

## Establishment Dates of Quasi-Public Agencies

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### Issue

This report outlines the establishment of the state's 17 quasi-public agencies ([CGS § 1-120\(1\)](#), as amended by [PA 19-25](#) (§ 24) and [PA 19-117](#) (§ 225)).

### Summary

Quasi-public agencies are generally established outside of the structure of state government so that they can avoid many of the requirements and controls imposed on governmental agencies. This flexibility allows quasi-public agencies to potentially respond to problems and opportunities faster and more efficiently than a comparable state agency while maintaining a degree of oversight and accountability. Table 1 below provides an alphabetical listing of these agencies, their establishment dates, and associated legislation.

**Table 1: Establishment Dates of Quasi-Public Agencies**

<i>Quasi-Public Agency</i>	<i>Year Established</i>
Capitol Region Developmental Authority (CRDA) ( <a href="#">CGS § 32-600 et seq.</a> )	1998 <a href="#">PA 98-179</a> § 2 created the Capital City Economic Development Authority (CCEDA)  <a href="#">PA 12-147</a> re-designated CCEDA as CRDA
Connecticut Airport Authority ( <a href="#">CGS § 15-120aa et seq.</a> )	2011 <a href="#">PA 11-84</a>

**Table 1 (continued)**

<i>Quasi-Public Agency</i>	<i>Year Established</i>
Connecticut Green Bank <a href="#">(CGS § 16-245n)</a> <a href="#">(CGS § 16-245l)</a> <a href="#">(CGS § 16a-40c et seq.)</a>	2011 <a href="#">PA 07-152</a> created the Renewable Energy Investments Board (not a quasi)  <a href="#">PA 11-80</a> § 99 created the Clean Energy Fund and Investments Authority (CEFIA) as a successor to the Renewable Energy Investments Board and deemed it a quasi-public agency for certain purposes  <a href="#">PA 12-2 June Special Session</a> § 164 added CEFIA to the quasi-public agencies defined in statute  <a href="#">PA 14-94</a> § 29 renamed CEFIA as the Connecticut Green Bank
Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority (CHEFA) <a href="#">(CGS § 10a-176 et seq.)</a>	1965 February 1965 PA 170
Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange <a href="#">(CGS § 38a-1080 et seq.)</a>	2011 <a href="#">PA 11-53</a>
Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority (CHESLA) <a href="#">(CGS § 10a-179a)</a> <a href="#">(CGS § 10a-221 et seq.)</a>	1982 PA 82-313  2012 <a href="#">PA 12-149</a> merged CHEFA with CHESLA and made CHESLA a subsidiary of CHEFA
Connecticut Housing Finance Authority <a href="#">(CGS § 8-241 et seq.)</a>	1969 1969 PA 795
Connecticut Innovations Incorporated (CII) <a href="#">(CGS § 32-32 et seq.)</a>	1972 PA 72-248 created the Connecticut Product Development Corporation  PA 89-245 renamed the corporation as CII
Connecticut Lottery Corporation ( <a href="#">CGS § 12-800 et seq.</a> )	1996 <a href="#">PA 96-212</a>
Connecticut Municipal Redevelopment Authority	2019 <a href="#">PA 19-117</a> §§ 212-227
Connecticut Port Authority <a href="#">(CGS § 15-31a et seq.)</a>	2015 <a href="#">PA 15-5 June Special Session</a> § 1
Connecticut Retirement Security Authority <a href="#">(CGS § 31-416 et seq.)</a>	2016 <a href="#">PA 16-29</a> § 2

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Connecticut Student Loan Foundation (CSLF) <a href="#">(CGS § 10a-201 et seq.)</a>	1965 1965 PA 491 created the Connecticut Foundation for Financial Assistance to Higher Education  1967 PA 3 § 1 renamed the foundation as CSLF  <a href="#">PA 14-217</a> reconstituted CSLF as a quasi-public subsidiary of CHEFA
Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority (MIRA) <a href="#">(CGS § 22a-257 et seq.)</a>	1973 PA 73-459 created the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority (CRRRA)  2014 <a href="#">PA 14-94</a> dissolved CRRRA and created MIRA as its successor
Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Authority	2019 <a href="#">PA 19-25</a> §§ 1-16, 24 & 25; as amended by PA 19-117, §§ 232-234
State Education Resource Center ( <a href="#">CGS § 10-357a et seq.</a> )	2014 <a href="#">PA 14-212</a> § 1 reconstituted the State Education Resource Center as a quasi-public agency (the center already existed but was not clearly defined as separate from the State Department of Education)
State Housing Authority <a href="#">(CGS § 8-244b et seq.)</a> <a href="#">(CGS § 8-119zz et seq.)</a>	1986 PA 86-281 established the Connecticut Housing Authority  1995 <a href="#">PA 95-250</a> established the State Housing Authority as a successor to the Connecticut Housing Authority

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