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***AN ACT CONCERNING PROVISIONS RELATED TO REVENUE AND
OTHER ITEMS TO IMPLEMENT THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE
BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2023.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Housing shall
2 convert the loan made to the Community Development Financial
3 Institution Alliance for the establishment of a revolving loan fund as
4 authorized under section 9 of special act 97-1 and approved by the State
5 Bond Commission on September 27, 2002, to a grant-in-aid in
6 accordance with section 8-218 of the general statutes.

7 Sec. 2. Subsection (p) of section 3-20j of the general statutes is repealed
8 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

9 (p) (1) Prior to July 1, [2021] 2023, net earnings of investments of
10 proceeds of bonds issued pursuant to section 3-20 or pursuant to this
11 section and accrued interest on the issuance of such bonds and
12 premiums on the issuance of such bonds shall be deposited to the credit

13 of the General Fund, after (A) payment of any expenses incurred by the
14 Treasurer or State Bond Commission in connection with such issuance,
15 or (B) application to interest on bonds, notes or other obligations of the
16 state.

17 (2) On and after July 1, [2021] 2023, notwithstanding subsection (f) of
18 section 3-20, (A) net earnings of investments of proceeds of bonds issued
19 pursuant to section 3-20 or pursuant to this section and accrued interest
20 on the issuance of such bonds shall be deposited to the credit of the
21 General Fund, and (B) premiums, net of any original issue discount, on
22 the issuance of such bonds shall, after payment of any expenses incurred
23 by the Treasurer or State Bond Commission in connection with such
24 issuance, be deposited at the direction of the Treasurer to the credit of
25 an account or fund to fund all or a portion of any purpose or project
26 authorized by the State Bond Commission pursuant to any bond act up
27 to the amount authorized by the State Bond Commission, provided the
28 bonds for such purpose or project are unissued, and provided further
29 the certificate of determination the Treasurer files with the secretary of
30 the State Bond Commission for such authorized bonds sets forth the
31 amount of the deposit applied to fund each such purpose and project.
32 Upon such filing, the Treasurer shall record bonds in the amount of net
33 premiums credited to each purpose and project as set forth in the
34 certificate of determination of the Treasurer as deemed issued and
35 retired and the Treasurer shall not thereafter exercise authority to issue
36 bonds in such amount for such purpose or project. Upon such recording
37 by the Treasurer, such bonds shall be deemed to have been issued,
38 retired and no longer authorized for issuance or outstanding for the
39 purposes of section 3-21, and for the purpose of aligning the funding of
40 such authorized purpose and project with amounts generated by net
41 premiums, but shall not constitute an actual bond issuance or bond
42 retirement for any other purposes including, but not limited to, financial
43 reporting purposes.

44 Sec. 3. Section 31-71a of the general statutes is repealed and the
45 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

46 [Whenever] As used in sections 31-71a to 31-71i, inclusive, and
47 section 5 of this act:

48 (1) "Employer" includes any individual, partnership, association,
49 joint stock company, trust, corporation, the administrator or executor of
50 the estate of a deceased person, the conservator of the estate of an
51 incompetent, or the receiver, trustee, successor or assignee of any of the
52 same, employing any person, including the state and any political
53 subdivision thereof;

54 (2) "Employee" includes any person suffered or permitted to work by
55 an employer;

56 (3) "Wages" means compensation for labor or services rendered by an
57 employee, whether the amount is determined on a time, task, piece,
58 commission or other basis of calculation;

59 (4) "Commissioner" means the Labor Commissioner.

60 Sec. 4. Section 31-71f of the general statutes is repealed and the
61 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

62 (a) Each employer shall: (1) Advise his employees in writing, at the
63 time of hiring, of the rate of remuneration, hours of employment and
64 wage payment schedules, and (2) make available to his employees,
65 either in writing or through a posted notice maintained in a place
66 accessible to his employees, any employment practices and policies or
67 change therein with regard to wages, vacation pay, sick leave, health
68 and welfare benefits and comparable matters.

69 (b) Each employer employing a domestic worker, as defined in
70 section 5 of this act, shall advise the domestic worker, in writing, at the
71 time of hiring, of: (1) The rate of remuneration, hours of employment
72 and wage payment schedules; (2) the job duties and responsibilities; (3)
73 the availability of sick leave, days of rest, vacation, personal days and
74 holidays, whether such days are paid or unpaid and the rate at which

75 such days accrue; (4) whether the employer may charge any fees or costs
76 for board and lodging, and, if so, the amount of such fees or costs; and
77 (5) how to file a complaint for a violation of the domestic worker's rights.

78 Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2021*) (a) As used in this section:

79 (1) "Domestic worker" means any employee who is paid or who is
80 told he or she will be paid to perform work of a domestic nature in or
81 about a private dwelling, including, but not limited to, housekeeping,
82 laundering, meal preparation, home companion, home management or
83 child care services or the caretaking of individuals, including sick,
84 convalescing and elderly individuals, or other household services for
85 occupants of the private dwelling or the guests of such occupants.
86 "Domestic worker" does not include (A) any individual providing
87 babysitting services on an irregular or intermittent basis; or (B) a
88 personal care attendant, as defined in section 17b-706 of the general
89 statutes, providing services pursuant to a state-funded program,
90 including, but not limited to, (i) the program for individuals with
91 acquired brain injuries, established pursuant to section 17b-260a of the
92 general statutes, (ii) the personal care assistance program, established
93 pursuant to section 17b-605a of the general statutes, (iii) the Connecticut
94 home-care program for the elderly, established pursuant to section 17b-
95 342 of the general statutes, (iv) the pilot program to provide home care
96 services to disabled persons, established pursuant to section 17b-617 of
97 the general statutes, (v) the individual and family support waiver
98 program administered by the Department of Developmental Services,
99 or (vi) the comprehensive waiver program administered by the
100 Department of Developmental Services;

101 (2) "Nonprofit organization" means any organization that is exempt
102 from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of
103 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the
104 United States, as amended from time to time; and

105 (3) "Qualified organization" means: (A) Any nonprofit organization

106 that has not less than five years of experience working with domestic
107 workers; or (B) any organization that works with a nonprofit
108 organization that has not less than five years of experience advocating
109 for domestic workers or other low-wage workers.

110 (b) The commissioner shall establish a domestic workers education
111 and training grants program to provide grants to qualified
112 organizations for the following purposes:

113 (1) To provide education and training for domestic workers and
114 employers addressing laws regarding minimum wage, overtime, sick
115 leave, record-keeping, wage adjudication and retaliation and the
116 requirements of subsection (b) of section 31-71f of the general statutes;

117 (2) To provide one or more online resources for domestic workers and
118 employers on state laws and regulations relating to domestic workers;
119 and

120 (3) To provide technical and legal assistance to domestic workers and
121 employers through legal service providers.

122 (c) The commissioner may enter into an agreement pursuant to
123 chapter 55a of the general statutes, with a person, firm or corporation to
124 administer the grants program established pursuant to subsection (b) of
125 this section.

126 (d) The commissioner, in consultation with such person, firm or
127 corporation, if applicable, shall create guidelines necessary for the
128 administration of the provisions of this section.

129 Sec. 6. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2021*) (a) For purposes of this
130 section:

131 (1) "Call center" means a facility or other operation through which
132 employees receive telephone calls or electronic communication for the
133 purpose of providing customer assistance or other customer service;

134 (2) "Employer" means a business entity that employs (A) fifty or more
135 employees, excluding part-time employees; or (B) fifty or more
136 employees that in the aggregate work at least fifteen hundred hours per
137 week, excluding overtime hours, for the purpose of staffing a call center;

138 (3) "Part-time employee" means an employee who is employed for an
139 average of fewer than twenty hours per week or who has been
140 employed for fewer than six of the twelve months preceding the date on
141 which notice is required under this section; and

142 (4) "Commissioner" means the Labor Commissioner.

143 (b) A call center employer that intends to relocate a call center, or one
144 or more facilities or operating units within a call center comprising not
145 less than thirty per cent of the call center's or operating unit's total call
146 volume, when compared to the previous twelve-month average call
147 volume of operations or substantially similar operations, from this state
148 to a foreign country shall notify the commissioner at least one hundred
149 days prior to such relocation.

150 (c) A call center employer that violates subsection (b) of this section
151 shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed ten thousand dollars for
152 each day of such violation, except that the commissioner may reduce
153 such amount for just cause shown.

154 (d) The commissioner shall compile an annual list of each call center
155 employer that relocated a call center, or one or more facilities or
156 operating units within a call center comprising at least thirty per cent of
157 the call center's total volume of operations, from this state to a foreign
158 country. The commissioner shall make such list available to the public
159 and shall prominently display a link to such list on the Labor
160 Department's Internet web site.

161 (e) Except as provided in subsection (g) of this section and
162 notwithstanding any other provision of the general statutes, a call center
163 employer on the annual list compiled under subsection (d) of this

164 section shall be ineligible for any direct or indirect state grants, state
165 guaranteed loans, state tax benefits or other state financial support for a
166 period of five years from the date such list is published.

167 (f) Except as provided in subsection (g) of this section and
168 notwithstanding any other provision of the general statutes, a call center
169 employer on the annual list compiled under subsection (d) of this
170 section shall remit the unamortized value of any state grant, guaranteed
171 loan, state tax benefit or other state financial support such call center
172 employer has received in the five-year period prior to the date such call
173 center was placed on such list. Nothing in this section shall be deemed
174 to prevent an employer from receiving any grant to provide training or
175 other employment assistance to individuals who are selected as being
176 in particular need of training or other employment assistance due to the
177 transfer or relocation of the employer's call center, facility or operating
178 units.

179 (g) The commissioner, in consultation with the appropriate agency
180 providing a loan or grant, may waive the ineligibility for state financial
181 support under subsection (e) of this section and the remittance
182 requirement under subsection (f) of this section if the employer
183 demonstrates that such ineligibility and requirement would: (1)
184 Threaten state or national security, (2) result in substantial job loss in
185 this state, or (3) harm the environment.

186 (h) The department head of each state agency shall ensure that for all
187 new contracts or new agreements entered into on and after October 1,
188 2021, all state business-related call center and customer service work is
189 performed by state contractors or other agents or subcontractors entirely
190 within this state, except that, if any such contractor, other agent or
191 subcontractor performs work outside this state and adds customer
192 service employees who will perform work pursuant to such new
193 contracts or agreements, such new employees shall immediately be
194 employed within this state. Businesses subject to a contract or
195 agreement agreed to prior to October 1, 2021, with terms extending

196 beyond October 1, 2023, shall be subject to the provisions of this
197 subsection if the contract or agreement is renewed.

198 (i) No provision of this section shall be construed to permit
199 withholding or denial of payments, compensation or benefits under any
200 other provision of the general statutes, including, but not limited to,
201 state unemployment compensation, disability payments or worker
202 retraining or readjustment funds, to workers employed by employers
203 that relocate from this state to a foreign country.

204 (j) Nothing in this section shall be construed as creating a private
205 cause of action against an employer who has violated, or is alleged to
206 have violated, any provision of this section.

207 Sec. 7. Subsection (h) of section 31-49g of the general statutes is
208 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
209 *passage*):

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

214 (2) Any moneys expended from any bond authorizations allocated to
215 the authority for the purpose of administering the Family and Medical
216 Leave Insurance Program shall be reimbursed to the General Fund
217 according to a plan to be established by the Secretary of the Office of
218 Policy and Management, in consultation with the State Treasurer. Such
219 plan shall provide for a repayment schedule that provides for
220 repayment by the authority of the debt service deemed attributable to
221 such bond authorizations. Such repayment shall commence during the
222 fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, and shall continue until repayment is
223 complete, according to the terms of the plan. The authority may repay
224 unpaid amounts earlier than the plan established by the secretary.

225 Sec. 8. (*Effective October 1, 2021*) Not later than January 1, 2022, and

226 annually thereafter, the Board of Regents for Higher Education shall
227 submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
228 general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General
229 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher education
230 and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies. Such report shall
231 include: (1) The methods used to allocate the current fiscal year's
232 General Fund block grants to institutions, and the resulting total amount
233 each institution will receive over the fiscal year; (2) for the prior fiscal
234 year, the amount of non-General Fund revenues transferred from each
235 institution to the system office for any purpose, including the methods
236 used to determine the transferred amounts and a description of each
237 such purpose; and (3) a list of institutional staff or faculty that were
238 temporarily stationed at the system office or reassigned new duties at
239 the system office during the prior fiscal year, including the following
240 information for each staff or faculty member: (A) Title at the institution
241 and at the system office, (B) system office duties, (C) cumulative length
242 of time stationed at or reassigned to the system office, and (D) in which
243 budget, institutional or system office, the person's personal services
244 costs were accounted.

245 Sec. 9. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) Not later than January 1, 2022,
246 and annually thereafter, the chief of a volunteer fire department for a
247 distressed municipality, as defined in section 32-9p of the general
248 statutes, shall submit to the State Fire Administrator a report on the
249 yearly average of the number of volunteer firefighters from such
250 municipality's volunteer fire department who enrolled in Firefighter I
251 certification and recruit training based on the preceding four years,
252 except the year commencing January 1, 2020, shall not be included in
253 any such four preceding years for purposes of calculating such average.

254 (b) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, and each fiscal year
255 thereafter, the State Fire Administrator shall award a grant to any
256 distressed municipality with a volunteer fire department for the
257 purposes of covering costs related to the provision of Firefighter I
258 certification and recruit training for volunteer firefighters at regional fire

259 schools. The amount of such grant award for each such distressed
260 municipality shall be equal to the product of (1) the average cost of a
261 Firefighter I certification and recruit training program at a regional fire
262 school, and (2) the average number of volunteer firefighters from such
263 distressed municipality's volunteer fire department who enrolled at a
264 regional fire school for such certification and training.

265 (c) Not later than February 1, 2022, and annually thereafter, the State
266 Fire Administrator shall submit, in accordance with the provisions of
267 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of
268 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
269 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies a report on the (1)
270 reports submitted by the chiefs of volunteer fire departments of
271 distressed municipalities pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, and
272 (2) average cost of a Firefighter I certification and recruit training
273 program at a regional fire school.

274 Sec. 10. Section 5-156a of the general statutes is repealed and the
275 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

276 (a) (1) The state employees retirement system shall be funded on an
277 actuarial reserve basis. The Retirement Commission shall, on or before
278 December first, annually certify to the General Assembly the amount
279 necessary on the basis of an actuarial determination to gradually
280 establish and subsequently maintain the retirement fund on such
281 determined actuarial reserve basis, and make such other
282 recommendations with regard to such fund and its administration as
283 the commission deems appropriate. The Retirement Commission shall,
284 at least once every two years, prepare a valuation of the assets and
285 liabilities of the system. On the basis of each such valuation, it shall
286 redetermine the normal rate of contribution and, until it is amortized,
287 the unfunded past service liability. The General Assembly shall review
288 the commission's recommendations and certification and shall
289 appropriate to the retirement fund the amount certified by the
290 Retirement Commission as necessary provided said certification is in

291 compliance with this section at the time of certification, and the amount
292 so certified shall not be reduced or used for other than the purposes of
293 this section.

294 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this
295 subsection, the Retirement Commission shall not finalize any valuation
296 prepared pursuant to said subdivision, or certify the amount necessary
297 to maintain the retirement fund on an actuarial reserve basis pursuant
298 to said subdivision, until such valuation and certification account for
299 any funds deemed to be appropriated to the State Employees
300 Retirement Fund pursuant to subsection (c) of section 4-30a.

301 Sec. 11. Section 51-47 of the general statutes is repealed and the
302 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

303 (a) The judges of the Superior Court, judges of the Appellate Court
304 and judges of the Supreme Court shall receive annually salaries as
305 follows:

306 [(1) On and after July 1, 2014, (A) the Chief Justice of the Supreme
307 Court, one hundred ninety-four thousand seven hundred fifty-seven
308 dollars; (B) the Chief Court Administrator if a judge of the Supreme
309 Court, Appellate Court or Superior Court, one hundred eighty-seven
310 thousand one hundred forty-eight dollars; (C) each associate judge of
311 the Supreme Court, one hundred eighty thousand two hundred four
312 dollars; (D) the Chief Judge of the Appellate Court, one hundred
313 seventy-eight thousand two hundred ten dollars; (E) each judge of the
314 Appellate Court, one hundred sixty-nine thousand two hundred forty-
315 five dollars; (F) the Deputy Chief Court Administrator if a judge of the
316 Superior Court, one hundred sixty-six thousand one hundred fifty-eight
317 dollars; (G) each judge of the Superior Court, one hundred sixty-two
318 thousand seven hundred fifty-one dollars.

319 (2) On and after July 1, 2015, (A) the Chief Justice of the Supreme
320 Court, two hundred thousand five hundred ninety-nine dollars; (B) the
321 Chief Court Administrator if a judge of the Supreme Court, Appellate

322 Court or Superior Court, one hundred ninety-two thousand seven
323 hundred sixty-three dollars; (C) each associate judge of the Supreme
324 Court, one hundred eighty-five thousand six hundred ten dollars; (D)
325 the Chief Judge of the Appellate Court, one hundred eighty-three
326 thousand five hundred fifty-six dollars; (E) each judge of the Appellate
327 Court, one hundred seventy-four thousand three hundred twenty-three
328 dollars; (F) the Deputy Chief Court Administrator if a judge of the
329 Superior Court, one hundred seventy-one thousand one hundred forty-
330 three dollars; (G) each judge of the Superior Court, one hundred sixty-
331 seven thousand six hundred thirty-four dollars.

332 (3) On and after July 1, 2017, and prior to October 31, 2017, (A) the
333 Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, two hundred six thousand six
334 hundred seventeen dollars; (B) the Chief Court Administrator if a judge
335 of the Supreme Court, Appellate Court or Superior Court, one hundred
336 ninety-eight thousand five hundred forty-five dollars; (C) each associate
337 judge of the Supreme Court, one hundred ninety-one thousand one
338 hundred seventy-eight dollars; (D) the Chief Judge of the Appellate
339 Court, one hundred eighty-nine thousand sixty-three dollars; (E) each
340 judge of the Appellate Court, one hundred seventy-nine thousand five
341 hundred fifty-two dollars; (F) the Deputy Chief Court Administrator if
342 a judge of the Superior Court, one hundred seventy-six thousand two
343 hundred seventy-seven dollars; (G) each judge of the Superior Court,
344 one hundred seventy-two thousand six hundred sixty-three dollars.

345 (4) On and after October 31, 2017, (A) the Chief Justice of the Supreme
346 Court, two hundred thousand five hundred ninety-nine dollars; (B) the
347 Chief Court Administrator if a judge of the Supreme Court, Appellate
348 Court or Superior Court, one hundred ninety-two thousand seven
349 hundred sixty-three dollars; (C) each associate judge of the Supreme
350 Court, one hundred eighty-five thousand six hundred ten dollars; (D)
351 the Chief Judge of the Appellate Court, one hundred eighty-three
352 thousand five hundred fifty-six dollars; (E) each judge of the Appellate
353 Court, one hundred seventy-four thousand three hundred twenty-three
354 dollars; (F) the Deputy Chief Court Administrator if a judge of the

355 Superior Court, one hundred seventy-one thousand one hundred forty-
356 three dollars; (G) each judge of the Superior Court, one hundred sixty-
357 seven thousand six hundred thirty-four dollars.]

358 [(5)] (1) On and after July 1, 2019, (A) the Chief Justice of the Supreme
359 Court, two hundred six thousand six hundred seventeen dollars; (B) the
360 Chief Court Administrator if a judge of the Supreme Court, Appellate
361 Court or Superior Court, one hundred ninety-eight thousand five
362 hundred forty-five dollars; (C) each associate judge of the Supreme
363 Court, one hundred ninety-one thousand one hundred seventy-eight
364 dollars; (D) the Chief Judge of the Appellate Court, one hundred eighty-
365 nine thousand sixty-three dollars; (E) each judge of the Appellate Court,
366 one hundred seventy-nine thousand five hundred fifty-two dollars; (F)
367 the Deputy Chief Court Administrator if a judge of the Superior Court,
368 one hundred seventy-six thousand two hundred seventy-seven dollars;
369 (G) each judge of the Superior Court, one hundred seventy-two
370 thousand six hundred sixty-three dollars.

371 (2) On and after July 1, 2021, (A) the Chief Justice of the Supreme
372 Court, two hundred fifteen thousand nine hundred fifteen dollars; (B)
373 the Chief Court Administrator if a judge of the Supreme Court,
374 Appellate Court or Superior Court, two hundred seven thousand four
375 hundred eighty dollars; (C) each associate judge of the Supreme Court,
376 one hundred ninety-nine thousand seven hundred eighty-one dollars;
377 (D) the Chief Judge of the Appellate Court, one hundred ninety-seven
378 thousand five hundred seventy-one dollars; (E) each judge of the
379 Appellate Court, one hundred eighty-seven thousand six hundred
380 sixty-three dollars; (F) the Deputy Chief Court Administrator if a judge
381 of the Superior Court, one hundred eighty-four thousand two hundred
382 nine dollars; (G) each judge of the Superior Court, one hundred eighty
383 thousand four hundred sixty dollars.

384 [(b) (1) In addition to the salary such judge is entitled to receive under
385 subsection (a) of this section, on and after July 1, 2014, a judge
386 designated as the administrative judge of the appellate system shall

387 receive one thousand one hundred nine dollars in annual salary, each
388 Superior Court judge designated as the administrative judge of a
389 judicial district shall receive one thousand one hundred nine dollars in
390 annual salary and each Superior Court judge designated as the chief
391 administrative judge for facilities, administrative appeals, judicial
392 marshal service or judge trial referees or for the Family, Juvenile,
393 Criminal or Civil Division of the Superior Court shall receive one
394 thousand one hundred nine dollars in annual salary.

395 (2) In addition to the salary such judge is entitled to receive under
396 subsection (a) of this section, on and after July 1, 2015, a judge
397 designated as the administrative judge of the appellate system shall
398 receive one thousand one hundred forty-two dollars in additional
399 compensation, each Superior Court judge designated as the
400 administrative judge of a judicial district shall receive one thousand one
401 hundred forty-two dollars in additional compensation and each
402 Superior Court judge designated as the chief administrative judge for
403 facilities, administrative appeals, judicial marshal service or judge trial
404 referees or for the Family, Juvenile, Criminal or Civil Division of the
405 Superior Court shall receive one thousand one hundred forty-two
406 dollars in additional compensation.

407 (3) In addition to the salary such judge is entitled to receive under
408 subsection (a) of this section, on and after July 1, 2017, and prior to
409 October 31, 2017, a judge designated as the administrative judge of the
410 appellate system shall receive one thousand one hundred seventy-seven
411 dollars in additional compensation, each Superior Court judge
412 designated as the administrative judge of a judicial district shall receive
413 one thousand one hundred seventy-seven dollars in additional
414 compensation and each Superior Court judge designated as the chief
415 administrative judge for facilities, administrative appeals, judicial
416 marshal service or judge trial referees or for the Family, Juvenile,
417 Criminal or Civil Division of the Superior Court shall receive one
418 thousand one hundred seventy-seven dollars in additional
419 compensation.

