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:

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 Section 10-265aa of the 2020 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2020):

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

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

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

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

1. Strengthening public education in this state;
2. Supporting financial inclusion and social entrepreneurship;
3. Promoting upward mobility in Connecticut by connecting at-risk high school-aged youths and young adults to educational and career opportunities;
4. Supporting economic development in under-resourced communities through microfinance and social entrepreneurship, with a specific focus on communities where there is a high poverty rate and youths and young adults between the ages of fourteen to twenty-four, inclusive, who are showing signs of disengagement or disconnection from high school, the workplace or the community;
5. Promoting and expanding upon the collaboration between the state and one or more philanthropic or nonprofit entities designated by the philanthropic enterprise to carry out the public purposes set forth in this section; and
6. Providing additional resources for the purposes set forth in this section.

(c) Except as provided in sections 10-265aa to 10-265ff, inclusive, the corporation shall be subject to and shall have all the powers provided in chapter 602. The property and affairs of the corporation shall be governed and controlled by its board of directors appointed in accordance with section 10-265cc. The corporation shall submit an application for recognition of federal income tax exempt status for the
corporation as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the
Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding
internal revenue code of the United States, as amended from time to
time. [Except as provided in section 10-265cc, no] Each member of the
board of directors [or] any officer [or employee] of the corporation
shall, by virtue of such service to the corporation, be [(1)] considered a
[state employee or] public official for purposes of part I of chapter 10,
(or (2)) but shall not be considered a state contractor or prospective state
contractor for purposes of section 9-612. The corporation shall not be
considered to be a department, institution, public agency, public
instrumentality or political subdivision of the state, [or] but it shall be
considered to perform [any] a governmental function for purposes of
the Freedom of Information Act, as defined in section 1-200.

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

[(d)] (e) Reports, in form and substance to be mutually agreed upon
by the corporation and the Governor, shall be submitted semiannually
by the corporation to the Governor, the State Board of Education, the
Department of Education, the Department of Economic and
Community Development, the Office of Policy and Management and
the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
cognizance of matters relating to education and appropriations and the
budgets of state agencies. The corporation shall post such reports on the
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.]