



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 7226**

LCO No. 4631



Referred to Committee on HOUSING

Introduced by:  
(HSG)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE  
INCENTIVES FOR TEACHERS TO LIVE IN CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Office of Policy and  
2 Management, in cooperation with the Departments of Housing and  
3 Education, shall establish a pilot program to provide housing  
4 incentives for educators who work in the school districts with the  
5 state's highest population of low-income students and the school  
6 districts with the highest population of minority students, to live  
7 within the city limits of the school district in which they teach.

8 (b) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, in  
9 consultation with the Department of Housing and the Department of  
10 Education, shall issue a request for proposals by December 1, 2019, for  
11 any municipalities in the state to apply for consideration for  
12 participation in the teacher housing pilot program.

13 (c) Municipalities, in collaboration with their local or regional board  
14 of education, shall submit plans to the Office of Policy and

15 Management not later than June 1, 2020. Such plans may include, but  
16 not be limited to, the following:

17 (1) Partnering with interested developers to turn abandoned  
18 structures into safe, affordable housing for educators;

19 (2) Working with developers to turn properties already owned by  
20 the district into affordable housing units for educators;

21 (3) Partnering with the state to take advantage of existing tax credits  
22 for such purposes; or

23 (4) Partnering with the state on another plan that the Secretary of  
24 the Office of Policy and Management determines to be financially  
25 feasible.

26 (d) Not later than September 1, 2020, the Office of Policy and  
27 Management shall approve no more than two municipalities for  
28 participation in the pilot program. All educators, including, but not  
29 limited to, administrators, teachers and paraprofessionals who work  
30 within the selected municipalities shall be eligible for any housing  
31 services and incentives that are provided under the teacher housing  
32 pilot program.

33 (e) The Office of Policy and Management shall require  
34 municipalities that are selected for participation to provide updates on  
35 their progress in the pilot program. The Office of Policy and  
36 Management shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions  
37 of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee  
38 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters related to  
39 housing not later than January 1, 2021, concerning the status of the  
40 pilot program. Such report shall include, but not be limited to, an  
41 evaluation of the results of the pilot program and any findings and  
42 recommendations with regard to future implementation of similar  
43 programs in other municipalities.

44 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2019*) (a) For the purposes described in

45 subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have  
46 the power from time to time to authorize the issuance of bonds of the  
47 state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in  
48 the aggregate one million dollars.

49 (b) The proceeds of the sale of such bonds, to the extent of the  
50 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the  
51 Office of Policy and Management for the purpose of funding the pilot  
52 program established in section 1 of this act.

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

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To establish a pilot program to provide incentives for teachers to live in certain municipalities.

*[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.]*