420 (4) In addition to the salary such judge is entitled to receive under
421 subsection (a) of this section, on and after October 31, 2017, a judge
422 designated as the administrative judge of the appellate system shall
423 receive one thousand one hundred forty-two dollars in additional
424 compensation, each Superior Court judge designated as the
425 administrative judge of a judicial district shall receive one thousand one
426 hundred forty-two dollars in additional compensation and each
427 Superior Court judge designated as the chief administrative judge for
428 facilities, administrative appeals, judicial marshal service or judge trial
429 referees or for the Family, Juvenile, Criminal or Civil Division of the
430 Superior Court shall receive one thousand one hundred forty-two
431 dollars in additional compensation.]

432 [(5)] (b) (1) In addition to the salary such judge is entitled to receive
433 under subsection (a) of this section, on and after July 1, 2019, a judge
434 designated as the administrative judge of the appellate system shall
435 receive one thousand one hundred seventy-seven dollars in additional
436 compensation, each Superior Court judge designated as the
437 administrative judge of a judicial district shall receive one thousand one
438 hundred seventy-seven dollars in additional compensation and each
439 Superior Court judge designated as the chief administrative judge for
440 facilities, administrative appeals, judicial marshal service or judge trial
441 referees or for the Family, Juvenile, Criminal or Civil Division of the
442 Superior Court shall receive one thousand one hundred seventy-seven
443 dollars in additional compensation.

444 (2) In addition to the salary such judge is entitled to receive under
445 subsection (a) of this section, on and after July 1, 2021, a judge
446 designated as the administrative judge of the appellate system shall
447 receive one thousand two hundred thirty dollars in additional
448 compensation, each Superior Court judge designated as the
449 administrative judge of a judicial district shall receive one thousand two
450 hundred thirty dollars in additional compensation and each Superior
451 Court judge designated as the chief administrative judge for facilities,
452 administrative appeals, judicial marshal service or judge trial referees or

453 for the Family, Juvenile, Criminal or Civil Division of the Superior Court
454 shall receive one thousand two hundred thirty dollars in additional
455 compensation.

456 (c) Each such judge shall be an elector and a resident of this state,
457 shall be a member of the bar of the state of Connecticut and shall not
458 engage in private practice, nor on or after July 1, 1985, be a member of
459 any board of directors or of any advisory board of any state bank and
460 trust company, state bank or savings and loan association, national
461 banking association or federal savings bank or savings and loan
462 association. Nothing in this subsection shall preclude a senior judge
463 from participating in any alternative dispute resolution program
464 approved by STA-FED ADR, Inc.

465 (d) Each such judge, excluding any senior judge, who has completed
466 not less than ten years of service as a judge of either the Supreme Court,
467 the Appellate Court, or the Superior Court, or of any combination of
468 such courts, or of the Court of Common Pleas, the Juvenile Court or the
469 Circuit Court, or other state service or service as an elected officer of the
470 state, or any combination of such service, shall receive semiannual
471 longevity payments based on service as a judge of any or all of such six
472 courts, or other state service or service as an elected officer of the state,
473 or any combination of such service, completed as of the first day of July
474 and the first day of January of each year, as follows:

475 (1) A judge who has completed ten or more years but less than fifteen
476 years of service shall receive one-quarter of three per cent of the annual
477 salary payable under subsection (a) of this section.

478 (2) A judge who has completed fifteen or more years but less than
479 twenty years of service shall receive one-half of three per cent of the
480 annual salary payable under subsection (a) of this section.

481 (3) A judge who has completed twenty or more years but less than
482 twenty-five years of service shall receive three-quarters of three per cent
483 of the annual salary payable under subsection (a) of this section.

484 (4) A judge who has completed twenty-five or more years of service
485 shall receive three per cent of the annual salary payable under
486 subsection (a) of this section.

487 Sec. 12. Subsection (f) of section 52-434 of the general statutes is
488 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
489 *passage*):

490 (f) Each judge trial referee shall receive, for acting as a referee or as a
491 single auditor or committee of any court or for performing duties
492 assigned by the Chief Court Administrator with the approval of the
493 Chief Justice, for each day the judge trial referee is so engaged, in
494 addition to the retirement salary: (1) [(A) On and after July 1, 2014, the
495 sum of two hundred forty-four dollars, (B) on and after July 1, 2015, the
496 sum of two hundred fifty-one dollars, (C) on and after July 1, 2017, and
497 prior to October 31, 2017, the sum of two hundred fifty-nine dollars, (D)
498 on and after October 31, 2017, the sum of two hundred fifty-one dollars,
499 and (E) on] (A) On and after July 1, 2019, the sum of two hundred fifty-
500 nine dollars, and (B) on and after July 1, 2021, the sum of two hundred
501 seventy-one dollars; and (2) expenses, including mileage. Such amounts
502 shall be taxed by the court making the reference in the same manner as
503 other court expenses.

504 Sec. 13. Subsection (h) of section 46b-231 of the general statutes is
505 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
506 *passage*):

507 [(h) (1) On and after July 1, 2014, the Chief Family Support Magistrate
508 shall receive a salary of one hundred forty-one thousand six hundred
509 eighty-six dollars, and other family support magistrates shall receive an
510 annual salary of one hundred thirty-four thousand eight hundred forty-
511 eight dollars.

512 (2) On and after July 1, 2015, the Chief Family Support Magistrate
513 shall receive a salary of one hundred forty-five thousand nine hundred
514 thirty-six dollars, and other family support magistrates shall receive an

515 annual salary of one hundred thirty-eight thousand eight hundred
516 ninety-three dollars.

517 (3) On and after July 1, 2017, and prior to October 31, 2017, the Chief
518 Family Support Magistrate shall receive a salary of one hundred fifty
519 thousand three hundred fourteen dollars, and other family support
520 magistrates shall receive an annual salary of one hundred forty-three
521 thousand sixty dollars.

522 (4) On and after October 31, 2017, the Chief Family Support
523 Magistrate shall receive a salary of one hundred forty-five thousand
524 nine hundred thirty-six dollars, and other family support magistrates
525 shall receive an annual salary of one hundred thirty-eight thousand
526 eight hundred ninety-three dollars.]

527 [(5)] (h) (1) On and after July 1, 2019, the Chief Family Support
528 Magistrate shall receive a salary of one hundred fifty thousand three
529 hundred fourteen dollars, and other family support magistrates shall
530 receive an annual salary of one hundred forty-three thousand sixty
531 dollars.

532 (2) On and after July 1, 2021, the Chief Family Support Magistrate
533 shall receive a salary of one hundred fifty-seven thousand seventy-eight
534 dollars, and other family support magistrates shall receive an annual
535 salary of one hundred forty-nine thousand four hundred ninety-eight
536 dollars.

537 Sec. 14. Subsection (b) of section 46b-236 of the general statutes is
538 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
539 *passage*):

540 [(b) (1) On and after July 1, 2014, each family support referee shall
541 receive, for acting as a family support referee, in addition to the
542 retirement salary, the sum of two hundred eleven dollars and expenses,
543 including mileage, for each day a family support referee is so engaged.

544 (2) On and after July 1, 2015, each family support referee shall receive,
545 for acting as a family support referee, in addition to the retirement
546 salary, the sum of two hundred seventeen dollars and expenses,
547 including mileage, for each day a family support referee is so engaged.

548 (3) On and after July 1, 2017, and prior to October 31, 2017, each
549 family support referee shall receive, for acting as a family support
550 referee, in addition to the retirement salary, the sum of two hundred
551 twenty-three dollars and expenses, including mileage, for each day a
552 family support referee is so engaged.

553 (4) On and after October 31, 2017, each family support referee shall
554 receive, for acting as a family support referee, in addition to the
555 retirement salary, the sum of two hundred seventeen dollars and
556 expenses, including mileage, for each day a family support referee is so
557 engaged.]

558 [(5)] (b) (1) On and after July 1, 2019, each family support referee shall
559 receive, for acting as a family support referee, in addition to the
560 retirement salary, the sum of two hundred twenty-three dollars and
561 expenses, including mileage, for each day a family support referee is so
562 engaged.

563 (2) On and after July 1, 2021, each family support referee shall receive,
564 for acting as a family support referee, in addition to the retirement
565 salary, the sum of two hundred thirty-three dollars and expenses,
566 including mileage, for each day a family support referee is so engaged.

567 Sec. 15. Subsection (b) of section 19a-754a of the general statutes is
568 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
569 *passage*):

570 (b) The Office of Health Strategy shall be responsible for the
571 following:

572 (1) Developing and implementing a comprehensive and cohesive

573 health care vision for the state, including, but not limited to, a
574 coordinated state health care cost containment strategy;

575 (2) Promoting effective health planning and the provision of quality
576 health care in the state in a manner that ensures access for all state
577 residents to cost-effective health care services, avoids the duplication of
578 such services and improves the availability and financial stability of
579 such services throughout the state;

580 (3) Directing and overseeing the State Innovation Model Initiative
581 and related successor initiatives;

582 (4) (A) Coordinating the state's health information technology
583 initiatives, (B) seeking funding for and overseeing the planning,
584 implementation and development of policies and procedures for the
585 administration of the all-payer claims database program established
586 under section 19a-775a, (C) establishing and maintaining a consumer
587 health information Internet web site under section 19a-755b, and (D)
588 designating an unclassified individual from the office to perform the
589 duties of a health information technology officer as set forth in sections
590 17b-59f and 17b-59g;

591 (5) Directing and overseeing the Health Systems Planning Unit
592 established under section 19a-612 and all of its duties and
593 responsibilities as set forth in chapter 368z; [and]

594 (6) Convening forums and meetings with state government and
595 external stakeholders, including, but not limited to, the Connecticut
596 Health Insurance Exchange, to discuss health care issues designed to
597 develop effective health care cost and quality strategies; and

598 (7) (A) Administering the Covered Connecticut program established
599 under section 16 of this act in consultation with the Commissioner of
600 Social Services, Insurance Commissioner and Connecticut Health
601 Insurance Exchange, and (B) consulting with the Commissioner of
602 Social Services and Insurance Commissioner for the purposes set forth

603 in section 17 of this act.

604 Sec. 16. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) For the purposes of this
605 section:

606 (1) "Affordable Care Act" has the same meaning as provided in
607 section 38a-1080 of the general statutes;

608 (2) "Covered Connecticut program" means the program established
609 under subsection (b) of this section;

610 (3) "Exchange" has the same meaning as provided in section 38a-1080
611 of the general statutes;

612 (4) "Health carrier" has the same meaning as provided in section 38a-
613 1080 of the general statutes;

614 (5) "Individual market" has the same meaning as provided in 42 USC
615 18024(a), as amended from time to time;

616 (6) "Office of Health Strategy" means the Office of Health Strategy
617 established under section 19a-754a of the general statutes; and

618 (7) "Silver level" has the same meaning as provided in 42 USC
619 18022(d), as amended from time to time.

620 (b) There is established within the Office of Health Strategy the
621 Covered Connecticut program for the purpose of reducing the state's
622 uninsured rate. The Office of Health Strategy shall administer said
623 program in consultation with the Commissioner of Social Services,
624 Insurance Commissioner and exchange, and, as part of said program,
625 the Office of Health Strategy shall:

626 (1) Provide premium and cost-sharing subsidies that are sufficient to
627 ensure fully subsidized coverage:

628 (A) On and after July 1, 2021, for parents and needy caretaker
629 relatives, and their tax dependents not older than twenty-six years of

630 age, who (i) are eligible for premium and cost-sharing subsidies for a
631 qualified health plan, (ii) are ineligible for Medicaid because their
632 income exceeds the Medicaid income limits under chapter 319v of the
633 general statutes, (iii) have household income up to one hundred
634 seventy-five per cent of the federal poverty level, and (iv) are receiving
635 coverage under the benchmark qualified health plan offered through
636 the exchange in the individual market at a silver level of coverage; and

637 (B) On and after July 1, 2022, for all parents, needy caretaker relatives
638 and nonpregnant low-income adults who (i) are between eighteen and
639 sixty-four years of age, (ii) are eligible for premium and cost-sharing
640 subsidies for a qualified health plan, (iii) are ineligible for Medicaid
641 because their income exceeds the Medicaid income limits under chapter
642 319v of the general statutes, (iv) have household income up to one
643 hundred seventy-five per cent of the federal poverty level, and (v) are
644 receiving coverage under the benchmark qualified health plan offered
645 through the exchange in the individual market at a silver level of
646 coverage;

647 (2) Not earlier than July 1, 2022, provide dental and nonemergency
648 medical transportation services, as provided under chapter 319v of the
649 general statutes, to all parents, needy caretaker relatives and
650 nonpregnant low-income adults who (A) are between eighteen and
651 sixty-four years of age, (B) are eligible for premium and cost-sharing
652 subsidies for a qualified health plan, (C) are ineligible for Medicaid
653 because their income exceeds the Medicaid income limits under chapter
654 319v of the general statutes, (D) have household income up to one
655 hundred seventy-five per cent of the federal poverty level, and (E) are
656 receiving coverage under the benchmark qualified health plan offered
657 through the exchange in the individual market at a silver level of
658 coverage;

659 (3) Establish procedures to, on a quarterly basis, pay in
660 reimbursement to each health carrier offering the qualified health plan
661 described in subparagraph (A) or (B) of subdivision (1) of this

662 subsection, as applicable, the premium and cost-sharing subsidies
663 required under subdivision (1) of this subsection to ensure fully
664 subsidized coverage; and

665 (4) Consult with the Commissioner of Social Services and Insurance
666 Commissioner for the purposes set forth in section 17 of this act.

667 (c) (1) The Office of Health Strategy may, subject to the approval
668 required under subdivision (3) of this subsection, seek a waiver
669 pursuant to Section 1332 of the Affordable Care Act, as amended from
670 time to time, to advance the purpose of the Covered Connecticut
671 program. The Office of Health Strategy shall implement such waiver if
672 the federal government issues such waiver.

673 (2) The Office of Health Strategy shall submit a report, in accordance
674 with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing
675 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
676 relating to appropriations, human services and insurance containing
677 any proposed waiver described in subdivision (1) of this subsection
678 before seeking such waiver from the federal government.

679 (3) Not later than thirty days after the Office of Health Strategy
680 submits a report under subdivision (2) of this subsection, the joint
681 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
682 matters relating to appropriations, human services and insurance shall
683 convene a joint public hearing on the proposed waiver contained in the
684 report submitted pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection,
685 separately vote to approve or reject such proposed waiver and advise
686 the Office of Health Strategy of their approval or rejection of such
687 proposed waiver. If any committee takes no action on such proposed
688 waiver within the thirty-day period, the proposed waiver shall be
689 deemed rejected.

690 (d) The benefits and subsidies provided for individuals as part of the
691 Covered Connecticut program shall not be considered income for such
692 individuals for the purposes of chapter 229 of the general statutes.

693 (e) Not later than January 1, 2022, and every six months thereafter,
694 the Office of Health Strategy shall submit a report, in accordance with
695 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of
696 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
697 appropriations, human services and insurance. Such report shall contain
698 a description of the operations and finances of, and progress made by,
699 the Covered Connecticut program for the immediately preceding six-
700 month period.

701 Sec. 17. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Social
702 Services shall seek, in accordance with the provisions of section 17b-8 of
703 the general statutes and in consultation with the Insurance
704 Commissioner and the Office of Health Strategy established under
705 section 19a-754a of the general statutes, a waiver under Section 1115 of
706 the Social Security Act, as amended from time to time, to seek federal
707 funds to support the Covered Connecticut program established under
708 section 16 of this act. Upon approval by the Centers for Medicare and
709 Medicaid Services, the Commissioner of Social Services shall implement
710 the waiver.

711 Sec. 18. Section 17b-8 of the general statutes is repealed and the
712 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

713 (a) The Commissioner of Social Services shall submit an application
714 for a federal waiver or renewal of such waiver of any assistance program
715 requirements, except such application pertaining to routine operational
716 issues, and any proposed amendment to the Medicaid state plan to
717 make a change in program requirements that would have required a
718 waiver were it not for the passage of the Patient Protection and
719 Affordable Care Act, P.L. 111-148, and the Health Care and Education
720 Reconciliation Act of 2010, P.L. 111-152 to the joint standing committees
721 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
722 human services and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies,
723 and, for the waiver application required under section 17 of this act, the
724 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of

725 matters relating to insurance, prior to the submission of such application
726 or proposed amendment to the federal government. Not later than thirty
727 days after the date of their receipt of such application or proposed
728 amendment, the joint standing committees shall: (1) Hold a public
729 hearing on the waiver application, or (2) in the case of a proposed
730 amendment to the Medicaid state plan, notify the Commissioner of
731 Social Services whether or not said joint standing committees intend to
732 hold a public hearing. Any notice to the commissioner indicating that
733 the joint standing committees intend to hold a public hearing on a
734 proposed amendment to the Medicaid state plan shall state the date on
735 which the joint standing committees intend to hold such public hearing,
736 which shall not be later than sixty days after the joint standing
737 committees' receipt of the proposed amendment. At the conclusion of a
738 public hearing held in accordance with the provisions of this section, the
739 joint standing committees shall advise the commissioner of their
740 approval, denial or modifications, if any, of the commissioner's waiver
741 application or proposed amendment. If the joint standing committees
742 advise the commissioner of their denial of the commissioner's waiver
743 application or proposed amendment, the commissioner shall not submit
744 the application for a federal waiver or proposed amendment to the
745 federal government. If such committees do not concur, the committee
746 chairpersons shall appoint a committee of conference which shall be
747 composed of three members from each joint standing committee. At
748 least one member appointed from each joint standing committee shall
749 be a member of the minority party. The report of the committee of
750 conference shall be made to each joint standing committee, which shall
751 vote to accept or reject the report. The report of the committee of
752 conference may not be amended. If a joint standing committee rejects
753 the report of the committee of conference, that joint standing committee
754 shall notify the commissioner of the rejection and the commissioner's
755 waiver application or proposed amendment shall be deemed approved.
756 If the joint standing committees accept the report, the committee having
757 cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state
758 agencies shall advise the commissioner of their approval, denial or

759 modifications, if any, of the commissioner's waiver application or
760 proposed amendment. If the joint standing committees do not so advise
761 the commissioner during the thirty-day period, the waiver application
762 or proposed amendment shall be deemed approved. Any application
763 for a federal waiver, waiver renewal or proposed amendment submitted
764 to the federal government by the commissioner, pursuant to this section,
765 shall be in accordance with the approval or modifications, if any, of the
766 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance
767 of matters relating to human services and appropriations and the
768 budgets of state agencies, and, for the waiver application required under
769 section 17 of this act, the joint standing committee of the General
770 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to insurance.

771 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services shall annually, not later than
772 December fifteenth, notify the joint standing committee of the General
773 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and
774 the budgets of state agencies and the joint standing committee of the
775 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human
776 services of potential Medicaid waivers and amendments to the
777 Medicaid state plan that may result in a cost savings for the state. The
778 commissioner shall notify the committees of the possibility of any
779 Medicaid waiver application or proposed amendment to the Medicaid
780 state plan that the commissioner is considering in developing a budget
781 for the next fiscal year before the commissioner submits such budget for
782 legislative approval.

783 (c) Thirty days prior to submission of an application for a waiver from
784 federal law, renewal of such waiver or proposed amendment to the joint
785 standing committees of the General Assembly under subsection (a) of
786 this section, the Commissioner of Social Services shall publish a notice
787 that the commissioner intends to seek such a waiver or waiver renewal,
788 or submit a proposed amendment to the federal government in the
789 Connecticut Law Journal and on the Department of Social Services'
790 Internet web site, along with a summary of the provisions of the waiver
791 application or the proposed amendment and the manner in which

792 individuals may submit comments. The commissioner shall allow thirty
793 days for written comments on the waiver application or proposed
794 amendment prior to submission of the application for a waiver, waiver
795 renewal or proposed amendment to the General Assembly under
796 subsection (a) of this section and shall include all written comments with
797 the waiver, waiver renewal application or proposed amendment in the
798 submission to the General Assembly.

799 (d) The commissioner shall include with any waiver application or
800 proposed amendment submitted to the federal government pursuant to
801 this section: (1) Any written comments received pursuant to subsection
802 (c) of this section; and (2) a complete transcript of the joint standing
803 committee proceedings held pursuant to subsection (a) of this section,
804 including any additional written comments submitted to the joint
805 standing committees at such proceedings. The joint standing
806 committees shall transmit any such materials to the commissioner for
807 inclusion with any such waiver application or proposed amendment.

