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Substitute Senate Bill No. 885

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The Committee on Appropriations reported through SEN. OSTEN of the 19th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR GENERAL GOVERNMENT.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 22a-201c of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) For each registration of a new motor vehicle with the
4 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles pursuant to chapter 246, the person
5 registering such vehicle shall pay to the commissioner a fee of [ten]
6 fifteen dollars, in addition to any other fees required for registration, [for
7 registration for a biennial period] for the following registration types:
8 Passenger, motor home, combination or antique. [Any person who is
9 sixty-five years or older and who obtains a one-year registration for a
10 new motor vehicle under section 14-49 for such registration type shall
11 pay five dollars for the annual registration period.]

12 (b) For each new registration or renewal of registration of any motor
13 vehicle, except a new motor vehicle, with the Commissioner of Motor

14 Vehicles pursuant to chapter 246, the person registering such vehicle
15 shall pay to the commissioner a fee of seven dollars and fifty cents for
16 registration for a triennial period and five dollars for registration for a
17 biennial period for the following registration types: Passenger, motor
18 home, combination or antique. Any person who is sixty-five years or
19 older and who obtains a [one-year registration or] one-year registration
20 renewal for any motor vehicle [, except a new motor vehicle,] under
21 section 14-49 for such registration type shall pay two dollars and fifty
22 cents for the annual registration period.

23 (c) The fee imposed by this subsection may be identified as the
24 "greenhouse gas reduction fee" on any registration form, or combined
25 with the fee specified by subdivision (3) of subsection (k) of section 14-
26 164c on any registration form. The first three million dollars received
27 from the payment of such fee shall be deposited into the Connecticut
28 hydrogen and electric automobile purchase rebate program account,
29 established pursuant to subsection (c) of section 22a-202. Any revenue
30 from such fee in excess of the first three million dollars in each fiscal year
31 shall be deposited into the General Fund. No part of the greenhouse gas
32 reduction fee shall be subject to a refund under subsection [(aa)] (z) of
33 section 14-49.

34 Sec. 2. Section 2-36 of the general statutes is repealed and the
35 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

36 [(a) On or before the twenty-fifth day of each month, the Secretary of
37 the Office of Policy and Management shall submit to the Governor, the
38 Comptroller and the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
39 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets
40 of state agencies, through the Legislative Office of Fiscal Analysis, a list
41 of appropriation accounts in which a potential deficiency exists. Such
42 list shall be accompanied by a statement which explains the reasons for
43 each such potential deficiency.]

44 [(b)] On the day the Governor submits a budget document to the
45 General Assembly, or a report on the status of the budget enacted in the
46 previous year, pursuant to section 4-71, the Secretary of the Office of

47 Policy and Management shall submit to the Treasurer and said joint
48 standing committee, through the Office of Fiscal Analysis, any items to
49 be included in a deficiency bill, which may be passed by the General
50 Assembly to pay expenses of the current fiscal year of the biennium.
51 Each such item shall be accompanied by a statement which explains the
52 need for a deficiency appropriation. Any agency which has an item to
53 be included in the deficiency bill shall, on such day, submit a report to
54 said joint standing committee, through the Office of Fiscal Analysis,
55 concerning any steps taken by the agency to reduce or eliminate the
56 deficiency.

57 Sec. 3. Section 5-156a of the general statutes is amended by adding
58 subsection (h) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

59 (NEW) (h) Any recovery of pension costs from an appropriated or
60 nonappropriated source other than the General Fund or Special
61 Transportation Fund that causes the payments to the State Employees
62 Retirement System to exceed the actuarially determined employer
63 contribution for any fiscal year shall be deposited into the State
64 Employees Retirement Fund as an additional employer contribution at
65 the end of such fiscal year.

66 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) The aggregate principal
67 amount of energy consumption and environmental impact lease
68 financings that are in effect on or after July 1, 2021, shall not exceed ten
69 million dollars for such lease financings that are: (1) Entered into by the
70 state directly or through a state agency for improvements in state-
71 owned buildings, (2) for the purpose of reducing energy consumption
72 or environmental impacts, and (3) not otherwise exempt from such ten-
73 million-dollar aggregate amount pursuant to a provision of a public or
74 special act.

75 (b) For the purposes of this section, "state agency" means any office,
76 department, board, council, commission, institution, constituent unit of
77 the state system of higher education, technical education and career
78 school or other agency in the executive, legislative or judicial branch of
79 state government.

80 Sec. 5. Subsection (h) of section 31-49g of the general statutes is
81 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
82 *passage*):

83 (h) (1) Any moneys expended from the General Fund for the purpose
84 of administering the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program, or
85 providing compensation to covered employees, shall be reimbursed to
86 the General Fund not later than October 1, 2022.

87 (2) Any moneys expended from any bond authorizations allocated to
88 the authority for the purpose of administering the Family and Medical
89 Leave Insurance Program shall be reimbursed to the General Fund
90 according to a plan to be established by the Secretary of the Office of
91 Policy and Management, in consultation with the State Treasurer. Such
92 plan shall provide for a repayment schedule that provides for
93 repayment by the authority of the debt service deemed attributable to
94 such bond authorizations. Such repayment shall commence during the
95 fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, and shall continue until repayment is
96 complete, according to the terms of the plan. The authority may repay
97 unpaid amounts earlier than the plan established by the secretary.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	22a-201c
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	2-36
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	5-156a
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	31-49g(h)

APP Joint Favorable Subst.

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 22 \$	FY 23 \$
Various	Various - See Below	See Below	See Below

Note: Various=Various

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in the following fiscal impacts:

Section 1 clarifies discrepancies between annual payment amounts and a change from two-year to three-year registration duration for certain vehicles for the greenhouse gas reduction program. There is no expected fiscal impact because it conforms to current annual rates.

Section 2 eliminates the requirement for the Office of Policy and Management to submit a monthly deficiency statement. This has no fiscal impact.

Section 3 results in a one-time revenue loss to the General Fund in any year that cost recoveries for the State Employee Retirement System's (SERS) from funding sources other than the GF or the Special Transportation fund are over-collected. Currently, overcollections are treated as General Fund revenue.

The substitute bill requires that any overcollections be deposited into SERS as an additional contribution, resulting in an annual savings to the state. This savings will be reflected in a decreased annual employer

contribution, as determined in the subsequent SERS valuation.

Section 4 allows up to \$10 million of energy consumption and environmental impact leases to be entered into for state building projects that reduce energy consumption. To the extent the leases are entered into, there would be a commensurate increase in the state's level of indebtedness and future debt service costs.

Section 5 requires the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program to reimburse, in accordance with a schedule to be determined by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management (OPM), the General Fund beginning in FY 23 for bonds previously authorized. This results in a revenue gain of \$12.2 million to the General Fund, the timing of which is subject to the terms of the repayment schedule established in accordance with this section.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OFA Bill Analysis

SB 885

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SUMMARY:

The bill makes several changes to implement the general government provisions of the budget.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Sections 1, 2, and 5 are effective from passage, and sections 2 and 3 are effective on July 1, 2021.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 33 Nay 17