, walkways, greenways, and multiuse or recreational trails.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2019

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 28 Nay 0 (03/08/2019)