808 Sec. 19. Section 38a-1084 of the general statutes is repealed and the
809 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

810 The exchange shall:

811 (1) Administer the exchange for both qualified individuals and
812 qualified employers;

813 (2) Commission surveys of individuals, small employers and health
814 care providers on issues related to health care and health care coverage;

815 (3) Implement procedures for the certification, recertification and
816 decertification, consistent with guidelines developed by the Secretary
817 under Section 1311(c) of the Affordable Care Act, and section 38a-1086,
818 of health benefit plans as qualified health plans;

819 (4) Provide for the operation of a toll-free telephone hotline to
820 respond to requests for assistance;

821 (5) Provide for enrollment periods, as provided under Section
822 1311(c)(6) of the Affordable Care Act;

823 (6) Maintain an Internet web site through which enrollees and
824 prospective enrollees of qualified health plans may obtain standardized
825 comparative information on such plans including, but not limited to, the
826 enrollee satisfaction survey information under Section 1311(c)(4) of the
827 Affordable Care Act and any other information or tools to assist
828 enrollees and prospective enrollees evaluate qualified health plans
829 offered through the exchange;

830 (7) Publish the average costs of licensing, regulatory fees and any
831 other payments required by the exchange and the administrative costs
832 of the exchange, including information on moneys lost to waste, fraud
833 and abuse, on an Internet web site to educate individuals on such costs;

834 (8) On or before the open enrollment period for plan year 2017, assign
835 a rating to each qualified health plan offered through the exchange in
836 accordance with the criteria developed by the Secretary under Section
837 1311(c)(3) of the Affordable Care Act, and determine each qualified
838 health plan's level of coverage in accordance with regulations issued by
839 the Secretary under Section 1302(d)(2)(A) of the Affordable Care Act;

840 (9) Use a standardized format for presenting health benefit options in
841 the exchange, including the use of the uniform outline of coverage
842 established under Section 2715 of the Public Health Service Act, 42 USC
843 300gg-15, as amended from time to time;

844 (10) Inform individuals, in accordance with Section 1413 of the
845 Affordable Care Act, of eligibility requirements for the Medicaid
846 program under Title XIX of the Social Security Act, as amended from
847 time to time, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) under
848 Title XXI of the Social Security Act, as amended from time to time, or
849 any applicable state or local public program, and enroll an individual in
850 such program if the exchange determines, through screening of the
851 application by the exchange, that such individual is eligible for any such

852 program;

853 (11) Collaborate with the Department of Social Services, to the extent
854 possible, to allow an enrollee who loses premium tax credit eligibility
855 under Section 36B of the Internal Revenue Code and is eligible for
856 HUSKY A or any other state or local public program, to remain enrolled
857 in a qualified health plan;

858 (12) Establish and make available by electronic means a calculator to
859 determine the actual cost of coverage after application of any premium
860 tax credit under Section 36B of the Internal Revenue Code and any cost-
861 sharing reduction under Section 1402 of the Affordable Care Act;

862 (13) Establish a program for small employers through which
863 qualified employers may access coverage for their employees and that
864 shall enable any qualified employer to specify a level of coverage so that
865 any of its employees may enroll in any qualified health plan offered
866 through the exchange at the specified level of coverage;

867 (14) Offer enrollees and small employers the option of having the
868 exchange collect and administer premiums, including through
869 allocation of premiums among the various insurers and qualified health
870 plans chosen by individual employers;

871 (15) Grant a certification, subject to Section 1411 of the Affordable
872 Care Act, attesting that, for purposes of the individual responsibility
873 penalty under Section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code, an
874 individual is exempt from the individual responsibility requirement or
875 from the penalty imposed by said Section 5000A because:

876 (A) There is no affordable qualified health plan available through the
877 exchange, or the individual's employer, covering the individual; or

878 (B) The individual meets the requirements for any other such
879 exemption from the individual responsibility requirement or penalty;

880 (16) Provide to the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States the

881 following:

882 (A) A list of the individuals granted a certification under subdivision
883 (15) of this section, including the name and taxpayer identification
884 number of each individual;

885 (B) The name and taxpayer identification number of each individual
886 who was an employee of an employer but who was determined to be
887 eligible for the premium tax credit under Section 36B of the Internal
888 Revenue Code because:

889 (i) The employer did not provide minimum essential health benefits
890 coverage; or

891 (ii) The employer provided the minimum essential coverage but it
892 was determined under Section 36B(c)(2)(C) of the Internal Revenue
893 Code to be unaffordable to the employee or not provide the required
894 minimum actuarial value; and

895 (C) The name and taxpayer identification number of:

896 (i) Each individual who notifies the exchange under Section
897 1411(b)(4) of the Affordable Care Act that such individual has changed
898 employers; and

899 (ii) Each individual who ceases coverage under a qualified health
900 plan during a plan year and the effective date of that cessation;

901 (17) Provide to each employer the name of each employee, as
902 described in subparagraph (B) of subdivision (16) of this section, of the
903 employer who ceases coverage under a qualified health plan during a
904 plan year and the effective date of the cessation;

905 (18) Perform duties required of, or delegated to, the exchange by the
906 Secretary or the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States related to
907 determining eligibility for premium tax credits, reduced cost-sharing or
908 individual responsibility requirement exemptions;

909 (19) Select entities qualified to serve as Navigators in accordance with
910 Section 1311(i) of the Affordable Care Act and award grants to enable
911 Navigators to:

912 (A) Conduct public education activities to raise awareness of the
913 availability of qualified health plans;

914 (B) Distribute fair and impartial information concerning enrollment
915 in qualified health plans and the availability of premium tax credits
916 under Section 36B of the Internal Revenue Code and cost-sharing
917 reductions under Section 1402 of the Affordable Care Act;

918 (C) Facilitate enrollment in qualified health plans;

919 (D) Provide referrals to the Office of the Healthcare Advocate or
920 health insurance ombudsman established under Section 2793 of the
921 Public Health Service Act, 42 USC 300gg-93, as amended from time to
922 time, or any other appropriate state agency or agencies, for any enrollee
923 with a grievance, complaint or question regarding the enrollee's health
924 benefit plan, coverage or a determination under that plan or coverage;
925 and

926 (E) Provide information in a manner that is culturally and
927 linguistically appropriate to the needs of the population being served by
928 the exchange;

929 (20) Review the rate of premium growth within and outside the
930 exchange and consider such information in developing
931 recommendations on whether to continue limiting qualified employer
932 status to small employers;

933 (21) Credit the amount, in accordance with Section 10108 of the
934 Affordable Care Act, of any free choice voucher to the monthly
935 premium of the plan in which a qualified employee is enrolled and
936 collect the amount credited from the offering employer;

937 (22) Consult with stakeholders relevant to carrying out the activities

938 required under sections 38a-1080 to 38a-1090, inclusive, including, but
939 not limited to:

940 (A) Individuals who are knowledgeable about the health care system,
941 have background or experience in making informed decisions regarding
942 health, medical and scientific matters and are enrollees in qualified
943 health plans;

944 (B) Individuals and entities with experience in facilitating enrollment
945 in qualified health plans;

946 (C) Representatives of small employers and self-employed
947 individuals;

948 (D) The Department of Social Services; and

949 (E) Advocates for enrolling hard-to-reach populations;

950 (23) Meet the following financial integrity requirements:

951 (A) Keep an accurate accounting of all activities, receipts and
952 expenditures and annually submit to the Secretary, the Governor, the
953 Insurance Commissioner and the General Assembly a report concerning
954 such accountings;

955 (B) Fully cooperate with any investigation conducted by the Secretary
956 pursuant to the Secretary's authority under the Affordable Care Act and
957 allow the Secretary, in coordination with the Inspector General of the
958 United States Department of Health and Human Services, to:

959 (i) Investigate the affairs of the exchange;

960 (ii) Examine the properties and records of the exchange; and

961 (iii) Require periodic reports in relation to the activities undertaken
962 by the exchange; and

963 (C) Not use any funds in carrying out its activities under sections 38a-

964 1080 to 38a-1089, inclusive, that are intended for the administrative and
965 operational expenses of the exchange, for staff retreats, promotional
966 giveaways, excessive executive compensation or promotion of federal
967 or state legislative and regulatory modifications;

968 (24) (A) Seek to include the most comprehensive health benefit plans
969 that offer high quality benefits at the most affordable price in the
970 exchange, (B) encourage health carriers to offer tiered health care
971 provider network plans that have different cost-sharing rates for
972 different health care provider tiers and reward enrollees for choosing
973 low-cost, high-quality health care providers by offering lower
974 copayments, deductibles or other out-of-pocket expenses, and (C) offer
975 any such tiered health care provider network plans through the
976 exchange; [and]

977 (25) Report at least annually to the General Assembly on the effect of
978 adverse selection on the operations of the exchange and make legislative
979 recommendations, if necessary, to reduce the negative impact from any
980 such adverse selection on the sustainability of the exchange, including
981 recommendations to ensure that regulation of insurers and health
982 benefit plans are similar for qualified health plans offered through the
983 exchange and health benefit plans offered outside the exchange. The
984 exchange shall evaluate whether adverse selection is occurring with
985 respect to health benefit plans that are grandfathered under the
986 Affordable Care Act, self-insured plans, plans sold through the
987 exchange and plans sold outside the exchange; [.] and

988 (26) Consult with the Commissioner of Social Services, Insurance
989 Commissioner and Office of Health Strategy, established under section
990 19a-754a for the purposes set forth in section 16 of this act.

991 Sec. 20. Subsection (a) of section 19a-202 of the general statutes is
992 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
993 *2021*):

994 (a) Upon application to the Department of Public Health any

995 municipal health department shall annually receive from the state an
996 amount equal to one dollar and [eighteen] ninety-three cents per capita,
997 provided such municipality (1) employs a full-time director of health,
998 except that if a vacancy exists in the office of director of health or the
999 office is filled by an acting director for more than three months, such
1000 municipality shall not be eligible for funding unless the Commissioner
1001 of Public Health waives this requirement; (2) submits a public health
1002 program and budget which is approved by the Commissioner of Public
1003 Health; (3) appropriates not less than one dollar per capita, from the
1004 annual tax receipts, for health department services; (4) has a population
1005 of fifty thousand or more; and (5) meets the requirements of section 19a-
1006 207a, within available appropriations. Such municipal department of
1007 health may use additional funds, which the Department of Public
1008 Health may secure from federal agencies or any other source and which
1009 it may allot to such municipal department of health. The money so
1010 received shall be disbursed upon warrants approved by the chief
1011 executive officer of such municipality. The Comptroller shall annually
1012 in July and upon a voucher of the Commissioner of Public Health, draw
1013 the Comptroller's order on the State Treasurer in favor of such
1014 municipal department of health for the amount due in accordance with
1015 the provisions of this section and under rules prescribed by the
1016 commissioner. Any moneys remaining unexpended at the end of a fiscal
1017 year shall be included in the budget of such municipal department of
1018 health for the ensuing year. This aid shall be rendered from
1019 appropriations made from time to time by the General Assembly to the
1020 Department of Public Health for this purpose.

1021 Sec. 21. Subsection (a) of section 19a-245 of the general statutes is
1022 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
1023 *2021*):

1024 (a) Upon application to the Department of Public Health, each health
1025 district that has a total population of fifty thousand or more, or serves
1026 three or more municipalities irrespective of the combined total
1027 population of such municipalities, shall annually receive from the state

1028 an amount equal to [one dollar and eighty-five] two dollars and sixty
1029 cents per capita for each town, city and borough of such district,
1030 provided (1) the Commissioner of Public Health approves the public
1031 health program and budget of such health district, (2) the towns, cities
1032 and boroughs of such district appropriate for the maintenance of the
1033 health district not less than one dollar per capita from the annual tax
1034 receipts, and (3) the health district meets the requirements of section
1035 19a-207a, within available appropriations. Such district departments of
1036 health are authorized to use additional funds, which the Department of
1037 Public Health may secure from federal agencies or any other source and
1038 which it may allot to such district departments of health. The district
1039 treasurer shall disburse the money so received upon warrants approved
1040 by a majority of the board and signed by its chairman and secretary. The
1041 Comptroller shall quarterly, in July, October, January and April, upon
1042 such application and upon the voucher of the Commissioner of Public
1043 Health, draw the Comptroller's order on the State Treasurer in favor of
1044 such district department of health for the amount due in accordance
1045 with the provisions of this section and under rules prescribed by the
1046 commissioner. Any moneys remaining unexpended at the end of a fiscal
1047 year shall be included in the budget of the district for the ensuing year.
1048 This aid shall be rendered from appropriations made from time to time
1049 by the General Assembly to the Department of Public Health for this
1050 purpose.

1051 Sec. 22. Section 1-139a of the general statutes is repealed and the
1052 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

1053 The financial assets of the [Connecticut Institute for Municipal
1054 Studies] Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy at Central
1055 Connecticut State University are transferred to [the Connecticut State
1056 University System] The University of Connecticut for the purposes of
1057 the Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy at [Central Connecticut
1058 State University] The University of Connecticut. The records, files,
1059 intellectual property rights and copyright rights of the [Connecticut
1060 Institute for Municipal Studies] Institute for Municipal and Regional

1061 Policy at Central Connecticut State University are transferred to the
1062 Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy at [Central Connecticut State
1063 University] The University of Connecticut.

1064 Sec. 23. Subdivision (6) of subsection (b) of section 2-111 of the general
1065 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
1066 (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

1067 (6) The director of the Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy at
1068 [Central Connecticut State University] The University of Connecticut;

1069 Sec. 24. Subsections (b) to (d), inclusive, of section 4-68s of the general
1070 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
1071 (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

1072 (b) Each program inventory required by subsection (a) of this section
1073 shall be submitted in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a to
1074 the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, the joint standing
1075 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
1076 relating to children, human services, appropriations and the budgets of
1077 state agencies and finance, revenue and bonding, the Office of Fiscal
1078 Analysis, and the Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy at [Central
1079 Connecticut State University] The University of Connecticut.

1080 (c) Not later than November 1, 2018, and annually thereafter by
1081 November first, the Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy at
1082 [Central Connecticut State University] The University of Connecticut
1083 shall submit a report containing a cost-benefit analysis of the programs
1084 inventoried in subsection (a) of this section to the Secretary of the Office
1085 of Policy and Management, the joint standing committees of the General
1086 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children,
1087 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies and finance, revenue
1088 and bonding, and the Office of Fiscal Analysis, in accordance with the
1089 provisions of section 11-4a.

1090 (d) The Office of Policy and Management and the Office of Fiscal

1091 Analysis may include the cost-benefit analysis provided by the Institute
1092 for Municipal and Regional Policy at The University of Connecticut
1093 under subsection (c) of this section in their reports submitted to the joint
1094 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
1095 matters relating to children, appropriations and the budgets of state
1096 agencies and finance, revenue and bonding on or before November
1097 fifteenth annually, pursuant to subsection (b) of section 2-36b.

1098 Sec. 25. Subsection (a) of section 7-608 of the general statutes is
1099 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
1100 *1, 2021*):

1101 (a) There is established a Neighborhood Revitalization Zone
1102 Advisory Board. The board shall consist of the following voting
1103 members: (1) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management; (2)
1104 the [president] director of the Institute for Municipal and Regional
1105 Policy at [Central Connecticut State University] The University of
1106 Connecticut; (3) the president of the Connecticut State Colleges and
1107 Universities; (4) the heads of those state agencies deemed appropriate
1108 by the secretary; (5) the chief executive officer of a municipality in which
1109 a neighborhood revitalization zone planning committee, pursuant to
1110 this chapter, was established on or before July 1, 1998; and (6) one
1111 member of each such neighborhood revitalization zone planning
1112 committee appointed by the chief executive officer based upon
1113 recommendations submitted to him by such committee. In a
1114 municipality having more than one neighborhood revitalization zone
1115 planning committee, each committee shall submit its recommendations
1116 to the chief executive officer and he shall choose the board member to
1117 be appointed from such recommendations. Each member of the board
1118 may designate a person to represent him on said board. The
1119 membership of the board shall be increased on September 1, 1999, and
1120 annually thereafter, to reflect the addition of a municipal chief executive
1121 officer and a member of a neighborhood revitalization zone planning
1122 committee having been established in the preceding twelve months, in
1123 a municipality not previously represented on said board. The members

1124 of the board shall serve without compensation.

1125 Sec. 26. Subdivision (9) of subsection (b) of section 54-1s of the general
1126 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
1127 (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

1128 (9) The director of the Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy at
1129 [Central Connecticut State University] The University of Connecticut, or
1130 a designee; and

1131 Sec. 27. Subsection (b) of section 54-142f of the general statutes is
1132 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
1133 *1, 2021*):

1134 (b) The council shall consist of the following members: (1) The House
1135 chairperson of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
1136 having cognizance of matters relating to labor and public employees or
1137 the chairperson's designee, who shall be a member of the General
1138 Assembly; (2) the Senate chairperson of the joint standing committee of
1139 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor
1140 and public employees or the chairperson's designee, who shall be a
1141 member of the General Assembly; (3) the House and Senate ranking
1142 members or their designees, who shall be members of the General
1143 Assembly; (4) the undersecretary of the Office of Policy and
1144 Management Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division, or the
1145 undersecretary's designee; (5) the Commissioner of Correction, or the
1146 commissioner's designee; (6) The Labor Commissioner, or the
1147 commissioner's designee; (7) the Commissioner of Consumer
1148 Protection, or the commissioner's designee; (8) the executive director of
1149 the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities, or
1150 the executive director's designee; (9) the executive director of the
1151 Commission on Women, Children, Seniors, Equity and Opportunity, or
1152 the executive director's designee; (10) a justice-impacted person, to be
1153 appointed by the House chairperson of the joint standing committee of
1154 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor

1155 and public employees; (11) a representative from the American Civil
1156 Liberties Union of Connecticut, to be appointed by the Senate
1157 chairperson of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
1158 having cognizance of matters relating to labor and public employees;
1159 (12) a representative from the Connecticut Coalition for Achievement
1160 Now, to be appointed by the House chairperson of the joint standing
1161 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
1162 relating to labor and public employees; (13) a representative from the
1163 Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness, to be appointed by the
1164 Senate chairperson of the joint standing committee of the General
1165 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor and public
1166 employees; (14) a representative from the Institute for Municipal and
1167 Regional Policy at The University of Connecticut, to be appointed by the
1168 House chairperson of the joint standing committee of the General
1169 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor and public
1170 employees; (15) a representative from the Katal Center for Health,
1171 Equity, and Justice, to be appointed by the Senate chairperson of the
1172 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
1173 matters relating to labor and public employees; (16) a representative
1174 from the National Council for Incarcerated and Formerly Incarcerated
1175 Women and Girls, to be appointed by the House chairperson of the joint
1176 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
1177 matters relating to labor and public employees; (17) a representative
1178 from the New Haven Legal Assistance Association Reentry Clinic, to be
1179 appointed by the Senate chairperson of the joint standing committee of
1180 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor
1181 and public employees; (18) a representative from the Service Employees'
1182 International Union, Local 32BJ, to be appointed by the House
1183 chairperson of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
1184 having cognizance of matters relating to labor and public employees;
1185 and (19) a representative from Voices of Women of Color, to be
1186 appointed by the Senate chairperson of the joint standing committee of
1187 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor
1188 and public employees.

1189 Sec. 28. Section 19a-7d of the general statutes is repealed and the
1190 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1191 (a) [The] Not later than January 1, 2022, the Commissioner of Public
1192 Health [may] shall establish, within available [appropriations]
1193 resources, a program to provide three-year grants to community-based
1194 providers of primary care services in order to expand access to health
1195 care for the uninsured. The grants may be awarded to community-based
1196 providers of primary care for (1) funding for direct services, (2)
1197 recruitment and retention of primary care clinicians and registered
1198 nurses through subsidizing of salaries or through a loan repayment
1199 program, and (3) capital expenditures. The community-based providers
1200 of primary care under the direct service program shall provide, or
1201 arrange access to, primary and preventive services, referrals to specialty
1202 services, including rehabilitative and mental health services, inpatient
1203 care, prescription drugs, basic diagnostic laboratory services, health
1204 education and outreach to alert people to the availability of services.
1205 Primary care clinicians and registered nurses participating in the state
1206 loan repayment program or receiving subsidies shall provide services
1207 to the uninsured based on a sliding fee schedule, provide free care if
1208 necessary, accept Medicare assignment and participate as Medicaid
1209 providers, or provide nursing services in school-based health centers
1210 and expanded school health sites, as such terms are defined in section
1211 19a-6r. The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with
1212 the provisions of chapter 54, to establish eligibility criteria, services to
1213 be provided by participants, the sliding fee schedule, reporting
1214 requirements and the loan repayment program. For the purposes of this
1215 section, "primary care clinicians" includes family practice physicians,
1216 general practice osteopaths, obstetricians and gynecologists, internal
1217 medicine physicians, pediatricians, dentists, certified nurse midwives,
1218 advanced practice registered nurses, physician assistants and dental
1219 hygienists.

1220 (b) Funds appropriated for the state loan repayment program shall
1221 not lapse until fifteen months following the end of the fiscal year for

1222 which such funds were appropriated.

1223 Sec. 29. Subsection (a) of section 19a-490 of the general statutes is
1224 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
1225 *1, 2022*):

1226 (a) "Institution" means a hospital, short-term hospital special hospice,
1227 hospice inpatient facility, residential care home, nursing home facility,
1228 home health care agency, home health aide agency, behavioral health
1229 facility, assisted living services agency, substance abuse treatment
1230 facility, outpatient surgical facility, outpatient clinic, an infirmary
1231 operated by an educational institution for the care of students enrolled
1232 in, and faculty and employees of, such institution; a facility engaged in
1233 providing services for the prevention, diagnosis, treatment or care of
1234 human health conditions, including facilities operated and maintained
1235 by any state agency; and a residential facility for persons with
1236 intellectual disability licensed pursuant to section 17a-227 and certified
1237 to participate in the Title XIX Medicaid program as an intermediate care
1238 facility for individuals with intellectual disability. "Institution" does not
1239 include any facility for the care and treatment of persons with mental
1240 illness or substance use disorder operated or maintained by any state
1241 agency, except Whiting Forensic Hospital and the hospital and
1242 psychiatric residential treatment facility units of the Albert J. Solnit
1243 Children's Center;

1244 Sec. 30. Section 19a-490 of the general statutes is amended by adding
1245 subsection (q) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

1246 (NEW) (q) "Psychiatric residential treatment facility" means a
1247 nonhospital facility with a provider agreement with the Department of
1248 Social Services to provide inpatient services to Medicaid-eligible
1249 individuals under the age of twenty-one.

1250 Sec. 31. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of Public
1251 Health shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of
1252 chapter 54 of the general statutes, concerning licensure by the

1253 Department of Public Health of the psychiatric residential treatment
1254 facilities, as defined in subsection (q) of section 19a-490 of the general
1255 statutes at the Albert J. Solnit Children's Center.

1256 (b) The commissioner may implement policies and procedures
1257 concerning the licensure of the psychiatric residential treatment
1258 facilities of the Albert J. Solnit Children's Center while in the process of
1259 adopting regulations pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, provided
1260 (1) notice of intent to adopt regulations is published on the eRegulations
1261 System not later than twenty days after the date of implementation of
1262 such policies and procedures, and (2) such policies and procedures are
1263 consistent with the proposed regulations. Any policies and procedures
1264 implemented under this subsection shall be valid until the time final
1265 regulations are adopted.

1266 Sec. 32. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Labor Commissioner
1267 shall, within available appropriations, establish the Office of the
1268 Unemployed Workers' Advocate within the Labor Department to
1269 provide assistance to individuals who are unemployed.

1270 (b) The Office of the Unemployed Workers' Advocate may:

1271 (1) Assist unemployed individuals seeking benefits administered by
1272 the Labor Department under chapter 567 of the general statutes;

1273 (2) Assist unemployed individuals to understand their rights and
1274 responsibilities with respect to benefits administered by the department
1275 under chapter 567 of the general statutes;

1276 (3) Provide information to the public, state agencies, legislators and
1277 others regarding the problems and concerns of unemployed individuals
1278 and make recommendations for resolving such problems and concerns;

1279 (4) Assist unemployed individuals with the filing of appeals in
1280 connection with the benefits administered by the department under
1281 chapter 567 of the general statutes;

1282 (5) Analyze and monitor the development and implementation of
1283 federal, state and local laws, regulations and policies relating to
1284 unemployed individuals and recommend changes the office deems
1285 necessary to the appropriate federal, state or local governmental entity;

1286 (6) Receive and review complaints of unemployed individuals and
1287 make recommendations to the commissioner for resolving such
1288 complaints;

1289 (7) Access prior employment records of an unemployed individual to
1290 the extent permitted under state and federal law;

1291 (8) Establish and maintain an Internet web site and a toll-free number,
1292 or any other free calling option, to allow unemployed individuals access
1293 to the services and information provided by the Office of the
1294 Unemployed Workers' Advocate; and

1295 (9) Take any other actions necessary to fulfill the purposes of this
1296 section.

1297 (c) Not later than October 1, 2021, the Labor Commissioner shall
1298 designate an Unemployed Workers' Advocate, who shall serve at the
1299 pleasure of the commissioner, to manage the daily activities and duties
1300 of the Office of the Unemployed Workers' Advocate. The Unemployed
1301 Workers' Advocate shall have the necessary qualifications to perform
1302 the duties of said office, including, but not limited to, having expertise
1303 and experience in the fields of unemployment compensation benefits
1304 and advocacy for the rights of unemployed individuals. Within
1305 available appropriations, the Unemployed Workers' Advocate shall
1306 appoint and employ such assistants, employees and personnel as
1307 deemed necessary for the efficient and effective administration of the
1308 activities of the office.

1309 Sec. 33. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Economic and
1310 Community Development shall pay from the grants-in-aid authorized
1311 in subsection (e) of section 13 of public act 20-1 of the regular session the

1312 amount of seven million dollars to the town of Preston for the purposes
1313 described in section 32-763 of the general statutes.

