



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 367***

LCO No. 1190



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION  
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

***AN ACT SUBJECTING THE PARTNERSHIP FOR CONNECTICUT, INC.  
TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT AND STATE ETHICS  
CODE.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 10-265aa of the 2020 supplement to the general  
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
3 (*Effective October 1, 2020*):

4 (a) As used in this section and sections 10-265bb to 10-265ff, inclusive:

5 (1) "Corporation" means the nonprofit nonstock corporation  
6 described in subsection (b) of this section, which has been established in  
7 accordance with the provisions of chapter 602; and

8 (2) "Philanthropic enterprise" means a philanthropic enterprise  
9 founded in 2003 and located in Fairfield County that advances diverse  
10 philanthropic initiatives which include strengthening public education  
11 in this state and supporting financial inclusion and social  
12 entrepreneurship or a philanthropic designee under the direct control

13 of the philanthropic enterprise.

14 (b) There shall be established "The Partnership for Connecticut, Inc.",  
15 which shall be a nonstock corporation and shall be organized and  
16 established by the philanthropic enterprise and its agents. The  
17 corporation shall be formed for the conduct of any affairs or the  
18 promotion of any purpose which may be lawfully carried out,  
19 including, but not limited to, the following public purposes:

20 (1) Strengthening public education in this state;

21 (2) Supporting financial inclusion and social entrepreneurship;

22 (3) Promoting upward mobility in Connecticut by connecting at-risk  
23 high school-aged youths and young adults to educational and career  
24 opportunities;

25 (4) Supporting economic development in under-resourced  
26 communities through microfinance and social entrepreneurship, with a  
27 specific focus on communities where there is a high poverty rate and  
28 youths and young adults between the ages of fourteen to twenty-four,  
29 inclusive, who are showing signs of disengagement or disconnection  
30 from high school, the workplace or the community;

31 (5) Promoting and expanding upon the collaboration between the  
32 state and one or more philanthropic or nonprofit entities designated by  
33 the philanthropic enterprise to carry out the public purposes set forth in  
34 this section; and

35 (6) Providing additional resources for the purposes set forth in this  
36 section.

37 (c) Except as provided in sections 10-265aa to 10-265ff, inclusive, the  
38 corporation shall be subject to and shall have all the powers provided in  
39 chapter 602. The property and affairs of the corporation shall be  
40 governed and controlled by its board of directors appointed in  
41 accordance with section 10-265cc. The corporation shall submit an  
42 application for recognition of federal income tax exempt status for the

43 corporation as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the  
 44 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding  
 45 internal revenue code of the United States, as amended from time to  
 46 time. [Except as provided in section 10-265cc, no] Each member of the  
 47 board of directors [or] and any officer [or employee] of the corporation  
 48 shall, by virtue of such service to the corporation, be [(1)] considered a  
 49 [state employee or] public official for purposes of part I of chapter 10,  
 50 [or (2)] but shall not be considered a state contractor or prospective state  
 51 contractor for purposes of section 9-612. The corporation shall not be  
 52 construed to be a department, institution, public agency, public  
 53 instrumentality or political subdivision of the state, [or] but it shall be  
 54 considered to perform [any] a governmental function for purposes of  
 55 the Freedom of Information Act, as defined in section 1-200.

56 (d) Notwithstanding any provision of chapter 10, it shall not  
 57 constitute a conflict of interest for a trustee, director, partner or officer  
 58 of any person, firm or corporation, or any individual having a financial  
 59 interest in a person, firm or corporation, to serve as a member of the  
 60 board of directors, provided such trustee, director, partner, officer or  
 61 individual shall abstain from deliberation, action or vote by the board  
 62 of directors in specific respect to such person, firm or corporation.

63 [(d)] (e) Reports, in form and substance to be mutually agreed upon  
 64 by the corporation and the Governor, shall be submitted semiannually  
 65 by the corporation to the Governor, the State Board of Education, the  
 66 Department of Education, the Department of Economic and  
 67 Community Development, the Office of Policy and Management and  
 68 the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having  
 69 cognizance of matters relating to education and appropriations and the  
 70 budgets of state agencies. The corporation shall post such reports on the  
 71 corporation's Internet web site.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2020	10-265aa

**Statement of Purpose:**

To subject The Partnership for Connecticut, Inc. to the Freedom of Information Act and state ethics code.

*[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.]*