



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 787**

January Session, 2019

Substitute House Bill No. 7354

*House of Representatives, April 25, 2019*

The Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding reported through REP. ROJAS of the 9th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION OF STATE GRANT COMMITMENTS FOR SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of  
2 Administrative Services, having reviewed applications for state grants  
3 for public school building projects in accordance with section 10-283 of  
4 the general statutes on the basis of priorities for such projects and  
5 standards for school construction established by the State Board of  
6 Education, and having prepared a listing of all such eligible projects  
7 ranked in order of priority, as determined by said commissioner  
8 together with the amount of the estimated grant with respect to each  
9 eligible project, and having submitted such listing of eligible projects,  
10 prior to December 15, 2018, to a committee of the General Assembly  
11 established under section 10-283a of the general statutes for the  
12 purpose of reviewing such listing, is hereby authorized to enter into  
13 grant commitments on behalf of the state in accordance with said  
14 section 10-283 with respect to the priority listing of such projects and in

15 such estimated amounts as approved by said committee prior to  
 16 February 1, 2019, as follows:

17 Estimated Grant Commitments.

T1	School District	Estimated	Estimated
T2	School	Project Costs	Grant
T3	Project Number		
T4			
T5	BRIDGEPORT		
T6	Bassick High School		
T7	19DASY015180N0619	\$115,000,000	\$90,769,500
T8			
T9	ENFIELD		
T10	John F. Kennedy Middle School		
T11	19DASY049140RN0619	\$84,373,294	\$59,365,050
T12			
T13	NORWALK		
T14	Norwalk High School		
T15	19DASY103249ACV0619	\$4,228,203	\$1,404,186
T16			
T17	SIMSBURY		
T18	Henry James Memorial School		
T19	19DASY128109ACV0619	\$23,965,620	\$8,301,691
T20			
T21	FAIRFIELD		
T22	Fairfield Ludlow High School		
T23	19DASY051147A0619	\$122,764	\$31,133
T24			
T25	FAIRFIELD		
T26	Fairfield Warde High School		
T27	19DASY051148A0619	\$222,486	\$56,422
T28			
T29	MIDDLETOWN		
T30	Middletown High School (Vo-Ag Center)		
T31	19DASY083119VE0619	\$123,690	\$98,952
T32			
T33	NEWINGTON		
T34	Transition Academy at Town Hall		
T35	19DASY094107N0619	\$1,001,341	\$472,032

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**ED**      *Joint Favorable Subst. C/R*      FIN  
**FIN**      *Joint Favorable*

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	Out Years	FY 21 \$
Treasurer, Debt Serv.	GF - Future Cost	237 million	237 million

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:**

Municipalities	Effect	Out Years
Various Municipalities	Future Revenue Gain	160.5 million

**Explanation**

The bill approves a total of \$160.5 million in state grant commitments for eight new school construction projects on the State's school project priority list.

The grants-in-aid will be financed through the issuance of \$160.5 million in General Obligation (GO) bonds, which will be authorized in future fiscal years. The projected debt service cost to the General Fund to issue \$160.5 million at a 5.25% interest rate for a 20-year term is \$237 million. The bill does not authorize new GO bonds.

**The Out Years**

The ongoing fiscal impact identified above will continue into the future subject to project completion, successful municipal application for reimbursement, and the costs of borrowing.

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Education Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference - FIN  
Yea 35 Nay 0 (03/25/2019)

Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

Joint Favorable  
Yea 47 Nay 0 (04/15/2019)