1314 Sec. 34. Subsection (f) of section 4-89 of the general statutes is repealed
1315 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1316 (f) The provisions of this section shall not apply to appropriations to
1317 (1) the Office of Higher Education for (A) student financial assistance
1318 for the Roberta B. Willis Scholarship program established under section
1319 10a-173, or [to] (B) the minority advancement program established
1320 under subsection (b) of section 10a-11, (2) the Board of Regents for
1321 Higher Education for Connecticut higher education centers of
1322 excellence established under section 10a-25h, [to the Office of Higher
1323 Education for the minority advancement program established under
1324 subsection (b) of section 10a-11, or to] (3) the operating funds of the
1325 constituent units of the state system of higher education established
1326 pursuant to sections 10a-105, 10a-99 and 10a-77, or (4) the Connecticut
1327 Open Educational Resource Coordinating Council established under
1328 section 10a-44d. Such appropriations shall not lapse until the end of the
1329 fiscal year succeeding the fiscal year of the appropriation except that
1330 centers of excellence appropriations deposited by the Board of Regents
1331 for Higher Education in the Endowed Chair Investment Fund,
1332 established under section 10a-20a, shall not lapse but shall be held
1333 permanently in the Endowed Chair Investment Fund and any moneys
1334 remaining in higher education operating funds of the constituent units
1335 of the state system of higher education shall not lapse but shall be held
1336 permanently in such funds. On or before September first, annually, the
1337 Office of Higher Education and Board of Regents for Higher Education
1338 shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the General
1339 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and
1340 the budgets of state agencies, through the Office of Fiscal Analysis,
1341 concerning the amount of each such appropriation carried over from the
1342 preceding fiscal year.

1343 Sec. 35. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Secretary of the Office of Policy

1344 and Management shall collect data on the use of funds by each executive
1345 branch state agency and each private entity that receives an allocation
1346 pursuant to section 41 of house bill 6689 of the 2021 regular session, as
1347 amended by House Amendment Schedule "A" and section 340 of this
1348 act. The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall submit,
1349 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
1350 the interim report due on August 31, 2021, and the quarterly Project and
1351 Expenditure Reports required to be submitted to the United States
1352 Treasury to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
1353 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets
1354 of state agencies.

1355 (b) (1) Not later than October 1, 2021, and quarterly thereafter, to
1356 April 1, 2024, inclusive, the Board of Regents for Higher Education shall
1357 submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
1358 general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General
1359 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and
1360 the budgets of state agencies. Such report shall include (A) a full
1361 accounting of all funds allocated to the regional community-technical
1362 college system, the Connecticut State University System and Charter
1363 Oak State College pursuant to section 41 of house bill 6689 of the 2021
1364 regular session, as amended by House Amendment Schedule "A" and
1365 section 340 of this act; and (B) for each constituent unit receiving funds,
1366 (i) the total amount of funds received, and (ii) the programmatic or other
1367 permitted purposes for which such funds were used, and the amount of
1368 funds used for each program or other permitted purpose.

1369 (2) Not later than October 1, 2021, and quarterly thereafter, to April
1370 1, 2024, inclusive, the Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut
1371 shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
1372 of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General
1373 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and
1374 the budgets of state agencies. Such report shall include (A) a full
1375 accounting of all funds allocated to The University of Connecticut
1376 pursuant to section 41 of house bill 6689 of the 2021 regular session, as

1377 amended by House Amendment Schedule "A" and section 340 of this
1378 act; (B) the total amount of funds received by said university; and (C)
1379 the programmatic or other permitted purposes for which such funds
1380 were used, and the amount of funds used for each program or other
1381 permitted purpose.

1382 (c) Not later than October 1, 2021, and quarterly thereafter, to April 1,
1383 2024, inclusive, the Chief Court Administrator shall submit a report, in
1384 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
1385 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
1386 cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state
1387 agencies. Such report shall include (1) a full accounting of all funds
1388 allocated to the judicial branch pursuant to section 41 of house bill 6689
1389 of the 2021 regular session, as amended by House Amendment Schedule
1390 "A" and section 340 of this act, and (2) for each judicial branch state
1391 agency, (A) the total amount of funds received; and (B) the
1392 programmatic or other permitted purposes for which such funds were
1393 used, and the amount of funds used for each program or other permitted
1394 purpose.

1395 Sec. 36. (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section:

1396 (1) "Community action agency" means a public or private nonprofit
1397 agency which has previously been designated by and authorized to
1398 accept funds from the federal Community Services Administration for
1399 community action agencies under the Economic Opportunity Act of
1400 1964, or a successor agency established pursuant to section 17b-892 of
1401 the general statutes;

1402 (2) "Community health worker" means a public health outreach
1403 professional with an in-depth understanding of the experience,
1404 language, culture and socioeconomic needs of the community and who
1405 provides a range of services, including, but not limited to, outreach,
1406 engagement, education, coaching, informal counseling, social support,
1407 advocacy, care coordination, research related to social determinants of

1408 health and basic screenings and assessments of any risks associated with
1409 social determinants of health; and

1410 (3) "COVID-19" means the respiratory disease designated by the
1411 World Health Organization on February 11, 2020, as coronavirus 2019,
1412 and any related mutation thereof recognized by said organization as a
1413 communicable respiratory disease.

1414 (b) The Department of Public Health shall establish a community
1415 health worker grant program. The purpose of such program shall be to
1416 provide grants to community action agencies that employ community
1417 health workers who provide a range of services to persons adversely
1418 affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The department may enter into an
1419 agreement, pursuant to chapter 55a of the general statutes, with a
1420 person, firm, corporation or other entity to operate such program.

1421 (c) The Department of Public Health shall publish on its Internet web
1422 site a notice of grant availability for the period beginning on the effective
1423 date of this section and ending on June 30, 2023.

1424 (d) Each community action agency applying for a grant under this
1425 section shall submit an application in such form and manner as
1426 prescribed by the Commissioner of Public Health. Each application shall
1427 include the following information: (1) The location of the principal place
1428 of business of the applicant; (2) the number of community health
1429 workers employed by the applicant or that the applicant seeks to
1430 employ and the range of services provided or to be provided by such
1431 community health workers; (3) an explanation of the intended use of the
1432 grant being applied for; and (4) such other information that the
1433 commissioner deems necessary.

1434 (e) The Department of Public Health shall review all grant
1435 applications received under the program and determine which
1436 applications are eligible for funding. Criteria for such determinations
1437 shall be established by the department and included in the notice of
1438 grant availability described in subsection (c) of this section.

1439 (f) The amount of any grant issued pursuant to this section shall not
1440 exceed thirty thousand dollars annually and the total amount of grants
1441 issued shall not exceed six million dollars. No grant shall be issued
1442 pursuant to this section after June 30, 2023.

1443 (g) (1) Not later than January 1, 2022, the Commissioner of Public
1444 Health shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
1445 of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General
1446 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health and
1447 human services regarding the progress of the program and including
1448 any requisite legislative proposals to accomplish the goals of the
1449 program.

1450 (2) Not later than January 1, 2024, the Commissioner of Public Health
1451 shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
1452 general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General
1453 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health and
1454 human services. Such report shall include the following data regarding
1455 the program: (A) The number of grants provided and the amount of
1456 such grants; (B) the identities of the community action agencies that
1457 received such grants; (C) the intended use of each grant provided, as
1458 described by the community action agency pursuant to subdivision (3)
1459 of subsection (d) of this section; (D) the number of community health
1460 workers employed by each community action agency that received a
1461 grant at the time such agency received such grant and information
1462 regarding the services provided by such community health workers;
1463 and (E) the number of community health workers employed by each
1464 community action agency that received a grant at the conclusion of the
1465 program and information regarding the services provided by such
1466 community health workers.

1467 Sec. 37. (*Effective from passage*) The sum of \$3,000,000 allocated in
1468 section 41 of house bill 6689 of the 2021 regular session, as amended by
1469 House Amendment Schedule "A" and section 340 of this act, to the
1470 Department of Public Health, for Community Health Workers, for each

1471 of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2022, and June 30, 2023, shall be for
1472 the purposes of the program established pursuant to section 36 of this
1473 act.

1474 Sec. 38. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding any provision of
1475 section 22a-174 of the general statutes and any regulation adopted
1476 pursuant to said section, the Commissioner of Energy and
1477 Environmental Protection shall not require any permittee who seeks to
1478 replace a retort that constitutes, or is part of, a stationary source located
1479 on a cemetery property that: (1) Consists of not less than two hundred
1480 fifty acres, (2) is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and
1481 (3) was established prior to 1865, to relocate any stack associated with
1482 such source or install best available control technology for any
1483 hazardous air pollutant provided such permittee replaces such retort
1484 not later than October 1, 2023.

1485 Sec. 39. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Attorney General may,
1486 pursuant to the Attorney General's authority under section 3-125 of the
1487 general statutes, enter into any agreement concerning any state-wide
1488 opioid claim, including an agreement to compromise, release, waive or
1489 otherwise settle such claim, on behalf of the state and any political
1490 subdivisions. For the purposes of this section, "state-wide opioid claim"
1491 means any claim the state asserts or could assert concerning the
1492 manufacturing, marketing, distributing or selling of opioids, or
1493 activities related thereto.

1494 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, no
1495 claimant may assert any state-wide opioid claim for which the state has
1496 entered into an agreement to compromise, release, waive or otherwise
1497 settle such claim pursuant to this section.

1498 Sec. 40. Section 22a-151 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1499 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

1500 As used in sections 22a-151 to 22a-158, inclusive:

1501 (1) "By-product material" means [radioactive material as defined in
1502 Section 11e of Public Law 85-256 (Act of September 2, 1957) and Public
1503 Law 89-645 (Act of October 13, 1966), as amended or as interpreted or
1504 modified by duly promulgated regulations of the United States Atomic
1505 Energy Commission pursuant thereto] each of the following: (A) Any
1506 radioactive material, other than special nuclear material, that is yielded
1507 in or made radioactive by exposure to radiation which is incidental to
1508 the process of producing or utilizing special nuclear material; (B) the
1509 tailings or wastes produced by the extraction or concentration of
1510 uranium or thorium from any ore processed primarily for its source
1511 material content, including discrete surface wastes resulting from
1512 uranium solution extraction processes but excluding any underground
1513 ore bodies depleted by such solution extraction processes; (C) any
1514 discrete source of radium-226 that is produced, extracted or converted
1515 after extraction for use for a commercial, medical or research activity;
1516 (D) any material that was made radioactive by use of a particle
1517 accelerator and that is produced, extracted or converted after extraction
1518 for use for a commercial, medical or research activity; and (E) any
1519 discrete source of naturally occurring radioactive material, other than
1520 source material, that is extracted or converted after extraction for use in
1521 a commercial, medical or research activity, if the United States Nuclear
1522 Regulatory Commission determines that the source would pose a threat
1523 similar to the threat posed by a discrete source of radium-226 to the
1524 public health and safety;

1525 (2) "Ionizing radiation" means gamma rays and x-rays, alpha and beta
1526 particles, high speed electrons, neutrons, protons and other nuclear
1527 particles, but not sound or radio waves, or visible, infrared or ultra
1528 violet light. The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection
1529 shall be empowered to make regulations amending or modifying this
1530 definition;

1531 (3) "General license" means a license effective pursuant to regulations
1532 promulgated by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
1533 Protection without the filing of an application for, or issuance of a

1534 licensing document for, the transfer, transport, acquisition, ownership,
1535 possession or use of quantities of, or devices or equipment utilizing by-
1536 product, source, special nuclear materials or other radioactive material
1537 occurring naturally or produced artificially;

1538 (4) "Specific license" means a license, issued after application, to use,
1539 manufacture, produce, transfer, transport, receive, acquire, own, or
1540 possess quantities of, or devices or equipment utilizing by-product,
1541 source, special nuclear materials or other radioactive material occurring
1542 naturally or produced artificially;

1543 (5) "Person" means any individual, corporation, limited liability
1544 company, partnership, firm, association, trust, estate, public or private
1545 institution, group, agency, other than any federal agency, political
1546 subdivision of this state, any other state or political subdivision or
1547 agency thereof, and any legal successor, representative, agent or agency
1548 of any of the foregoing, other than the United States [Atomic Energy]
1549 Nuclear Regulatory Commission or any successor thereto, and other
1550 than agencies of the government of the United States licensed by the
1551 United States [Atomic Energy] Nuclear Regulatory Commission or any
1552 successor thereto;

1553 (6) "Registration" means registration in conformance with the
1554 requirements of section 22a-148. The issuance of a specific license
1555 pursuant to sections 22a-151 to 22a-158, inclusive, shall be deemed to
1556 satisfy fully any registration requirements set forth in said section;

1557 (7) "Source material" means [material as defined in Section 11z of
1558 Public Law 85-256 (Act of September 2, 1957) and Public Law 89-645
1559 (Act of October 13, 1966), as amended or as interpreted or modified by
1560 duly promulgated regulations of the United States Atomic Energy
1561 Commission pursuant thereto] each of the following: (A) Uranium,
1562 thorium or any combination of said elements, in any physical or
1563 chemical form; (B) any other material if the United States Nuclear
1564 Regulatory Commission determines the material to be source material;

1565 and (C) ores that contain uranium, thorium or any combination of said
1566 elements in a concentration by weight of 0.05 per cent or more, or in
1567 such lower concentration if the United States Nuclear Regulatory
1568 Commission determines the material in such concentration to be source
1569 material;

1570 (8) "Special nuclear material" means: [material as defined in Section
1571 11aa of Public Law 85-256 (Act of September 2, 1957) and Public Law 89-
1572 645 (Act of October 13, 1966), as amended or as interpreted or modified
1573 by duly promulgated regulations of the United States Atomic Energy
1574 Commission pursuant thereto.] (A) Plutonium, uranium 233, uranium
1575 enriched in the isotope 233 or in the isotope 235 and any other material
1576 if the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission determines the
1577 material to be such special nuclear material, but does not include source
1578 material; or (B) any material artificially enriched by any elements,
1579 isotopes or materials listed in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision not
1580 including source materials;

1581 (9) "Radioactive materials" means any solid, liquid or gas that emits
1582 ionizing radiation spontaneously;

1583 (10) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Energy and
1584 Environmental Protection or the commissioner's designee or agent;

1585 (11) "Naturally occurring radioactive material" means material that
1586 contains radionuclides that are naturally present in the environment in
1587 materials, including, but not limited to, rocks, soil, minerals, natural gas,
1588 petroleum and ground or surface water;

1589 (12) "Discrete source" means a radionuclide that was processed such
1590 that its concentration within a material was purposely increased for use
1591 for commercial, medical or research activities.

1592 Sec. 41. Section 22a-153 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1593 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

1594 (a) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall

1595 supervise and regulate in the interest of the public health and safety the
1596 use of ionizing radiation within the state.

1597 (b) Said commissioner may employ, subject to the provisions of
1598 chapter 67, and prescribe the powers and duties of such persons as may
1599 be necessary to carry out the provisions of sections 22a-151 to 22a-158,
1600 inclusive.

1601 (c) Said commissioner shall [make such regulations as may be
1602 necessary to carry out the provisions of said sections.] adopt regulations,
1603 in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, concerning sources of
1604 ionizing radiation and radioactive materials, including, but not limited
1605 to, regulations:

1606 (1) Necessary to secure agreement state status from the United States
1607 Nuclear Regulatory Commission pursuant to section 274 of the Atomic
1608 Energy Act of 1954, 42 USC 2021, as amended from time to time;

1609 (2) Relating to the construction, operation, control, tracking, security
1610 or decommissioning of sources of ionizing radiation, including, but not
1611 limited to, any modification or alteration of such sources;

1612 (3) Relating to the production, transportation, use, storage,
1613 possession, management, treatment, disposal or remediation of
1614 radioactive materials;

1615 (4) Relating to planning for and responding to terrorist or other
1616 emergency events, or the potential for such events, that involve or may
1617 include radioactive materials;

1618 (5) Necessary to carry out the provisions of sections 22a-151 to 22a-
1619 158, inclusive;

1620 (6) Establishing fees for the licensure of sources of ionizing radiation,
1621 that, in conjunction with the fees collected pursuant to section 22a-148,
1622 shall be sufficient for the administration, implementation and
1623 enforcement of an ionizing radiation program; and

1624 (7) To reciprocate in the recognition of specific licenses issued by the
1625 United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) or another state
1626 that has reached agreement with the NRC pursuant to 42 USC 2021(b),
1627 as amended from time to time.

1628 (d) The Governor, or the commissioner, is authorized to employ such
1629 consultants, experts and technicians as [he shall deem] are necessary for
1630 the purpose of conducting investigations and reporting [to him] on
1631 matters connected with the implementation of the provisions of [said]
1632 sections 22a-148 to 22a-158, inclusive.

1633 (e) Any fees collected in accordance with section 22a-148 or 22a-150,
1634 or any regulations adopted pursuant to subsection (c) of this section,
1635 shall be deposited in the General Fund.

1636 (f) The commissioner may establish radiation exposure guidelines for
1637 emergency responders and the public for the management of
1638 emergencies involving radioactive materials. Any such guidelines shall
1639 be compatible with the recommendations of the federal government and
1640 the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements.

1641 Sec. 42. Subsection (a) of section 22a-154 of the general statutes is
1642 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
1643 *1, 2021*):

1644 (a) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection [may
1645 provide by regulation for] shall adopt regulations, in accordance with
1646 the provisions of chapter 54, for the general or specific licensing of [by-
1647 product, source, special nuclear materials and other] sources of ionizing
1648 radiation. [or devices or equipment utilizing such materials, and for
1649 amendment, suspension, or revocation of licenses issued pursuant
1650 thereto] The commissioner may issue, deny, renew, modify, suspend or
1651 revoke such licenses and may include such terms and conditions in such
1652 licenses that the commissioner deems necessary. Nothing in this section
1653 shall be construed to confer authority to the commissioner to regulate
1654 materials or activities reserved to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission

1655 under 42 USC 2021(c) and 10 CFR 150.

1656 Sec. 43. Section 22a-157 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1657 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

1658 No person shall construct, operate, use, manufacture, produce,
1659 transport, transfer, receive, acquire, decommission, own or possess any
1660 source of ionizing radiation, unless [exempt, licensed or registered in
1661 accordance with the provisions of sections 22a-148 to 22a-158, inclusive]
1662 such activity is in compliance with all requirements of this chapter,
1663 including any regulation adopted, or registration or license issued
1664 pursuant to this chapter. No person shall produce, transport, store,
1665 possess, manage, treat, remediate, distribute, sell, install, repair or
1666 dispose of any radioactive materials, unless such activity is in
1667 compliance with all requirements of this chapter, including any
1668 regulation adopted, or registration or license issued pursuant to this
1669 chapter. No person shall fail to register a source of ionizing radiation
1670 required to be registered under this chapter, including as required by
1671 any regulation adopted, or registration or license issued pursuant to this
1672 chapter.

1673 Sec. 44. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2021*) (a) The Commissioner of
1674 Energy and Environmental Protection may take steps that the
1675 commissioner deems necessary to protect human health and the
1676 environment, including, but not limited to, investigating, monitoring,
1677 abating, containing, mitigating or removing any hazard, potential
1678 hazard, pollution, contamination or potential pollution or
1679 contamination if: (1) Any person causes or is responsible for any
1680 exposure hazard or potential exposure hazard from radioactive
1681 materials, radioactive waste or a source of ionizing radiation, or causes
1682 or is responsible for pollution, contamination or potential pollution or
1683 contamination of any land, water, air or other natural resource of the
1684 state through a discharge, spillage, uncontrolled loss, release, leakage,
1685 seepage or filtration of radioactive material or radioactive waste, and
1686 does not act immediately to prevent, abate, contain, mitigate or remove

1687 such hazard, potential hazard, pollution, contamination, or potential
1688 pollution or contamination, to the satisfaction of the commissioner, or
1689 (2) the person responsible is unknown, and such hazard, potential
1690 hazard, pollution, contamination, or potential pollution or
1691 contamination, is not being prevented, abated, contained, mitigated or
1692 removed by the federal government, any state agency, any municipality
1693 or any regional or interstate authority. The commissioner may enter into
1694 a contract with any person for the purpose of carrying out the provisions
1695 of this subsection.

1696 (b) Any person who causes or is responsible for any exposure hazard
1697 or potential exposure hazard from radioactive materials, radioactive
1698 waste or a source of ionizing radiation or who causes or is responsible
1699 for pollution, contamination, or potential pollution or contamination of
1700 any land, water, air or other natural resource of the state through a
1701 discharge, spillage, uncontrolled loss, release, leakage, seepage or
1702 filtration of radioactive material or radioactive waste shall be liable for
1703 all costs and expenses incurred by the commissioner in accordance with
1704 subsection (a) of this section, including all costs and expenses to restore
1705 the air, water, land and other natural resources of the state, and shall be
1706 liable for all attorneys' fees, court costs and any other legal expenses
1707 incurred by the state regarding the recovery of such costs. Nothing in
1708 this subsection shall preclude the commissioner from seeking additional
1709 compensation or such other relief that a court may award, including
1710 punitive damages. When such hazard, potential hazard, pollution,
1711 contamination or potential pollution or contamination results from the
1712 action or inaction of more than one person, each person shall be held
1713 jointly and severally liable for such costs. Upon request of the
1714 commissioner, the Attorney General shall bring a civil action to recover
1715 all such costs and expenses from the person who caused or is
1716 responsible for any such hazard, potential hazard, pollution,
1717 contamination or potential pollution or contamination.

1718 (c) Any person who prevents, abates, contains, removes or mitigates
1719 any (1) exposure hazard or potential exposure hazard from radioactive

1720 materials, radioactive waste or a source of ionizing radiation that is not
1721 authorized by a provision of the general statutes, any regulation,
1722 registration or license, or (2) any pollution or contamination or potential
1723 pollution or contamination of any land, water, air or other natural
1724 resources of the state through a discharge, spillage, uncontrolled loss,
1725 release, leakage, seepage or filtration of radioactive material or
1726 radioactive waste that is not authorized by a provision of the general
1727 statutes, any regulation, registration or license, shall be entitled to
1728 reimbursement of the reasonable costs incurred or expended for such
1729 abatement, containment, removal or mitigation from any person whose
1730 negligent, reckless, knowing or intentional action or inaction caused
1731 such hazard, potential hazard, pollution, contamination or potential
1732 pollution or contamination. When such hazard, potential hazard,
1733 pollution, contamination or potential pollution or contamination results
1734 from the action or inaction of more than one person, each such person
1735 shall be held jointly and severally liable for such costs.

1736 (d) Whenever the commissioner incurs contractual obligations in
1737 carrying out the authority vested in the commissioner pursuant to
1738 subsection (a) of this section and the person who causes or is responsible
1739 for the hazard, potential hazard, pollution, contamination or potential
1740 pollution or contamination does not assume the tasks and
1741 responsibilities that are the subject of such contractual obligations, the
1742 commissioner shall request the Attorney General to bring a civil action,
1743 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, to recover the costs and
1744 expenses of such contractual obligations and other costs and expenses
1745 provided for in subsection (b) of this section. If the person responsible
1746 is unknown, the commissioner shall request the federal government to
1747 assume such contractual obligations to the extent provided for by
1748 federal law.

