



General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:
(ED)

**AN ACT CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION OF STATE GRANT
COMMITMENTS FOR SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS AND
REVISIONS TO THE SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS STATUTES.**

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 (1) 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

18 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Administrative
19 Services shall conduct a study concerning issues relating the presence
20 of pyrrhotite in the foundation of the Birch Grove Primary School in
21 Tolland. Such study shall include an examination of whether such
22 school is able to be renovated or whether such school needs to be
23 replaced. Not later than January 1, 2020, the department shall submit
24 such study and any recommendations to the joint standing committee
25 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
26 education, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
27 general statutes.

28 Sec. 3. Section 10-285a of the general statutes is amended by adding
29 subsection (j) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

30 (NEW) (j) The percentage determined pursuant to this section for a
31 school building project grant for the expansion, alteration, renovation
32 or new construction of a public school building that is in accordance
33 with the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design rating
34 system shall be increased by twenty-five percentage points, provided
35 such percentage shall not exceed eighty per cent.

36 Sec. 4. Subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 10-287 of the
37 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
38 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

39 (b) (1) All orders and contracts for school building construction
40 receiving state assistance under this chapter, except as provided in
41 subdivision (2) of this subsection, shall be awarded to the lowest
42 responsible qualified bidder only after a public invitation to bid, which
43 shall be advertised in a newspaper having circulation in the town in
44 which construction is to take place, except for (A) school building
45 projects for which the town or regional school district is using a state
46 contract pursuant to subsection (d) of section 10-292, [and] (B) change
47 orders, those contracts or orders costing less than ten thousand dollars
48 and those of an emergency nature, as determined by the

49 Commissioner of Administrative Services, in which cases the
50 contractor or vendor may be selected by negotiation, provided no local
51 fiscal regulations, ordinances or charter provisions conflict, and (C)
52 school building projects for which the town or regional school district
53 is using a cooperative purchasing plan pursuant to section 5 of this act.

54 Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2019*) (a) A town or a regional board
55 of education may join with federal agencies, other state governments,
56 political subdivisions of this state or nonprofit organizations in
57 cooperative purchasing plans for purposes of school building projects.

58 (b) A town or regional board of education may purchase equipment,
59 supplies, materials and services from a person who has a contract to
60 sell such goods or services to other state governments, political
61 subdivisions of the state, nonprofit organizations or public purchasing
62 consortia, in accordance with the terms and conditions of such
63 contract.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	10-285a
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	10-287(b)(1)
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To authorize state grant commitments for school building projects and make revisions to the statutes governing school building projects.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]