1749 Sec. 45. Subsection (a) of section 22a-6a of the general statutes is
1750 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
1751 *1, 2021*):

1752 (a) Any person who knowingly or negligently violates any provision
 1753 of section 14-100b or 14-164c, subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of section
 1754 15-121, section 15-171, 15-172, 15-175, 22a-5, 22a-6 or 22a-7, chapter 440,
 1755 chapter 441, section 22a-69 or 22a-74, subsection (b) of section 22a-134p,
 1756 [section] sections 22a-148 to 22a-150, inclusive, 22a-153, 22a-154, 22a-
 1757 157, 22a-158, 22a-162, 22a-171, 22a-174, 22a-175, 22a-177, 22a-178, 22a-
 1758 181, 22a-183, 22a-184, 22a-190, 22a-208, 22a-208a, 22a-209, 22a-213, 22a-
 1759 220, 22a-225, 22a-231, 22a-336, 22a-342, 22a-345, 22a-346, 22a-347, 22a-
 1760 349a, 22a-358, 22a-359, 22a-361, 22a-362, 22a-365 to 22a-379, inclusive,
 1761 22a-401 to 22a-411, inclusive, 22a-416, 22a-417, 22a-424 to 22a-433,
 1762 inclusive, 22a-447, 22a-449, 22a-450, 22a-451, 22a-454, 22a-458, 22a-461,
 1763 22a-462 or 22a-471, or any regulation, order or permit adopted or issued
 1764 thereunder by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
 1765 Protection shall be liable to the state for the reasonable costs and
 1766 expenses of the state in detecting, investigating, controlling and abating
 1767 such violation. Such person shall also be liable to the state for the
 1768 reasonable costs and expenses of the state in restoring the air, waters,
 1769 lands and other natural resources of the state, including plant, wild
 1770 animal and aquatic life to their former condition insofar as practicable
 1771 and reasonable, or, if restoration is not practicable or reasonable, for any
 1772 damage, temporary or permanent, caused by such violation to the air,
 1773 waters, lands or other natural resources of the state, including plant,
 1774 wild animal and aquatic life and to the public trust therein. Institution
 1775 of a suit to recover for such damage, costs and expenses shall not
 1776 preclude the application of any other remedies.

1777 Sec. 46. Section 16a-101 of the general statutes is repealed and the
 1778 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

1779 As used in this chapter:

1780 (1) "Atomic energy" [means all forms of energy released in the course
 1781 of nuclear fission or nuclear transformation] has the same meaning as
 1782 provided in 42 USC 2014, as amended from time to time;

1783 (2) "By-product material" means [any radioactive materials, except
1784 special nuclear materials, yielded in or made radioactive by exposure to
1785 the radiation incident to the process of producing or utilizing special
1786 nuclear materials] each of the following: (A) Any radioactive material,
1787 other than special nuclear material, that is yielded in or made
1788 radioactive by exposure to radiation which is incidental to the process
1789 of producing or utilizing special nuclear material; (B) the tailings or
1790 wastes produced by the extraction or concentration of uranium or
1791 thorium from any ore processed primarily for its source material
1792 content, including discrete surface wastes resulting from uranium
1793 solution extraction processes but excluding any underground ore
1794 bodies depleted by such solution extraction processes; (C) any discrete
1795 source of radium-226 that is produced, extracted or converted after
1796 extraction for use for a commercial, medical or research activity; (D) any
1797 material that was made radioactive by use of a particle accelerator and
1798 that is produced, extracted or converted after extraction for use for a
1799 commercial, medical or research activity; and (E) any discrete source of
1800 naturally occurring radioactive material, other than source material,
1801 that is extracted or converted after extraction for use in a commercial,
1802 medical or research activity, if the United States Nuclear Regulatory
1803 Commission determines that the source would pose a threat similar to
1804 the threat posed by a discrete source of radium-226 to the public health
1805 and safety;

1806 (3) "Production facility" [means (A) any equipment or device capable
1807 of the production of special nuclear material in such quantity as to be of
1808 significance to the common defense and security, or in such manner as
1809 to affect the health and safety of the public; or (B) any important
1810 component part especially designed for such equipment or device] has
1811 the same meaning as provided in 42 USC 2014, as amended from time
1812 to time;

1813 (4) "Special nuclear material" means: (A) [plutonium and uranium
1814 enriched in the isotope 233 or in the isotope 235, and any other material
1815 which the Governor declares by order to be special nuclear material

1816 after the United States Atomic Energy Commission has determined the
1817 material to be such; or (B) any material artificially enriched by any of the
1818 foregoing] Plutonium, uranium 233, uranium enriched in the isotope
1819 233 or in the isotope 235, and any other material if the United States
1820 Nuclear Regulatory Commission determines the material to be such
1821 special nuclear material, but does not include source material; or (B) any
1822 material artificially enriched by any elements, isotopes or materials
1823 listed in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision not including source
1824 materials;

1825 (5) "Utilization facility" [means (A) any equipment or device, except
1826 an atomic weapon, capable of making use of special nuclear materials
1827 in such quantity as to be of significance to the common defense and
1828 security, or in such manner as to affect the health and safety of the
1829 public, or peculiarly adapted for making use of atomic energy in such
1830 quantity as to be of significance to the common defense and security, or
1831 in such manner as to affect the health and safety of the public; or (B) any
1832 important component part especially designed for such equipment or
1833 device.] has the same meaning as provided in 42 USC 2014, as amended
1834 from time to time;

1835 (6) "Radioactive material" means any solid, liquid or gas that emits
1836 ionizing radiation spontaneously;

1837 (7) "Source material" means each of the following: (A) Uranium,
1838 thorium or any combination of said elements, in any physical or
1839 chemical form; (B) any other material if the United States Nuclear
1840 Regulatory Commission determines the material to be source material;
1841 and (C) ores that contain uranium, thorium or any combination of said
1842 elements in a concentration by weight of 0.05 per cent or more, or in
1843 such lower concentration if the United States Nuclear Regulatory
1844 Commission determines the material in such concentration to be source
1845 material;

1846 (8) "Naturally occurring radioactive material" means material that
1847 contains radionuclides that are naturally present in the environment in
1848 materials, including, but not limited to, rocks, soil, minerals, natural gas,
1849 petroleum and ground or surface water;

1850 (9) "Discrete source" means a radionuclide that was processed such
1851 that its concentration within a material was purposely increased for use
1852 for commercial, medical or research activities.

1853 Sec. 47. Subsection (b) of section 22a-148 of the general statutes is
1854 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
1855 *1, 2021*):

1856 (b) No person, firm, corporation, town, city or borough shall operate
1857 or cause to be operated any source of ionizing radiation or shall
1858 produce, transport, store, possess or dispose of radioactive materials
1859 except under conditions which comply with regulations or with orders
1860 imposed by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection
1861 for the protection of the public health and preservation of the
1862 environment. Such regulations or orders shall be [based to the extent
1863 deemed practicable by said department on] compatible with the
1864 regulations of the United States [Atomic Energy] Nuclear Regulatory
1865 Commission, issued under authority granted to said commission by the
1866 Atomic Energy Act of 1954, [and entitled "Standards for Protection
1867 against Radiation", or, if such regulations should be deemed
1868 inappropriate by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
1869 Protection, on the latest recommendations of the National Committee
1870 on Radiation, as published by the United States Department of
1871 Commerce, National Bureau of Standards] as codified in 42 USC 2014,
1872 as amended from time to time. No regulation pertaining to radiation
1873 sources and radioactive materials proposed to be issued by the
1874 commissioner shall become effective until thirty days after it has been
1875 submitted to the Coordinator of Atomic Development Activities unless,
1876 upon a finding of emergency need, the governor by order waives all or
1877 any part of said thirty-day period. In no case shall any source of ionizing
1878 radiation be utilized otherwise than at the lowest practical level

1879 consistent with the best use of the radiation facilities or radioactive
1880 materials involved.

1881 Sec. 48. Section 22a-152 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1882 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

1883 The Governor, on behalf of this state, is authorized to enter into
1884 agreements with the government of the United States providing for
1885 [discontinuance] relinquishment of certain of the programs of the
1886 government of the United States with respect to sources of ionizing
1887 radiation and the assumption thereof by this state, as provided for in the
1888 Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

1889 Sec. 49. Section 16a-100 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1890 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

1891 (a) The state of Connecticut endorses the action of the Congress of the
1892 United States in enacting the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to institute a
1893 program to encourage the widespread participation in the development
1894 and utilization of atomic energy for peaceful purposes to the maximum
1895 extent consistent with the common defense and security and with the
1896 health and safety of the public; and therefore declares the policy of the
1897 state to be (1) to cooperate actively in the program thus instituted; (2) to
1898 develop programs for the control of ionizing and nonionizing radiation
1899 compatible with federal programs for regulation of by-product, source
1900 and special nuclear material; and [(2)] (3) to the extent that the
1901 regulation of special nuclear materials and by-product materials, of
1902 production facilities and utilization facilities and of persons operating
1903 such facilities may be within the jurisdiction of the state, to provide for
1904 the exercise of the state's regulatory authority so as to conform, as nearly
1905 as may be, to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 and regulations issued
1906 thereunder, to the end that there may, in effect, be a single harmonious
1907 system of regulation within the state.

1908 (b) The state of Connecticut recognizes that the development of
1909 industries producing or utilizing atomic energy may result in new

1910 conditions calling for changes in the laws of the state and in regulations
 1911 issued thereunder with respect to health and safety, working conditions,
 1912 workers' compensation, transportation, public utilities, life, health,
 1913 accident, fire and casualty insurance, the conservation of natural
 1914 resources, including wildlife, and the protection of streams, rivers and
 1915 airspace from pollution, and therefore declares the policy of the state to
 1916 be (1) to adapt its laws and regulations to meet the new conditions in
 1917 ways that will encourage the healthy development of industries
 1918 producing or utilizing atomic energy while at the same time protecting
 1919 the public interest; (2) to initiate continuing studies of the need for
 1920 changes in the relevant laws and regulations of the state by the
 1921 respective agencies of the state which are responsible for their
 1922 administration; [and] (3) to assure the coordination of the studies thus
 1923 undertaken, particularly with other atomic industrial development
 1924 activities of the state and with the development and regulatory activities
 1925 of other states and of the government of the United States; and (4) to
 1926 cooperate with the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission and
 1927 the states in promoting the uniformity of radiation laws and regulations,
 1928 the administration and enforcement of such laws and regulations.

1929 Sec. 50. Subsection (a) of section 16a-102 of the general statutes is
 1930 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
 1931 *1, 2021*):

1932 (a) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall
 1933 coordinate all atomic development activities in the state. Said
 1934 commissioner or his designee shall (1) advise the Governor with respect
 1935 to atomic industrial development within the state; (2) act as coordinator
 1936 of the development and regulatory activities of the state relating to the
 1937 industrial and commercial uses of atomic energy; (3) act as [deputy of
 1938 the Governor] the Governor's designee in matters relating to atomic
 1939 energy, including participation in the activities of any committee
 1940 formed by the New England states to represent their interests in such
 1941 matters and also cooperation with other states and with the government
 1942 of the United States; (4) coordinate the studies, recommendations and

1943 proposals of the several departments and agencies of the state required
1944 by section 16a-103 with each other and also with the programs and
1945 activities of the development commission. [So far as practicable, he shall
1946 coordinate the studies conducted, and the recommendations and
1947 proposals made, in this state with like activities in the New England and
1948 other states and with the policies and regulations of the Energy Research
1949 and Development Administration and the Nuclear Regulatory
1950 Commission. In carrying out his duties, he shall proceed in close
1951 cooperation with the development commission.] The commissioner
1952 shall consult with and review regulations and procedures of the
1953 agencies of the state with respect to the regulation of sources of radiation
1954 to assure consistency and to prevent unnecessary duplication,
1955 inconsistencies or gaps in regulatory requirements.

1956 Sec. 51. Subsection (a) of section 4 of special act 05-14 is amended to
1957 read as follows (*Effective from passage*):

1958 (a) For purposes of voting at meetings held by such district, any
1959 tenant in common of any interest in real property shall have a vote equal
1960 to the fraction of such tenant in common's ownership of such interest.
1961 Any joint tenant of any interest in real property shall vote as if each such
1962 tenant owned an equal fractional share of such real property. A
1963 corporation shall have its vote cast by the chief executive officer of such
1964 corporation or such officer's designee. Any entity that is not a
1965 corporation shall have its vote cast by a person authorized by such entity
1966 to cast its vote. A municipality shall have its vote cast by a person
1967 authorized to vote by (1) the board of selectmen in a town that does not
1968 have a charter, special act or home rule ordinance relating to its form of
1969 government, (2) the council, board of aldermen, representative town
1970 meeting, board of selectmen or other elected legislative body described
1971 in a charter, special act, consolidation ordinance or home rule ordinance
1972 relating to the form of government in a city, consolidated town and city,
1973 consolidated town and borough or town, or (3) the board of burgesses
1974 or other elected legislative body in a borough. No owner shall have
1975 more than one vote. The outcome of a tied vote shall be determined by

1976 the vote of the owner holding the greatest per cent of real property
1977 within such district, calculated by land mass area.

1978 Sec. 52. Subsections (b) and (c) of section 1 of public act 21-54 are
1979 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
1980 *passage*):

1981 (b) (1) On and after [October] July 1, 2022, the commissioner shall
1982 provide voice communication service to persons who are in the custody
1983 of the commissioner and confined in a correctional facility. The
1984 commissioner may supplement such voice communication service with
1985 any other communication service, including, but not limited to, video
1986 communication and electronic mail services. Any such communication
1987 service shall be provided free of charge to such persons and any
1988 communication, whether initiated or received through any such service,
1989 shall be free of charge to the person initiating or receiving the
1990 communication.

1991 (2) Each person in the custody of the commissioner and confined in a
1992 correctional facility shall be eligible to use the voice communication
1993 service described in subdivision (1) of this subsection for at least ninety
1994 minutes on each day of such person's confinement, provided the
1995 provisions of this subdivision shall not be interpreted to interfere with
1996 the standard operations of the facility in which such person is confined.

1997 (c) On and after [October] July 1, 2022, the state shall not receive
1998 revenue for the provision of any communication service to any person
1999 in the custody of the commissioner and confined in a correctional
2000 facility.

2001 Sec. 53. (*Effective from passage*) Section 2 of public act 21-54 shall take
2002 effect July 1, 2022

2003 Sec. 54. Section 10a-77 of the general statutes is amended by adding
2004 subsection (i) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

2005 (NEW) (i) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall not assess
2006 or charge a graduation fee to any student enrolled in a regional
2007 community-technical college for the purpose of graduating from such
2008 regional community-technical college.

2009 Sec. 55. Section 10a-99 of the general statutes is amended by adding
2010 subsection (i) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

2011 (NEW) (i) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall not assess
2012 or charge a graduation fee to any student enrolled in the Connecticut
2013 State University System for the purpose of graduating from a state
2014 university within such system.

2015 Sec. 56. Subsection (e) of section 10a-143 of the general statutes is
2016 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
2017 *2021*):

2018 (e) The board shall fix fees for examinations and for such other
2019 purposes as the board deems necessary on behalf of Charter Oak State
2020 College and may make refunds and other disposition of same as
2021 provided by law or regulation. The board may make contracts, leases or
2022 other agreements in connection with its responsibilities. The Board of
2023 Regents for Higher Education shall not assess or charge a graduation fee
2024 to any student enrolled in Charter Oak State College for the purpose of
2025 graduating from such college.

2026 Sec. 57. Section 10a-105 of the general statutes is amended by adding
2027 subsection (l) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

2028 (NEW) (l) The Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut
2029 shall not assess or charge a graduation fee to any student enrolled in The
2030 University of Connecticut for the purpose of graduating from such
2031 university.

2032 Sec. 58. Subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 38a-91vv of the
2033 general statutes, as amended by section 2 of substitute house bill 6646 of

2034 the 2021 regular session, as amended by House Amendment Schedule
2035 "A", is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
2036 *July 1, 2021*):

2037 (2) Establish a board of directors who shall serve in a volunteer
2038 capacity. The membership of the board of directors shall include, but
2039 need not be limited to, a real estate agent or broker, two owners of
2040 residential buildings who have concrete foundations that have
2041 deteriorated due to the presence of pyrrhotite, a chief executive or such
2042 chief executive's designee of a municipality in which residential
2043 buildings with concrete foundations that have deteriorated due to the
2044 presence of pyrrhotite are located, an individual with professional
2045 investment experience and currently registered as an investment
2046 adviser pursuant to title 36b, the executive directors of the Capitol
2047 Region Council of Governments and the Northeastern Connecticut
2048 Council of Governments or such executive directors' designees and
2049 representatives from the insurance and banking industries, who shall
2050 not have professional relationships with any bank or insurance
2051 company that has a financial interest in residential buildings subject to
2052 the provisions of this section and sections 7-374b, 8-441, 8-442, 8-443, 8-
2053 444, subparagraph (B) of subdivision (20) of subsection (a) of section 12-
2054 701 and section 29-265f. The speaker, the minority leader of the House
2055 of Representatives, the president pro tempore of the Senate and the
2056 Senate Republican president pro tempore shall each appoint a member
2057 of the General Assembly as a nonvoting, ex-officio member of the board
2058 of directors. The Governor shall appoint two members to the board of
2059 directors, one of whom shall be appointed as a nonvoting [, ex-officio]
2060 member. It shall not constitute a conflict of interest for a member of the
2061 board of directors, who is the owner of a residential building which has
2062 a concrete foundation that has deteriorated due to the presence of
2063 pyrrhotite, or the spouse or dependent child of such member, to apply
2064 for or receive assistance from the captive insurance company
2065 established under this section, to repair or replace such concrete
2066 foundation, provided such member shall abstain from deliberation,

2067 action or vote by the board of directors in specific respect to such
2068 member's application or the application of such spouse or dependent
2069 child;

2070 Sec. 59. Section 8 of substitute house bill 6646 of the 2021 regular
2071 session, as amended by House Amendment Schedule "A", is repealed
2072 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

2073 (a) For the purposes of this section, "qualified geologist" means a
2074 geologist certified by the American Institute of Professional Geologists,
2075 licensed by the National Association of State Boards of Geology or
2076 certified or licensed by another organization deemed suitable by the
2077 State Geologist.

2078 (b) (1) Not later than January 1, 2022, the operator of any quarry
2079 established on or before July 1, 2021, that produces aggregate for use in
2080 concrete intended for use or sale shall prepare a geological source report
2081 and provide such report to the State Geologist and Commissioner of
2082 Energy and Environmental Protection. Such report shall be prepared in
2083 a form and manner prescribed by the commissioner, and shall include,
2084 but need not be limited to, (A) the mining, processing, storage and
2085 quality control methods utilized by such operator, (B) a description of
2086 the characteristics of the aggregate to be excavated at such quarry,
2087 which shall be prepared by a qualified geologist, (C) a description of the
2088 products to be produced by such quarry, (D) a copy of the results of an
2089 inspection of face material and geologic log analysis completed by a
2090 qualified geologist, and (E) petrographic analyses of representative core
2091 samples, completed by a qualified geologist, unless such quarry is active
2092 and has a satisfactory performance history as determined by the
2093 commissioner. Not later than January 1, 2026, and every four years
2094 thereafter, such operator shall update such report and provide such
2095 updated report to the State Geologist and commissioner.

2096 (2) The operator of any quarry established after July 1, 2021, that
2097 intends to produce aggregate for use in concrete intended for use or sale

2098 shall prepare a geological source report, described in subdivision (1) of
2099 this subsection, and provide such report to the State Geologist and
2100 commissioner prior to offering such aggregate for use or sale. Such
2101 operator shall update such report every four years thereafter and
2102 provide such updated report to the State Geologist and commissioner.

2103 (3) Not later than January 1, 2022, and annually thereafter, the
2104 operator of each quarry that produces aggregate for use in concrete
2105 intended for use or sale shall provide such quarry's operations plan to
2106 the State Geologist and commissioner.

2107 Sec. 60. Section 9 of substitute house bill 6646 of the 2021 regular
2108 session, as amended by House Amendment Schedule "A", is repealed
2109 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

2110 (a) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, not later than
2111 July 1, 2022, and not less than annually thereafter, the operator of each
2112 quarry that sells or provides aggregate intended for use in concrete,
2113 shall submit a written report to the Commissioner of Energy and
2114 Environmental Protection and the State Geologist, containing the results
2115 of a third-party test of the sulfur content of such aggregate. Such test
2116 shall be conducted by a third-party certified or accredited to conduct
2117 testing in accordance with American Society for Testing Materials
2118 standard [C33/C33M, Standard Specification for Concrete Aggregates]
2119 E1621, Standard Guide for Elemental Analysis by Wavelength
2120 Dispersive X-ray Fluorescence Spectrometry. Such certification or
2121 accreditation shall be provided by the International Organization for
2122 Standardization, United States Army Corps of Engineers, American
2123 Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials,
2124 International Accreditation Service or a similar organization.

2125 (b) Each test conducted pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall
2126 include:

2127 (1) The performance of a rapid total sulfur test on a ten-pound sample
2128 of aggregate by any of the following means: (A) X-ray fluorescence

2129 analysis, (B) purge and trap gas chromatography analysis, (C) analysis
2130 by combustion furnace, or (D) other technology deemed at least as
2131 accurate by the State Geologist. Representative samples shall be
2132 collected and managed in accordance with American Society for Testing
2133 and Materials standard D75/D75M, Standard Practice for Sampling
2134 Aggregates, reduced to a size appropriate for laboratory testing and
2135 pulverized for analysis;

2136 (2) If the total sulfur content of the sample in per cent by mass is less
2137 than one per cent and equal to or greater than one-tenth per cent, the
2138 performance of x-ray diffraction, magnetic susceptibility or
2139 petrographic analyses to determine the presence and relative
2140 abundance of pyrrhotite in the sample; and

2141 (3) If the results of the test conducted pursuant to this section reveal
2142 that pyrrhotite is present in the sample, a petrographic analysis based
2143 on American Society for Testing and Materials standards C295,
2144 Standard Guide for Petrographic Examination of Aggregates for
2145 Concrete, and C294, Standard Descriptive Nomenclature for
2146 Constituents of Concrete Aggregates, shall be conducted to determine
2147 the acceptance and use of the aggregate.

2148 (c) If the results of the test conducted pursuant to this section reveal
2149 that the total sulfur content of the sample in per cent by mass is less than
2150 one-tenth per cent, an operator may sell or provide such aggregate for
2151 use in concrete for a period of four years beginning on the date of receipt
2152 of such test results and shall not be required to submit a report pursuant
2153 to subsection (a) of this section during such period.

2154 (d) If the results of the test conducted pursuant to this section reveal
2155 that the total sulfur content of the sample in per cent by mass is equal to
2156 or greater than one per cent, an operator shall not sell or provide such
2157 aggregate for use in concrete.

2158 (e) If the results of the test performed pursuant to this section reveal
2159 that the total sulfur content of the sample in per cent by mass is less than

2160 one per cent and equal to or greater than one-tenth per cent and (1) no
2161 pyrrhotite is present, an operator may sell or provide such aggregate for
2162 use in concrete for a period of one year beginning on the date of receipt
2163 of such test results; and (2) pyrrhotite is present, an operator shall not
2164 sell or provide such aggregate in a manner inconsistent with the
2165 acceptance and use indicated by the results of a petrographic analysis
2166 undertaken pursuant to this section or requirement or restriction
2167 established by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
2168 Protection pursuant to subsection (f) of this section.

2169 (f) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, in
2170 consultation with the State Geologist, may, if the results of the test
2171 performed pursuant to this section reveal that the total sulfur content of
2172 the sample in per cent by mass is less than one per cent and equal to or
2173 greater than one-tenth per cent and pyrrhotite is present, (1) require the
2174 operator of the quarry to conduct additional petrographic and materials
2175 testing; [, including but not limited to a mortar bar expansion test
2176 pursuant to American Society for Testing and Materials standard C1293,
2177 Standard Test Method for Determination of Length Change of Concrete
2178 Due to Alkali-Silica Reaction, or C227, Standard Test Method for
2179 Potential Alkali Reactivity of Cement-Aggregate Combinations;] and (2)
2180 implement restrictions on the sale or use of aggregate from such quarry
2181 in concrete.

2182 (g) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection may
2183 adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes,
2184 to implement the provisions of this section. Such regulations shall
2185 include, but not be limited to, definitions for the terms "rapid total sulfur
2186 test", "x-ray fluorescence analysis", "purge and trap gas chromatography
2187 analysis", "analysis by combustion furnace", "x-ray diffraction",
2188 "magnetic susceptibility analysis" [,] and "petrographic analysis". [and
2189 "mortar bar expansion test".]

2190 Sec. 61. (*Effective from passage*) The Legislative Commissioners' Office
2191 shall, in codifying the provisions of this act, make such technical,

2192 grammatical and punctuation changes as are necessary to carry out the
2193 purposes of this act, including, but not limited to, correcting inaccurate
2194 internal references.

2195 Sec. 62. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Secretary of the Office
2196 of Policy and Management shall, within available appropriations,
2197 aggregate data related to existing federal and state housing programs in
2198 the state to analyze the impact of such programs on economic and racial
2199 segregation. Such review shall include, but need not be limited to, data
2200 relating to (1) housing development programs, (2) housing affordability
2201 initiatives, (3) communities where low-income housing tax credits and
2202 rental assistance are spent, and (4) specific neighborhood racial and
2203 economic demographics. In collecting and measuring such data, the
2204 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall implement tools
2205 such as the dissimilarity index and the five dimensions of segregation
2206 used by the United States Bureau of the Census.

2207 (b) Not later than January 1, 2022, and biennially thereafter, the
2208 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall submit a report,
2209 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
2210 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
2211 cognizance of matters relating to housing. Such report shall include a
2212 summary of any findings and recommendations relating to the data
2213 collected pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

2214 Sec. 63. Section 3-55j of the general statutes is repealed and the
2215 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

2216 (a) Twenty million dollars of the moneys available in the
2217 Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund established [by] pursuant to
2218 section 3-55i shall be paid to municipalities eligible for a state grant in
2219 lieu of taxes pursuant to subsection (b) of section 12-18b in addition to
2220 the grants payable to such municipalities pursuant to section 12-18b
2221 subject to the provisions of subsection (b) of this section. Such grant shall
2222 be equal to that paid to the municipality pursuant to this subsection for

2223 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. Any eligible special services district
2224 shall receive a portion of the grant payable under this subsection to the
2225 town in which such district is located. The portion payable to any such
2226 district under this subsection shall be the amount of the grant to the
2227 town under this subsection which results from application of the district
2228 mill rate to exempt property in the district. As used in this subsection
2229 and subsection (c) of this section, "eligible special services district"
2230 means any special services district created by a town charter, having its
2231 own governing body and for the assessment year commencing October
2232 1, 1996, containing fifty per cent or more of the value of total taxable
2233 property within the town in which such district is located.

2234 (b) No municipality shall receive a grant pursuant to subsection (a)
2235 of this section which, when added to the amount of the grant payable to
2236 such municipality pursuant to subsection (b) of section 12-18b, would
2237 exceed one hundred per cent of the property taxes which would have
2238 been paid with respect to all state-owned real property, except for the
2239 exemption applicable to such property, on the assessment list in such
2240 municipality for the assessment date two years prior to the
2241 commencement of the state fiscal year in which such grants are payable,
2242 except that, notwithstanding the provisions of said subsection (a), no
2243 municipality shall receive a grant pursuant to said subsection which is
2244 less than one thousand six hundred sixty-seven dollars.

2245 (c) Twenty million one hundred twenty-three thousand nine
2246 hundred sixteen dollars of the moneys available in the Mashantucket
2247 Pequot and Mohegan Fund established [by] pursuant to section 3-55i
2248 shall be paid to municipalities eligible for a state grant in lieu of taxes
2249 pursuant to subsection (b) of section 12-18b, in addition to the grants
2250 payable to such municipalities pursuant to section 12-18b, subject to the
2251 provisions of subsection (d) of this section. Such grant shall be equal to
2252 that paid to the municipality pursuant to this subsection for the fiscal
2253 year ending June 30, 2015. Any eligible special services district shall
2254 receive a portion of the grant payable under this subsection to the town
2255 in which such district is located. The portion payable to any such district

2256 under this subsection shall be the amount of the grant to the town under
2257 this subsection which results from application of the district mill rate to
2258 exempt property in the district.

2259 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (c) of this section,
2260 no municipality shall receive a grant pursuant to said subsection which,
2261 when added to the amount of the grant payable to such municipality
2262 pursuant to subsection (b) of section 12-18b, would exceed one hundred
2263 per cent of the property taxes which, except for any exemption
2264 applicable to any private nonprofit institution of higher education,
2265 nonprofit general hospital facility or freestanding chronic disease
2266 hospital under the provisions of section 12-81, would have been paid
2267 with respect to such exempt real property on the assessment list in such
2268 municipality for the assessment date two years prior to the
2269 commencement of the state fiscal year in which such grants are payable.

2270 (e) Thirty-five million dollars of the moneys available in the
2271 Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund established [by] pursuant to
2272 section 3-55i shall be paid to municipalities in accordance with the
2273 provisions of section 7-528, except that for the purposes of section 7-528,
2274 "adjusted equalized net grand list per capita" means the equalized net
2275 grand list divided by the total population of a town, as defined in
2276 subdivision (7) of subsection (a) of section 10-261, multiplied by the ratio
2277 of the per capita income of the town to the per capita income of the town
2278 at the one hundredth percentile among all towns in the state ranked
2279 from lowest to highest in per capita income, and "equalized net grand
2280 list" means the net grand list of such town upon which taxes were levied
2281 for the general expenses of such town two years prior to the fiscal year
2282 in which a grant is to be paid, equalized in accordance with section 10-
2283 261a.

2284 (f) Five million four hundred seventy-five thousand dollars of the
2285 moneys available in the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund
2286 established [by] pursuant to section 3-55i shall be paid to the following
2287 municipalities in accordance with the provisions of section 7-528, except

2288 that for the purposes of said section 7-528, "adjusted equalized net grand
2289 list per capita" means the equalized net grand list divided by the total
2290 population of a town, as defined in subdivision (7) of subsection (a) of
2291 section 10-261, multiplied by the ratio of the per capita income of the
2292 town to the per capita income of the town at the one hundredth
2293 percentile among all towns in the state ranked from lowest to highest in
2294 per capita income, and "equalized net grand list" means the net grand
2295 list of such town upon which taxes were levied for the general expenses
2296 of such town two years prior to the fiscal year in which a grant is to be
2297 paid, equalized in accordance with section 10-261a: Bridgeport,
2298 Hamden, Hartford, Meriden, New Britain, New Haven, New London,
2299 Norwalk, Norwich, Waterbury and Windham.

2300 (g) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) to (f), inclusive,
2301 of this section, the total grants paid to the following municipalities from
2302 the moneys available in the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund
2303 established [by] pursuant to section 3-55i shall be as follows:

T1	Bloomfield	\$ 267,489
T2	Bridgeport	10,506,506
T3	Bristol	1,004,050
T4	Chaplin	141,725
T5	Danbury	1,612,564
T6	Derby	432,162
T7	East Hartford	522,421
T8	East Lyme	488,160
T9	Groton	2,037,088
T10	Hamden	1,592,270
T11	Manchester	1,014,244
T12	Meriden	1,537,900
T13	Middletown	2,124,960
T14	Milford	676,535
T15	New Britain	3,897,434
T16	New London	2,649,363

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T17	North Haven	268,582
T18	Norwalk	1,451,367
T19	Norwich	1,662,147
T20	Preston	461,939
T21	Rocky Hill	477,950
T22	Stamford	1,570,767
T23	Union	38,101
T24	Voluntown	156,902
T25	Waterbury	5,179,655
T26	Wethersfield	371,629
T27	Windham	1,307,974
T28	Windsor Locks	754,833

2304 (h) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999, and each fiscal year
2305 thereafter, if the amount of grant payable to a municipality in
2306 accordance with this section is increased as the result of an
2307 appropriation to the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund for such
2308 fiscal year which exceeds eighty-five million dollars, the portion of the
2309 grant payable to each eligible service district, in accordance with
2310 subsections (a) and (c) of this section shall be increased by the same
2311 proportion as the grant payable to such municipality under this section
2312 as a result of said increased appropriation.

2313 (i) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, to the fiscal year ending
2314 June 30, 2006, inclusive, the municipalities of Ledyard, Montville,
2315 Norwich, North Stonington and Preston shall each receive a grant of five
2316 hundred thousand dollars which shall be paid from the Mashantucket
2317 Pequot and Mohegan Fund established [by] pursuant to section 3-55i
2318 and which shall be in addition to the grants paid to said municipalities
2319 pursuant to subsections (a) to (g), inclusive, of this section.

2320 (j) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2000, June 30, 2001, and June
2321 30, 2002, the sum of forty-nine million seven hundred fifty thousand
2322 dollars shall be paid to municipalities, and for the fiscal year ending

2323 June 30, 2003, and each fiscal year thereafter, the sum of forty-seven
2324 million five hundred thousand dollars shall be paid to municipalities, in
2325 accordance with this subsection, from the Mashantucket Pequot and
2326 Mohegan Fund established [by] pursuant to section 3-55i. The grants
2327 payable under this subsection shall be used to proportionately increase
2328 the amount of the grants payable to each municipality in accordance
2329 with subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this section and shall be in
2330 addition to the grants payable under subsections (a) to (g), inclusive, of
2331 this section.

2332 (k) The amount of the grant payable to each municipality in
2333 accordance with subsection (j) of this section shall be reduced
2334 proportionately in the event that the total of the grants payable to each
2335 municipality pursuant to this section exceeds the amount appropriated
2336 for such grants with respect to such year.

2337 (l) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) to (k),
2338 inclusive, of this section, and section 3-55i, except as provided in
2339 subdivision (2) of this subsection, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022,
2340 and each fiscal year thereafter, no municipality shall be paid a grant
2341 from the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund established
2342 pursuant to section 3-55i, if a school under the jurisdiction of the board
2343 of education for such municipality, or an intramural or interscholastic
2344 athletic team associated with such school, uses any name, symbol or
2345 image that depicts, refers to or is associated with a state or federally
2346 recognized Native American tribe or a Native American individual,
2347 custom or tradition, as a mascot, nickname, logo or team name.

2348 (2) The provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not apply
2349 (A) to a municipality in which a school under the jurisdiction of the
2350 board of education for such municipality or an intramural or
2351 interscholastic athletic team associated with such school uses a name,
2352 symbol or image (i) depicting or referring to a state or federally
2353 recognized Native American tribe with the written consent of such tribe,
2354 or (ii) associated with a Native American individual, custom or tradition

2355 with the written consent of a state or federally recognized Native
2356 American tribe (I) located in or associated with the geographic region in
2357 which such school is located, or (II) historically associated with such
2358 school or intramural or interscholastic athletic team, and (B) until the
2359 fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, to a municipality that timely notifies the
2360 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, in a form and manner
2361 prescribed by the secretary, (i) that a school under the jurisdiction of the
2362 board of education for such municipality or an intramural or
2363 interscholastic athletic team associated with such school uses a name,
2364 symbol or image that would disqualify such municipality from
2365 receiving a grant pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, (ii) that
2366 such school or team intends to change such name, symbol or image or
2367 obtain written consent, and (iii) of the reason that such school or team
2368 has not yet changed such name, symbol or image or obtained written
2369 consent. For the purposes of this subdivision, written consent shall be
2370 demonstrated in a form and manner prescribed by the Secretary of the
2371 Office of Policy and Management, and shall include, but not be limited
2372 to, a tribal council resolution, agreement between a tribal government
2373 and municipality or statement of consent endorsed by a tribal
2374 government.

2375 Sec. 64. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding any provision
2376 of the general statutes, the Treasurer may modify or suspend the
2377 contribution to the designated surplus reserve of the Short-Term
2378 Investment Fund when, in the Treasurer's discretion, market conditions
2379 warrant such action in the best interests of the Short-Term Investment
2380 Fund's investors.

2381 Sec. 65. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a
2382 beverage container recycling grant program account. All moneys in
2383 such account shall be used by the Department of Energy and
2384 Environmental Protection to provide forgivable grants in urban centers
2385 and environmental justice communities in accordance with the beverage
2386 container recycling grant program described in subsection (b) of this
2387 section. For the purposes of this section "urban center" has the same

2388 meaning as "regional center", as contained in the state plan of
2389 conservation and development, as amended from time to time,
2390 "environmental justice community" has the same meaning as provided
2391 in section 22a-20a of the general statutes, and "beverage container" and
2392 "redemption center" have the same meanings as provided in section 22a-
2393 243 of the general statutes, respectively.

2394 (b) The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection shall
2395 implement the beverage container recycling grant program. The
2396 beverage container recycling grant program shall provide funding for
2397 new beverage container redemption centers that are located in
2398 communities that lack access to beverage container redemption
2399 locations. Such grant program shall prioritize the award of such grants
2400 to first-time redemption center owners and those that are locally-
2401 owned, minority-owned and women-owned businesses. When
2402 awarding grants pursuant to such program, the Commissioner of
2403 Energy and Environmental Protection, or the commissioner's designee,
2404 shall consider current access to beverage container redemption sites,
2405 walking distances to such sites, public access to reliable transportation,
2406 population density, customer convenience, type of redemption
2407 technology to be deployed and the volume of beverage containers sold
2408 in the relevant community.

2409 (c) Grant proceeds received pursuant to the beverage container
2410 recycling grant program may be used for infrastructure, technology and
2411 costs associated with the establishment of a beverage container
2412 redemption center and for initial operational expenses of such
2413 redemption center. The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
2414 Protection, shall issue, not later than December 1, 2021, a grant
2415 application process that distributes such grant proceeds described in
2416 subsection (d) of this section, on a rolling basis.

2417 (d) Any grant awarded pursuant to the grant program described in
2418 this section shall not exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars in any
2419 fiscal year.

2420 (e) Any person or entity that receives a grant pursuant to the beverage
2421 container recycling grant program shall, not later than October first of
2422 each year, submit to the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
2423 Protection a financial audit of grant expenditures by such person or
2424 entity until all grant moneys have been expended by such person or
2425 entity. Any such audit shall be prepared by an independent auditor and
2426 if said commissioner finds that any such grant is used for purposes that
2427 are not in conformity with uses set forth in this section, said
2428 commissioner may require repayment of such grant.

2429 Sec. 66. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2023*) As used in this section and
2430 sections 67 to 76, inclusive, of this act, unless the context otherwise
2431 requires:

2432 (1) "Affiliate" means a legal entity that controls, is controlled by, or is
2433 under common control with another legal entity or shares common
2434 branding with another legal entity. For the purposes of this subdivision,
2435 "control" or "controlled" means (A) ownership of, or the power to vote,
2436 more than fifty per cent of the outstanding shares of any class of voting
2437 security of a company, (B) control in any manner over the election of a
2438 majority of the directors or of individuals exercising similar functions,
2439 or (C) the power to exercise controlling influence over the management
2440 of a company.

2441 (2) "Authenticate" means to use reasonable means to determine that
2442 a request to exercise any of the rights afforded under sections 67 to 76,
2443 inclusive, of this act is being made by the consumer who is entitled to
2444 exercise such consumer rights with respect to the personal data at issue.

2445 (3) "Biometric data" means data generated by automatic
2446 measurements of an individual's biological characteristics, such as a
2447 fingerprint, voiceprint, eye retinas, irises or other unique biological
2448 patterns or characteristics that are used to identify a specific individual.

2449 (4) "Business associate" has the same meaning as provided in HIPAA.

2450 (5) "Child" has the same meaning as provided in COPPA.

2451 (6) "Consent" means a clear affirmative act signifying a consumer's
2452 freely given, specific, informed and unambiguous agreement to allow
2453 the processing of personal data relating to the consumer. "Consent" may
2454 include a written statement, including by electronic means, or any other
2455 unambiguous affirmative action. "Consent" does not include (A)
2456 acceptance of a general or broad term of use or similar document that
2457 contains descriptions of personal data processing along with other,
2458 unrelated information; (B) hovering over, muting, pausing or closing a
2459 given piece of content; or (C) agreement obtained through the use of
2460 dark patterns.

2461 (7) "Consumer" means a natural person who is a resident of this state.
2462 "Consumer" does not include a natural person acting in a commercial or
2463 employment context or as an employee, owner, director, officer or
2464 contractor of a company, partnership, sole proprietorship, nonprofit or
2465 government agency whose communications or transactions with the
2466 controller occur solely within the context of that natural person's role
2467 with the company, partnership, sole proprietorship, nonprofit or
2468 government agency.

2469 (8) "Controller" means a natural or legal person that, alone or jointly
2470 with others, determines the purpose and means of processing personal
2471 data.

2472 (9) "COPPA" means the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act of
2473 1998, 15 USC 6501 et seq., as amended from time to time.

2474 (10) "Covered entity" has the same meaning as provided in HIPAA.

2475 (11) "Dark pattern" means a user interface designed or manipulated
2476 with the substantial effect of subverting or impairing user autonomy,
2477 decision-making, or choice.

2478 (12) "Decisions that produce legal or similarly significant effects

2479 concerning a consumer" means decisions made by the controller that
2480 result in the provision or denial by the controller of financial and
2481 lending services, housing, insurance, education enrollment, criminal
2482 justice, employment opportunities, health care services or access to basic
2483 necessities, such as food and water.

2484 (13) "De-identified data" means data that cannot reasonably be used
2485 to infer information about, or otherwise be linked to, an identified or
2486 identifiable natural person, or a device linked to such person.

2487 (14) "Health record" means the health-related record of an individual,
2488 and may include, but need not be limited to, continuity of care
2489 documents, discharge summaries and other information or data relating
2490 to a patient's demographics, medical history, medication, allergies,
2491 immunizations, laboratory test results, radiology or other diagnostic
2492 images, vital signs and statistics.

2493 (15) "HIPAA" means the Health Insurance Portability and
2494 Accountability Act of 1996, 42 USC 1320d et seq., as amended from time
2495 to time.

2496 (16) "Identified or identifiable natural person" means a person who
2497 can be readily identified, directly or indirectly.

2498 (17) "Institution of higher education" means any person, school,
2499 board, association, limited liability company or corporation that is
2500 licensed or accredited to offer one or more programs of higher learning
2501 leading to one or more degrees.

2502 (18) "Minor" means an individual who is at least thirteen years of age
2503 and under sixteen years of age.

2504 (19) "Nonprofit organization" means any organization that is exempt
2505 from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of
2506 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the
2507 United States, as amended from time to time.

2508 (20) "Personal data" means any information that is linked or
2509 reasonably linkable to an identified or identifiable natural person.
2510 "Personal data" does not include de-identified data or publicly available
2511 information.

2512 (21) "Precise geolocation data" means information derived from
2513 technology, including, but not limited to, global positioning system
2514 level latitude and longitude coordinates or other mechanisms, that
2515 directly identify the specific location of a natural person with precision
2516 and accuracy within a radius of one thousand seven hundred fifty feet.
2517 "Precise geolocation data" does not include the content of
2518 communications or any data generated by or connected to advanced
2519 utility metering infrastructure systems or equipment for use by a utility.

2520 (22) "Process" or "processing" means any operation or set of
2521 operations performed, whether by manual or automated means, on
2522 personal data or on sets of personal data, such as the collection, use,
2523 storage, disclosure, analysis, deletion or modification of personal data.

2524 (23) "Processor" means a natural or legal entity that processes
2525 personal data on behalf of a controller.

2526 (24) "Profiling" means any form of automated processing performed
2527 on personal data to evaluate, analyze, or predict personal aspects related
2528 to an identified or identifiable natural person's economic situation,
2529 health, personal preferences, interests, reliability, behavior, location or
2530 movements.

2531 (25) "Protected health information" has the same meaning as
2532 provided in HIPAA.

2533 (26) "Pseudonymous data" means personal data that cannot be
2534 attributed to a specific natural person without the use of additional
2535 information, provided that such additional information is kept
2536 separately and is subject to appropriate technical and organizational
2537 measures to ensure that the personal data is not attributed to an

2538 identified or identifiable natural person.

2539 (27) "Publicly available information" means information that is
2540 lawfully made available through federal, state or municipal government
2541 records or widely distributed media.

2542 (28) "Sale of personal data" means the exchange of personal data for
2543 monetary or other valuable consideration by the controller to a third
2544 party. "Sale of personal data" does not include: (A) The disclosure of
2545 personal data to a processor that processes the personal data on behalf
2546 of the controller, (B) the disclosure of personal data to a third party for
2547 purposes of providing a product or service requested by the consumer,
2548 (C) the disclosure or transfer of personal data to an affiliate of the
2549 controller, (D) the disclosure of information that the consumer (i)
2550 intentionally made available to the general public via a channel of mass
2551 media, and (ii) did not restrict to a specific audience, or (E) the disclosure
2552 or transfer of personal data to a third party as an asset that is part of a
2553 merger, acquisition, bankruptcy or other transaction in which the third
2554 party assumes control of all or part of the controller's assets.

2555 (29) "Sensitive data" means personal data that includes: (A) Data
2556 revealing racial or ethnic origin, religious beliefs, mental or physical
2557 health diagnosis, sexual orientation or citizenship or immigration
2558 status, (B) the processing of genetic or biometric data for the purpose of
2559 uniquely identifying a natural person, (C) personal data collected from
2560 a known child, or (D) precise geolocation data.

2561 (30) "Targeted advertising" means displaying advertisements to a
2562 consumer where the advertisement is selected based on personal data
2563 obtained from that consumer's activities over time and across one or
2564 more distinctly branded Internet web sites or online applications to
2565 predict such consumer's preferences or interests. "Targeted advertising"
2566 does not include: (A) Advertisements based on activities within a
2567 controller's own commonly branded web sites or online applications, (B)
2568 advertisements based on the context of a consumer's current search

2569 query, visit to an Internet web site or online application, or (C)
2570 advertisements directed to a consumer in response to the consumer's
2571 request for information or feedback.

2572 (31) "Third party" means a natural or legal person, public authority,
2573 agency or body other than the consumer, controller, processor or an
2574 affiliate of the processor or the controller.

2575 Sec. 67. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2023*) The provisions of sections 66
2576 to 76, inclusive, of this act apply to persons that conduct business in this
2577 state or persons that produce products or services that are targeted to
2578 residents of this state and that during the preceding calendar year: (1)
2579 Controlled or processed the personal data of not less than one hundred
2580 thousand consumers, or (2) controlled or processed the personal data of
2581 not less than twenty-five thousand consumers and derived more than
2582 twenty-five per cent of their gross revenue from the sale of personal
2583 data.

2584 Sec. 68. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2023*) (a) The provisions of sections
2585 66 to 76, inclusive, of this act do not apply to any: (1) Body, authority,
2586 board, bureau, commission, district or agency of this state or of any
2587 political subdivision of this state, (2) nonprofit organization, (3)
2588 institution of higher education, (4) national securities association that is
2589 registered under 15 USC 78o-3 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as
2590 amended from time to time, or (5) hospital, as defined in section 38a-493
2591 of the general statutes, whether nonprofit or for-profit.

2592 (b) The following information and data is exempt from the provisions
2593 of sections 66 to 76, inclusive, of this act: (1) Protected health information
2594 under HIPAA, (2) health records, (3) patient-identifying information for
2595 purposes of 42 USC 290dd-2, (4) identifiable private information for
2596 purposes of the federal policy for the protection of human subjects
2597 under 45 CFR 46, (5) identifiable private information that is otherwise
2598 information collected as part of human subjects research pursuant to the
2599 good clinical practice guidelines issued by the International Council for

2600 Harmonization of Technical Requirements for Pharmaceuticals for
2601 Human Use, (6) the protection of human subjects under 21 CFR 6, 50
2602 and 56, or personal data used or shared in research, as defined in 45 CFR
2603 164.501, that is conducted in accordance with the standards set forth in
2604 this subdivision and subdivisions (4) and (5) of this subsection, or other
2605 research conducted in accordance with applicable law, (7) information
2606 and documents created for purposes of the Health Care Quality
2607 Improvement Act of 1986, 42 USC 11101 et seq., (8) patient safety work
2608 product for purposes of the Patient Safety and Quality Improvement
2609 Act, 42 USC 299b-21 et seq., as amended from time to time, (9)
2610 information derived from any of the health care related information
2611 listed in this subsection that is de-identified in accordance with the
2612 requirements for de-identification pursuant to HIPAA, (10) information
2613 originating from, and intermingled to be indistinguishable with, or
2614 information treated in the same manner as information exempt under
2615 this subsection that is maintained by a covered entity or business
2616 associate, program or qualified service organization, as specified in 42
2617 USC 290dd-2, as amended from time to time, (11) information used for
2618 public health activities and purposes as authorized by HIPAA, (12) the
2619 collection, maintenance, disclosure, sale, communication or use of any
2620 personal information bearing on a consumer's credit worthiness, credit
2621 standing, credit capacity, character, general reputation, personal
2622 characteristics or mode of living by a consumer reporting agency,
2623 furnisher or user that provides information for use in a consumer report,
2624 and by a user of a consumer report, but only to the extent that such
2625 activity is regulated by and authorized under the Fair Credit Reporting
2626 Act, 15 USC 1681 et seq., as amended from time to time, (13) personal
2627 data collected, processed, sold or disclosed in compliance with the
2628 Driver's Privacy Protection Act of 1994, 18 USC 2721 et seq., as amended
2629 from time to time, (14) personal data regulated by the Family
2630 Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 USC 1232g et seq., as amended
2631 from time to time, (15) personal data collected, processed, sold or
2632 disclosed in compliance with the Farm Credit Act, 12 USC 2001 et seq.,
2633 as amended from time to time, (16) data processed or maintained (A) in

2634 the course of an individual applying to, employed by, or acting as an
2635 agent or independent contractor of, a controller, processor or third
2636 party, to the extent that the data is collected and used within the context
2637 of that role, (B) as the emergency contact information of an individual
2638 under sections 66 to 76, inclusive, of this act used for emergency contact
2639 purposes, or (C) that is necessary to retain to administer benefits for
2640 another individual relating to the individual who is the subject of the
2641 information under subdivision (1) of this subsection and used for the
2642 purposes of administering such benefits, (17) personal data collected,
2643 processed, sold, or disclosed in relation to price, route or service, as such
2644 terms are used in the Airline Deregulation Act, 49 USC 40101 et seq., as
2645 amended from time to time, by an air carrier subject to said act, to the
2646 extent sections 66 to 76, inclusive, of this act are preempted by Section
2647 41713 of the Airline Deregulation Act, and (18) data subject to Title V of
2648 the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, 15 USC 6801 et seq.

2649 (c) Controllers and processors that comply with the verifiable
2650 parental consent requirements of COPPA, shall be deemed compliant
2651 with any obligation to obtain parental consent pursuant to sections 66
2652 to 76, inclusive, of this act.

2653 Sec. 69. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2023*) (a) A consumer shall have
2654 the right to: (1) Confirm whether or not a controller is processing the
2655 consumer's personal data and to access such personal data, (2) correct
2656 inaccuracies in the consumer's personal data, taking into account the
2657 nature of the personal data and the purposes of the processing of the
2658 consumer's personal data, (3) delete personal data provided by the
2659 consumer, (4) obtain a copy of the consumer's personal data that the
2660 consumer previously provided to the controller, in a portable and, to the
2661 extent technically feasible, readily usable format that allows the
2662 consumer to transmit the data to another controller without hindrance,
2663 where the processing is carried out by automated means, and (5) opt out
2664 of the processing of the personal data for purposes of (A) targeted
2665 advertising, (B) the sale of personal data, or (C) profiling in furtherance
2666 of decisions that produce legal or similarly significant effects concerning

2667 the consumer.

2668 (b) A consumer may exercise rights under sections 66 to 76, inclusive,
2669 of this act by a secure and reliable means established by the controller
2670 and described to the consumer in the controller's privacy notice. A
2671 consumer may designate an authorized agent in accordance with
2672 section 70 of this act to exercise the rights of such consumer to opt out
2673 of the processing of such consumer's personal data for purposes of
2674 subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of this
2675 section on behalf of the consumer. In the case of processing personal
2676 data of a known child, the parent or legal guardian may exercise such
2677 consumer rights on the child's behalf. In the case of processing personal
2678 data concerning a consumer subject to a guardianship, conservatorship
2679 or other protective arrangement, the guardian or the conservator of the
2680 consumer may exercise such rights on the consumer's behalf.

2681 (c) Except as otherwise provided in sections 66 to 76, inclusive, of this
2682 act, a controller shall comply with a request by a consumer to exercise
2683 the consumer rights authorized pursuant to said sections as follows:

2684 (1) A controller shall respond to the consumer without undue delay,
2685 but not later than forty-five days after receipt of the request. The
2686 response period may be extended once by forty-five additional days
2687 when reasonably necessary, considering the complexity and number of
2688 the consumer's requests, provided the controller informs the consumer
2689 of any such extension within the initial forty-five-day response period,
2690 together with the reason for the extension.

2691 (2) If a controller declines to take action regarding the consumer's
2692 request, the controller shall inform the consumer without undue delay,
2693 but not later than forty-five days after receipt of the request, of the
2694 justification for declining to take action and instructions for how to
2695 appeal the decision.

2696 (3) Information provided in response to a consumer request shall be
2697 provided by a controller free of charge, up to twice annually per

2698 consumer. If requests from a consumer are manifestly unfounded,
2699 excessive or repetitive, the controller may charge the consumer a
2700 reasonable fee to cover the administrative costs of complying with the
2701 request or decline to act on the request. The controller bears the burden
2702 of demonstrating the manifestly unfounded, excessive or repetitive
2703 nature of the request.

2704 (4) If a controller is unable to authenticate the request using
2705 commercially reasonable efforts, the controller shall not be required to
2706 comply with a request to initiate an action pursuant to this section and
2707 shall provide notice to the consumer that the controller is unable to
2708 authenticate the request until the consumer provides additional
2709 information reasonably necessary to authenticate the consumer and the
2710 consumer's request.

2711 (d) A controller shall establish a process for a consumer to appeal the
2712 controller's refusal to take action on a request within a reasonable period
2713 of time after the consumer's receipt of the decision. The appeal process
2714 shall be conspicuously available and similar to the process for
2715 submitting requests to initiate action pursuant to this section. Not later
2716 than sixty days after receipt of an appeal, a controller shall inform the
2717 consumer in writing of any action taken or not taken in response to the
2718 appeal, including a written explanation of the reasons for the decisions.
2719 If the appeal is denied, the controller shall also provide the consumer
2720 with an online mechanism, if available, or other method through which
2721 the consumer may contact the Attorney General to submit a complaint.

2722 Sec. 70. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2023*) (a) Except as provided in
2723 subsection (b) of this section, a controller receiving a request from an
2724 authorized agent to exercise the rights of a consumer to opt out of the
2725 processing of such consumer's personal data for purposes of
2726 subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of section
2727 69 of this act may require the authorized agent to provide proof that the
2728 consumer gave the agent signed permission to submit the request. If the
2729 controller has a reason to believe that the proof submitted by the agent

2730 is insufficient or invalid, the controller may also require the consumer
2731 to do either of the following: (1) Verify the consumer's own identity
2732 directly with the controller; or (2) directly confirm with the controller
2733 that the consumer provided the authorized agent with permission to
2734 submit the request.

2735 (b) Subsection (a) of this section does not apply when a consumer has
2736 provided the authorized agent with power of attorney pursuant to
2737 sections 1-350 to 1-353b, inclusive, of the general statutes.

2738 (c) An authorized agent shall implement and maintain reasonable
2739 security procedures and practices to protect the consumer's personal
2740 data.

2741 (d) An authorized agent shall not use a consumer's personal data, or
2742 any information collected from or about the consumer, for any purposes
2743 other than to fulfill the consumer's requests, for verification or for fraud
2744 prevention.

2745 Sec. 71. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2023*) (a) A controller shall: (1)
2746 Limit the collection of personal data to what is adequate, relevant and
2747 reasonably necessary in relation to the purposes for which such data is
2748 processed, as disclosed to the consumer, (2) except as otherwise
2749 provided in sections 66 to 76, inclusive, of this act, not process personal
2750 data for purposes that are neither reasonably necessary to nor
2751 compatible with the disclosed purposes for which such personal data is
2752 processed, as disclosed to the consumer, unless the controller obtains
2753 the consumer's consent, (3) establish, implement and maintain
2754 reasonable administrative, technical and physical data security practices
2755 to protect the confidentiality, integrity and accessibility of personal data
2756 appropriate to the volume and nature of the personal data at issue, (4)
2757 not process sensitive data concerning a consumer without obtaining the
2758 consumer's consent, or, in the case of the processing of sensitive data
2759 concerning a known child, without processing such data in accordance
2760 with COPPA, (5) not process personal data in violation of the laws of

2761 this state and federal laws that prohibit unlawful discrimination against
2762 consumers, (6) provide an effective mechanism for a consumer to revoke
2763 his or her consent under this section, and upon revocation of such
2764 consent, cease to process the data as soon as practicable, but not later
2765 than forty-five days after the receipt of such request, and (7) not process
2766 the personal data of a consumer under circumstances where a controller
2767 has actual knowledge of, or wilfully disregards, whether the consumer
2768 is a minor for the purposes of targeted advertising or selling a minor's
2769 personal data without obtaining the minor's consent. A controller shall
2770 not discriminate against a consumer for exercising any of the consumer
2771 rights contained in sections 66 to 76, inclusive, of this act, including
2772 denying goods or services, charging different prices or rates for goods
2773 or services or providing a different level of quality of goods and services
2774 to the consumer.

2775 (b) Nothing in subsection (a) of this section shall be construed to
2776 prohibit a controller from offering a different price, rate, level, quality,
2777 or selection of goods or services to a consumer, including offering goods
2778 or services for no fee, if the offering is in connection with a consumer's
2779 voluntary participation in a bona fide loyalty, rewards, premium
2780 features, discounts or club card program. If a consumer exercises his or
2781 her right to opt out pursuant to subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of
2782 section 69 of this act, a controller may not sell the consumer's personal
2783 data to a third party as part of such program unless: (1) The sale is
2784 reasonably necessary to enable the third party to provide a benefit to
2785 which the consumer is entitled; (2) the sale of personal data to third
2786 parties is clearly disclosed in the terms of the program; and (3) the third
2787 party uses the personal data only for purposes of facilitating such a
2788 benefit to which the consumer is entitled and does not retain or
2789 otherwise use or disclose the personal data for any other purpose.

2790 (c) A controller shall provide consumers with a reasonably accessible,
2791 clear, and meaningful privacy notice that includes: (1) The categories of
2792 personal data processed by the controller, (2) the purpose for processing
2793 personal data, (3) how consumers may exercise their consumer rights,

2794 including how a consumer may appeal a controller's decision with
2795 regard to the consumer's request, (4) the categories of personal data that
2796 the controller shares with third parties, if any, (5) the categories of third
2797 parties, if any, with which the controller shares personal data, and (6)
2798 an active electronic mail address that the consumer may use to contact
2799 the controller.

2800 (d) If a controller sells personal data to third parties or processes
2801 personal data for targeted advertising, the controller shall clearly and
2802 conspicuously disclose such processing, as well as the manner in which
2803 a consumer may exercise the right to opt out of such processing.

2804 (e) A controller shall establish, and shall describe in a privacy notice,
2805 one or more secure and reliable means for consumers to submit a
2806 request to exercise their consumer rights pursuant to sections 66 to 76,
2807 inclusive, of this act. Such means shall take into account the ways in
2808 which consumers normally interact with the controller, the need for
2809 secure and reliable communication of such requests, and the ability of
2810 the controller to authenticate the identity of the consumer making the
2811 request. Such means shall further include any mechanisms provided for
2812 under any other state law or regulation to which the controller is subject
2813 and that grants individuals rights analogous to those granted to
2814 consumers under sections 66 to 76, inclusive, of this act. A controller
2815 shall not require a consumer to create a new account in order to exercise
2816 consumer rights, but may require a consumer to use an existing account.
2817 Any such means shall include:

2818 (1) (A) Providing a clear and conspicuous link on the controller's
2819 Internet web site, titled "Do Not Sell or Share My Personal Information",
2820 to an Internet web page that enables a consumer, or an agent of the
2821 consumer, to opt out of the sale or sharing of the consumer's personal
2822 data; and

2823 (B) Providing a clear and conspicuous link on the controller's Internet
2824 web site, titled "Limit the Use of My Sensitive Personal Information",

2825 that enables a consumer, or an agent of the consumer, to limit the use or
2826 disclosure of the consumer's sensitive data; or

2827 (2) In lieu of complying with subdivision (1) of this subsection,
2828 providing a single, clearly-labeled link on the controller's Internet web
2829 site that easily allows a consumer to opt out of the sale or sharing of the
2830 consumer's personal data and to limit the use or disclosure of the
2831 consumer's sensitive data.

2832 (3) If a controller responds to consumer opt-out requests received
2833 pursuant to subdivision (1) or (2) of this subsection by informing the
2834 consumer of a charge for the use of any product or service, the controller
2835 shall present the terms of any financial incentive offered pursuant to
2836 subsection (b) of this section for the retention, use, sale or sharing of the
2837 consumer's personal data.

2838 (f) A controller shall not be required to comply with subsection (e) of
2839 this section if the controller (1) allows consumers to opt out of the sale
2840 or sharing of their personal data and to limit the use of their sensitive
2841 data through an opt-out preference signal sent with the consumer's
2842 consent by a platform, technology or mechanism to the controller
2843 indicating the consumer's intent to opt out of the controller's sale or
2844 sharing of the consumer's personal data or to limit the use or disclosure
2845 of the consumer's sensitive data, or both, and (2) describes in its privacy
2846 notice how consumers may exercise such opt-out preference.

2847 Sec. 72. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2023*) (a) A processor shall adhere
2848 to the instructions of a controller and shall assist the controller in
2849 meeting its obligations pursuant to sections 66 to 76, inclusive, of this
2850 act. Such assistance shall include: (1) Taking into account the nature of
2851 processing and the information available to the processor, by
2852 appropriate technical and organizational measures, insofar as is
2853 reasonably practicable, to fulfill the controller's obligation to respond to
2854 consumer rights requests, (2) taking into account the nature of
2855 processing and the information available to the processor, by assisting

2856 the controller in meeting the controller's obligations in relation to the
2857 security of processing the personal data and in relation to the
2858 notification of a breach of security, as defined in section 36a-701b of the
2859 general statutes, of the system of the processor, in order to meet the
2860 controller's obligations, and (3) providing necessary information to
2861 enable the controller to conduct and document data protection
2862 assessments.

2863 (b) A contract between a controller and a processor shall govern the
2864 processor's data processing procedures with respect to processing
2865 performed on behalf of the controller. The contract shall be binding and
2866 clearly set forth instructions for processing data, the nature and purpose
2867 of processing, the type of data subject to processing, the duration of
2868 processing and the rights and obligations of both parties. The contract
2869 shall also require that the processor: (1) Ensure that each person
2870 processing personal data is subject to a duty of confidentiality with
2871 respect to the data, (2) at the controller's direction, delete or return all
2872 personal data to the controller as requested at the end of the provision
2873 of services, unless retention of the personal data is required by law, (3)
2874 upon the reasonable request of the controller, make available to the
2875 controller all information in its possession necessary to demonstrate the
2876 processor's compliance with the obligations in sections 66 to 76,
2877 inclusive, of this act, (4) engage any subcontractor pursuant to a written
2878 contract that requires the subcontractor to meet the obligations of the
2879 processor with respect to the personal data, and (5) allow, and cooperate
2880 with, reasonable assessments by the controller or the controller's
2881 designated assessor, or the processor may arrange for a qualified and
2882 independent assessor to conduct an assessment of the processor's
2883 policies and technical and organizational measures in support of the
2884 obligations under sections 66 to 76, inclusive, of this act, using an
2885 appropriate and accepted control standard or framework and
2886 assessment procedure for such assessments. The processor shall provide
2887 a report of such assessment to the controller upon request.

2888 (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to relieve a controller or

2889 a processor from the liabilities imposed on it by virtue of its role in the
2890 processing relationship, as described in sections 66 to 76, inclusive, of
2891 this act.

2892 (d) Determining whether a person is acting as a controller or
2893 processor with respect to a specific processing of data is a fact-based
2894 determination that depends upon the context in which personal data is
2895 to be processed. A processor that continues to adhere to a controller's
2896 instructions with respect to a specific processing of personal data
2897 remains a processor.

2898 Sec. 73. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2023*) (a) A controller shall conduct
2899 and document a data protection assessment of each of the following
2900 high-risk processing activities involving personal data: (1) The
2901 processing of personal data for purposes of targeted advertising, (2) the
2902 sale of personal data, (3) the processing of personal data for purposes of
2903 profiling, where such profiling presents a reasonably foreseeable risk of
2904 (A) unfair or deceptive treatment of, or unlawful disparate impact on,
2905 consumers, (B) financial, physical or reputational injury to consumers,
2906 (C) a physical or other intrusion upon the solitude or seclusion, or the
2907 private affairs or concerns, of consumers, where such intrusion would
2908 be offensive to a reasonable person, or (D) other substantial injury to
2909 consumers, (4) the processing of sensitive data, and (5) any processing
2910 activities involving personal data that present a heightened risk of harm
2911 to consumers.

2912 (b) Data protection assessments conducted pursuant to subsection (a)
2913 of this section shall identify and weigh the benefits that may flow,
2914 directly and indirectly, from the processing to the controller, the
2915 consumer, other stakeholders and the public against the potential risks
2916 to the rights of the consumer associated with such processing, as
2917 mitigated by safeguards that can be employed by the controller to
2918 reduce such risks. The use of de-identified data and the reasonable
2919 expectations of consumers, as well as the context of the processing and
2920 the relationship between the controller and the consumer whose

2921 personal data will be processed, shall be factored into this assessment
2922 by the controller.

2923 (c) The Attorney General may require that a controller disclose any
2924 data protection assessment that is relevant to an investigation
2925 conducted by the Attorney General, and the controller shall make the
2926 data protection assessment available to the Attorney General. The
2927 Attorney General may evaluate the data protection assessment for
2928 compliance with the responsibilities set forth in sections 66 to 76,
2929 inclusive, of this act. Data protection assessments shall be confidential
2930 and shall be exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information
2931 Act, as defined in section 1-200 of the general statutes. To the extent any
2932 information contained in a data protection assessment disclosed to the
2933 Attorney General includes information subject to attorney-client
2934 privilege or work product protection, such disclosure shall not
2935 constitute a waiver of such privilege or protection.

2936 (d) A single data protection assessment may address a comparable
2937 set of processing operations that include similar activities.

2938 (e) Data protection assessments conducted by a controller for the
2939 purpose of compliance with other laws or regulations may comply
2940 under this section if the assessments have a reasonably comparable
2941 scope and effect.

2942 (f) Data protection assessment requirements shall apply to processing
2943 activities created or generated after January 1, 2023, and are not
2944 retroactive.

2945 Sec. 74. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2023*) (a) Any controller in
2946 possession of de-identified data shall: (1) Take reasonable measures to
2947 ensure that the data cannot be associated with a natural person, (2)
2948 publicly commit to maintaining and using de-identified data without
2949 attempting to re-identify the data, and (3) contractually obligate any
2950 recipients of the de-identified data to comply with all provisions of
2951 sections 66 to 76, inclusive, of this act.

2952 (b) Nothing in sections 66 to 76, inclusive, of this act shall be
2953 construed to (1) require a controller or processor to re-identify de-
2954 identified data or pseudonymous data, or (2) maintain data in
2955 identifiable form, or collect, obtain, retain or access any data or
2956 technology, in order to be capable of associating an authenticated
2957 consumer request with personal data.

2958 (c) Nothing in sections 66 to 76, inclusive, of this act shall be construed
2959 to require a controller or processor to comply with an authenticated
2960 consumer rights request, if all of the following are true, if the controller:
2961 (1) Is not reasonably capable of associating the request with the personal
2962 data or it would be unreasonably burdensome for the controller to
2963 associate the request with the personal data, (2) does not use the
2964 personal data to recognize or respond to the specific consumer who is
2965 the subject of the personal data, or associate the personal data with other
2966 personal data about the same specific consumer, and (3) does not sell
2967 the personal data to any third party or otherwise voluntarily disclose
2968 the personal data to any third party other than a processor, except as
2969 otherwise permitted in this section.

2970 (d) Consumer rights shall not apply to pseudonymous data in cases
2971 where the controller is able to demonstrate any information necessary
2972 to identify the consumer is kept separately and is subject to effective
2973 technical and organizational controls that prevent the controller from
2974 accessing such information.

2975 (e) A controller that discloses pseudonymous data or de-identified
2976 data shall exercise reasonable oversight to monitor compliance with any
2977 contractual commitments to which the pseudonymous data or de-
2978 identified data is subject and shall take appropriate steps to address any
2979 breaches of those contractual commitments.

2980 Sec. 75. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2023*) (a) Nothing in sections 66 to
2981 76, inclusive, of this act shall be construed to restrict a controller's or
2982 processor's ability to: (1) Comply with federal, state or municipal

2983 ordinances or regulations, (2) comply with a civil, criminal or regulatory
2984 inquiry, investigation, subpoena or summons by federal, state,
2985 municipal or other governmental authorities, (3) cooperate with law-
2986 enforcement agencies concerning conduct or activity that the controller
2987 or processor reasonably and in good faith believes may violate federal,
2988 state or municipal ordinances or regulations, (4) investigate, establish,
2989 exercise, prepare for or defend legal claims, (5) provide a product or
2990 service specifically requested by a consumer, (6) perform a contract to
2991 which a consumer is a party, including fulfilling the terms of a written
2992 warranty, (7) take steps at the request of a consumer prior to entering
2993 into a contract, (8) take immediate steps to protect an interest that is
2994 essential for the life or physical safety of the consumer or of another
2995 natural person, and where the processing cannot be manifestly based on
2996 another legal basis, (9) prevent, detect, protect against or respond to
2997 security incidents, identity theft, fraud, harassment, malicious or
2998 deceptive activities or any illegal activity, preserve the integrity or
2999 security of systems or investigate, report or prosecute those responsible
3000 for any such action, (10) engage in public or peer-reviewed scientific or
3001 statistical research in the public interest that adheres to all other
3002 applicable ethics and privacy laws and is approved, monitored and
3003 governed by an institutional review board, or similar independent
3004 oversight entities that determine (A) if the deletion of the information is
3005 likely to provide substantial benefits that do not exclusively accrue to
3006 the controller, (B) the expected benefits of the research outweigh the
3007 privacy risks, and (C) if the controller has implemented reasonable
3008 safeguards to mitigate privacy risks associated with research, including
3009 any risks associated with re-identification, (11) assist another controller,
3010 processor, or third party with any of the obligations under sections 66
3011 to 76, inclusive, of this act, or (12) process personal data for reasons of
3012 public interest in the area of public health, but solely to the extent that
3013 such processing is (A) subject to suitable and specific measures to
3014 safeguard the rights of the consumer whose personal data is being
3015 processed, and (B) under the responsibility of a professional subject to
3016 confidentiality obligations under federal, state or local law.

3017 (b) The obligations imposed on controllers or processors under
3018 sections 66 to 76, inclusive, of this act shall not restrict a controller's or
3019 processor's ability to collect, use, or retain data for internal use to: (1)
3020 Conduct internal research to develop, improve, or repair products,
3021 services, or technology, (2) effectuate a product recall, (3) identify and
3022 repair technical errors that impair existing or intended functionality, or
3023 (4) perform internal operations that are reasonably aligned with the
3024 expectations of the consumer or reasonably anticipated based on the
3025 consumer's existing relationship with the controller or are otherwise
3026 compatible with processing data in furtherance of the provision of a
3027 product or service specifically requested by a consumer or the
3028 performance of a contract to which the consumer is a party.

3029 (c) The obligations imposed on controllers or processors under
3030 sections 66 to 76, inclusive, of this act shall not apply where compliance
3031 by the controller or processor with said sections would violate an
3032 evidentiary privilege under the laws of this state. Nothing in sections 66
3033 to 76, inclusive, of this act shall be construed to prevent a controller or
3034 processor from providing personal data concerning a consumer to a
3035 person covered by an evidentiary privilege under the laws of the state
3036 as part of a privileged communication.

3037 (d) A controller or processor that discloses personal data to a third-
3038 party controller or processor, in compliance with the requirements of
3039 sections 66 to 76, inclusive, of this act, is not in violation of said sections
3040 if the third-party controller or processor that receives and processes
3041 such personal data is in violation of said sections, provided, at the time
3042 of disclosing the personal data, the disclosing controller or processor did
3043 not have reason to believe that the recipient would violate said sections.
3044 A third-party controller or processor receiving personal data from a
3045 controller or processor in compliance with the requirements of sections
3046 66 to 76, inclusive, of this act is likewise not in violation of said sections
3047 for the transgressions of the controller or processor from which it
3048 receives such personal data.

3049 (e) Nothing in sections 66 to 76, inclusive, of this act shall be
3050 construed as an obligation imposed on controllers and processors that
3051 adversely affects the rights or freedoms of any persons, such as
3052 exercising the right of free speech pursuant to the First Amendment to
3053 the United States Constitution, or applies to the processing of personal
3054 data by a person in the course of a purely personal or household activity.

3055 (f) Personal data processed by a controller pursuant to this section
3056 may be processed to the extent that such processing is: (1) Reasonably
3057 necessary and proportionate to the purposes listed in this section, and
3058 (2) adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary in relation to the
3059 specific purposes listed in this section. Personal data collected, used, or
3060 retained pursuant to subsection (b) of this section shall, where
3061 applicable, take into account the nature and purpose or purposes of such
3062 collection, use, or retention. Such data shall be subject to reasonable
3063 administrative, technical, and physical measures to protect the
3064 confidentiality, integrity, and accessibility of the personal data and to
3065 reduce reasonably foreseeable risks of harm to consumers relating to
3066 such collection, use, or retention of personal data.

3067 (g) If a controller processes personal data pursuant to an exemption
3068 in this section, the controller bears the burden of demonstrating that
3069 such processing qualifies for the exemption and complies with the
3070 requirements in subsection (f) of this section.

3071 (h) Processing personal data for the purposes expressly identified in
3072 this section shall not solely make an entity a controller with respect to
3073 such processing.

3074 Sec. 76. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2023*) (a) The Attorney General
3075 shall have exclusive authority to enforce violations of sections 66 to 75,
3076 inclusive, of this act.

3077 (b) Until December 31, 2023, prior to initiating any action for a
3078 violation of any provision of sections 66 to 75, inclusive, of this act that
3079 the Attorney General deems it is possible to cure, the Attorney General

3080 shall provide a controller or processor not less than thirty days' written
3081 notice identifying the specific provisions of said sections the Attorney
3082 General, on behalf of a consumer, alleges have been or are being
3083 violated, except such notice shall not be required when (1) the Attorney
3084 General deems that such violation is not possible to cure, or (2) the
3085 Attorney General has a reasonable belief that a controller or processor
3086 knowingly or wilfully violated the provisions of said sections. If, prior
3087 to the expiration of such time period, the controller or processor cures
3088 the noticed violation and provides the Attorney General an express
3089 written statement that the alleged violation has been cured and that no
3090 further violations shall occur, no action for statutory damages shall be
3091 initiated against the controller or processor.

3092 (c) Beginning on January 1, 2024, in determining whether to grant a
3093 controller or processor the opportunity to cure an alleged violation as
3094 described in subsection (b) of this section, the Attorney General may
3095 consider: (1) The number of violations, (2) the size and complexity of the
3096 controller or processor and the nature and extent of the controller's or
3097 processor's processing activities, (3) the substantial likelihood of injury
3098 to the public, and (4) the safety of persons or property.

3099 (d) Nothing in sections 66 to 75, inclusive, of this act shall be
3100 construed as providing the basis for, or be subject to, a private right of
3101 action to violations of said sections or any other law.

3102 (e) A violation of the requirements of sections 66 to 75, inclusive, of
3103 this act shall constitute an unfair trade practice for purposes of section
3104 42-110b of the general statutes and shall be enforced solely by the
3105 Attorney General, provided the provisions of section 42-110g of the
3106 general statutes shall not apply to such violation.

3107 Sec. 77. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than August 1, 2021, the
3108 chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
3109 having cognizance of matters relating to general law shall convene a
3110 working group to (1) monitor privacy developments in other states and

3111 make recommendations for modifications to this state's data privacy
3112 laws, (2) develop a plan to disseminate information to businesses of this
3113 state impacted by sections 66 to 76, inclusive, of this act and identify
3114 resources to assist with such businesses' compliance with said sections,
3115 (3) study and recommend whether to expand sections 66 to 76, inclusive,
3116 of this act to include personal data that the controller purchased from
3117 another controller rather than data that was provided directly by the
3118 consumer, (4) study and recommend whether to extend the sunset of the
3119 period for controllers or processors to cure violations and require them
3120 to be sent a notice of violation, including which violations should be
3121 subject to such cure period, if any, and (5) study and make
3122 recommendations concerning available best methods or mechanisms for
3123 consumers to opt out of the use of their personal data by a controller
3124 under section 69 of this act. Said chairpersons shall serve as chairpersons
3125 of the working group and shall appoint the members of the working
3126 group, which shall include, but need not be limited to, representatives
3127 from industry, academia, consumer advocacy groups, small and large
3128 companies, the Office of the Attorney General and attorneys with an
3129 expertise in privacy law. The administrative staff of the joint standing
3130 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
3131 relating to general law shall serve as administrative staff of the working
3132 group.

3133 (b) Not later than January 1, 2022, the working group shall submit a
3134 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
3135 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
3136 relating to general law, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-
3137 4a of the general statutes. The working group shall terminate on the date
3138 that it submits such report or January 1, 2022, whichever is later.

3139 Sec. 78. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
3140 section 8-2l of the general statutes, any zoning regulation or any other
3141 ordinance regulating a proposed building, structure, development or
3142 use located in a floodplain, as defined in said section, the space in certain
3143 buildings constructed on parcels located at 601 Norwich Avenue, 603

3144 Norwich Avenue and 609 Norwich Avenue in the village of Taftville, in
3145 the city of Norwich, which parcels are situated above the one-hundred-
3146 year flood elevation plus one foot of freeboard, shall be permitted for
3147 residential and commercial use.

3148 Sec. 79. Subsection (c) of section 17a-238a of the general statutes is
3149 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3150 *passage*):

3151 (c) The Commissioner of Developmental Services shall report, [on the
3152 department's web site] in accordance with the provisions of section 11-
3153 4a, at least annually, to the joint standing committees of the General
3154 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health and
3155 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies concerning the number
3156 of individuals determined by the department to be eligible for funding
3157 or services from the department and who (1) have unmet residential
3158 care needs, (2) have unmet employment opportunity and day service
3159 needs, or (3) are eligible for the department's behavioral services
3160 program and are waiting for a funding allocation. The commissioner
3161 shall post such report on the department's Internet web site.

3162 Sec. 80. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a level
3163 of need assessment system advisory committee for the purpose of
3164 advising the Commissioner of Developmental Services on matters
3165 relating to such system.

3166 (b) The committee shall be composed of the following members:

3167 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

3168 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

3169 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
3170 Representatives;

3171 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

3172 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
3173 Representatives;

3174 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

3175 (7) The Commissioner of Developmental Services, or the
3176 commissioner's designee; and

3177 (8) Ten appointed by the Commissioner of Developmental Services,
3178 one of whom shall be a representative of CT DDS Families First, one of
3179 whom shall be a representative of The Arc Connecticut and eight of
3180 whom shall be representatives of families with firsthand experience
3181 with individuals with composite scores of one to eight, inclusive, on the
3182 Department of Developmental Services' level of need assessment and
3183 screening tool.

3184 (c) Any appointment that is vacant for one year or more shall be made
3185 by the Commissioner of Developmental Services. The commissioner
3186 shall notify the appointing authority of the commissioner's choice of
3187 member for appointment not less than thirty days before making such
3188 appointment.

3189 (d) The committee shall meet not less than quarterly. On or before
3190 January 1, 2022, and annually thereafter, the committee shall report, in
3191 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
3192 on its activities to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
3193 having cognizance of matters relating to public health.

3194 (e) Administrative support for the activities of the committee may be
3195 provided by the Department of Developmental Services. The
3196 department shall post the committee's meeting dates and meeting
3197 minutes on the department's Internet web site.

3198 Sec. 81. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) If the Connecticut Lottery
3199 Corporation is licensed to sell lottery tickets for lottery draw games
3200 through the corporation's Internet web site, an online service or a mobile

3201 application pursuant to section 4 of public act 21-23, the corporation
3202 shall establish an "online lottery ticket sales fund" into which all revenue
3203 from online lottery ticket sales shall be deposited, from which all
3204 payments and expenses of the corporation related to such sales shall be
3205 paid and from which transfers to the General Fund and the debt-free
3206 community college account, established in section 82 of this act, shall be
3207 made pursuant to subsection (d) of section 12-812 of the general statutes.

3208 Sec. 82. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) There is established an
3209 account to be known as the "debt-free community college account"
3210 which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account within the General Fund.
3211 The account shall contain any moneys required by law to be deposited
3212 in the account, including, but not limited to, (1) state appropriations for
3213 the debt-free community college program established pursuant to
3214 section 10a-174 of the general statutes, and (2) deposits from the
3215 Connecticut Lottery Corporation in accordance with subsection (d) of
3216 section 12-812 of the general statutes. Moneys in the account shall be
3217 expended by the Board of Regents for Higher Education for the
3218 purposes of the debt-free community college program established
3219 pursuant to section 10a-174 of the general statutes.

3220 (b) Not later than January 1, 2023, July 1, 2023, January 1, 2024, and
3221 January first annually thereafter, the president of the Connecticut
3222 Lottery Corporation shall report to the Board of Regents for Higher
3223 Education (1) the amount of revenue received by the corporation from
3224 online lottery ticket sales, as defined in section 12-801 of the general
3225 statutes, during the current fiscal year, and (2) an estimate of the amount
3226 that will be deposited in the debt-free community college account from
3227 such sales pursuant to subsection (d) of section 12-812 of the general
3228 statutes during the next fiscal year.

3229 Sec. 83. Section 12-801 of the general statutes, as amended by section
3230 28 of public act 21-23 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3231 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

3232 As used in section 12-563a and sections 12-800 to 12-818, inclusive,
3233 and section 81 of this act, the following terms have the following
3234 meanings unless the context clearly indicates another meaning:

3235 (1) "Board" or "board of directors" means the board of directors of the
3236 corporation;

3237 (2) "Corporation" means the Connecticut Lottery Corporation as
3238 created under section 12-802;

3239 (3) "Department" means the Department of Consumer Protection;

3240 (4) "Division" means the former Division of Special Revenue in the
3241 Department of Revenue Services;

3242 (5) "Fantasy contest" has the same meaning as provided in section 1
3243 of [this act] public ac 21-23;

3244 (6) "Lottery" means (A) the Connecticut state lottery conducted prior
3245 to the transfer authorized under section 12-808 by the Division of Special
3246 Revenue, (B) after such transfer, the Connecticut state lottery conducted
3247 by the corporation pursuant to sections 12-563a and 12-800 to 12-818,
3248 inclusive, and section 4 of public act 21-23, (C) the state lottery referred
3249 to in subsection (a) of section 53-278g, and (D) keno conducted by the
3250 corporation pursuant to section 12-806c, or sections 2 and 4 of [this act]
3251 public act 21-23;

3252 (7) "Keno" means a lottery game in which a subset of numbers are
3253 drawn from a larger field of numbers by a central computer system
3254 using an approved random number generator, wheel system device or
3255 other drawing device;

3256 (8) "Lottery and gaming fund" means a fund or funds established by,
3257 and under the management and control of, the corporation, into which
3258 all lottery, sports wagering and fantasy contest revenues of the
3259 corporation are deposited, other than revenues derived from online
3260 lottery ticket sales, from which all payments and expenses of the

3261 corporation are paid, other than those payments and expenses related
3262 to online lottery ticket sales, and from which transfers to the General
3263 Fund or the Connecticut Teachers' Retirement Fund Bonds Special
3264 Capital Reserve Fund, established in section 10-183vv, are made
3265 pursuant to section 12-812, but "lottery and gaming fund" does not
3266 include the online lottery ticket sales fund established under section 81
3267 of this act;

3268 (9) "Online lottery ticket sales" means the sale of lottery tickets for
3269 lottery draw games through the corporation's Internet web site, an
3270 online service or a mobile application, pursuant to a license issued to the
3271 corporation under section 4 of public act 21-23;

3272 [(9)] (10) "Online sports wagering" has the same meaning as provided
3273 in section 1 of [this act] public act 21-23;

3274 [(10)] (11) "Operating revenue" means total revenue received from
3275 lottery sales and sports wagering less all cancelled sales and amounts
3276 paid as prizes but before payment or provision for payment of any other
3277 expenses;

3278 [(11)] (12) "Retail sports wagering" has the same meaning as provided
3279 in section 1 of [this act] public act 21-23; and

3280 [(12)] (13) "Skin" has the same meaning as provided in section 1 of
3281 [this act] public act 21-23.

3282 Sec. 84. Subsection (a) of section 12-806 of the general statutes, as
3283 amended by section 29 of public act 21-23, is repealed and the following
3284 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

3285 (a) The purposes of the corporation shall be to: (1) Operate and
3286 manage the lottery, and retail sports wagering, online sports wagering
3287 and fantasy contests if licensed pursuant to section 4 of [this act] public
3288 act 21-23, in an entrepreneurial and business-like manner free from the
3289 budgetary and other constraints that affect state agencies; (2) provide

3290 continuing and increased revenue to the people of the state through the
3291 lottery, and retail sports wagering, online sports wagering and fantasy
3292 contests if licensed pursuant to section 4 of [this act] public act 21-23, by
3293 being responsive to market forces and acting generally as a corporation
3294 engaged in entrepreneurial pursuits; (3) pay to the trustee of the
3295 Connecticut Teachers' Retirement Fund Bonds Special Capital Reserve
3296 Fund, established in section 10-183vv, the amounts, if any, required
3297 pursuant to subsection (c) of section 12-812; (4) transfer to the debt-free
3298 community college account, established pursuant to section 82 of this
3299 act, the amounts required by subsection (d) of section 12-812; and [(4)]
3300 (5) ensure that the lottery, and retail sports wagering, online sports
3301 wagering and fantasy contests, if licensed pursuant to section 4 of [this
3302 act] public act 21-23, continue to be operated with integrity and for the
3303 public good.

3304 Sec. 85. Section 12-812 of the general statutes, as amended by section
3305 33 of public act 21-23, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3306 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

3307 (a) (1) The president of the corporation, subject to the direction of the
3308 board, shall conduct daily, weekly, multistate, special instant or other
3309 lottery games and shall determine the number of times a lottery shall be
3310 held each year, the form and price of the tickets and the aggregate
3311 amount of prizes, which shall not be less than forty-five per cent of the
3312 sales unless required by the terms of any agreement entered into for the
3313 conduct of multistate lottery games. The proceeds of the sale of tickets,
3314 other than from online lottery ticket sales, shall be deposited in the
3315 lottery and gaming fund of the corporation from which prizes shall be
3316 paid, upon vouchers signed by the president, or by either of two persons
3317 designated and authorized by him, in such numbers and amounts as the
3318 president determines. The corporation may limit its liability in games
3319 with fixed payouts and may cause a cessation of sales of tickets of certain
3320 designation when such liability limit has been reached.

3321 (2) The president of the corporation, subject to the direction of the

3322 board, shall conduct retail sports wagering, online sports wagering and
3323 fantasy contests, if licensed to do so pursuant to section 4 of [this act]
3324 public act 21-23. The proceeds of such wagering and contest activities
3325 shall be deposited in the lottery and gaming fund of the corporation
3326 from which winnings shall be paid and from which the payments
3327 required by sections 18 and 19 of [this act] public act 21-23 shall be made.

3328 (b) The president, subject to the direction of the board, may enter into
3329 agreements for the sale of product advertising on lottery tickets, play
3330 slips and other lottery media.

3331 (c) On a weekly basis, the president shall estimate, and certify to the
3332 State Treasurer, that portion of the balance in the lottery and gaming
3333 fund which exceeds the current needs of the corporation for the
3334 payment of prizes and winnings, the payments required by sections 18
3335 and 19 of [this act] public act 21-23, the payment of current operating
3336 expenses and funding of approved reserves of the corporation. The
3337 corporation shall transfer the amount so certified from the lottery and
3338 gaming fund of the corporation to the General Fund upon notification
3339 of receipt of such certification by the Treasurer, except that if the amount
3340 on deposit in the Connecticut Teachers' Retirement Fund Bonds Special
3341 Capital Reserve Fund, established in section 10-183vv, is less than the
3342 required minimum capital reserve, as defined in subsection (b) of said
3343 section, the corporation shall pay such amount so certified to the trustee
3344 of the fund for deposit in the fund. If the corporation transfers any
3345 moneys to the General Fund at any time when the amount on deposit in
3346 said capital reserve fund is less than the required minimum capital
3347 reserve, the amount of such transfer shall be deemed appropriated from
3348 the General Fund to the Connecticut Teachers' Retirement Fund Bonds
3349 Special Capital Reserve Fund.

3350 (d) The proceeds of online lottery ticket sales shall be deposited in the
3351 online lottery ticket sales fund of the corporation established pursuant
3352 to section 81 of this act. On a weekly basis, the president shall estimate,
3353 and certify to the State Treasurer, that portion of the balance in such

3354 fund which exceeds the current needs of the corporation for the
3355 payment of prizes, the payment of current operating expenses and
3356 funding of approved reserves of the corporation related to online lottery
3357 ticket sales. For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2022, and June 30, 2023,
3358 upon notification of receipt of such certification by the State Treasurer,
3359 the corporation shall transfer the amount so certified to the General
3360 Fund. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, and each fiscal year
3361 thereafter, the corporation shall, upon notification of receipt of such
3362 certification by the State Treasurer, (1) transfer the amount so certified
3363 to the debt-free community college account established pursuant to
3364 section 82 of this act, until the corporation has transferred a total of
3365 fourteen million dollars in a fiscal year to said account, and (2) transfer
3366 any amount remaining after the transfers required by subdivision (1) of
3367 this subsection to the General Fund.

3368 Sec. 86. Section 12-813 of the general statutes is repealed and the
3369 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

3370 (a) The corporation may sell lottery tickets for lottery draw games
3371 through the corporation's Internet web site, an online service or a mobile
3372 application, if licensed to do so pursuant to section 4 of public act 21-23,
3373 and sell lottery tickets at any location in the state determined by the
3374 president which, in the opinion of the president, will best enhance
3375 lottery revenues, except that no license shall be issued by the
3376 Department of Consumer Protection to any person to engage in business
3377 exclusively as a lottery sales agent. Subject to the provisions of
3378 subdivision (15) of subsection (b) of section 12-806, the president may
3379 authorize compensation to such agents in such manner and amounts
3380 and subject to such limitations as he may determine if he finds such
3381 compensation is necessary to assure adequate availability of lottery
3382 tickets, provided, if such agent is a lessee of state property and his rental
3383 fee is based upon the gross receipts of his business conducted thereon,
3384 all receipts from the sale of such lottery tickets shall be excluded from
3385 such gross receipts for rental purposes. The president may suspend for
3386 cause any licensed agent, subject to a final determination through a

3387 hearing provided by the Department of Consumer Protection.

3388 (b) All moneys received by lottery sales agents from the sale of lottery
3389 tickets constitute property of the corporation while in such agent's
3390 possession and shall be held in trust for the corporation by such agents.
3391 The president shall require lottery sales agents to deposit, in a special or
3392 suspense account in the name of the corporation to the credit of the
3393 corporation, which the president shall establish, in institutions which
3394 are legal for the deposit of state funds under section 4-33, all moneys
3395 received by such agents from the sale of lottery tickets, less the amount
3396 of compensation authorized under subsection (a) of this section and less
3397 the amounts paid out as prizes and, if requested by the president, to
3398 conform with the corporation their recorded receipts and transactions
3399 in the sale of lottery tickets, in such form and with such information as
3400 the president may require. Lottery sales agents shall not commingle
3401 lottery sales funds with other funds.

3402 (c) The president may require lottery sales agents to provide surety
3403 bonds, letters of credit or such other form of security as the president
3404 deems acceptable to ensure the performance of such agents' duties and
3405 obligations to the corporation.

3406 (d) No ticket shall be sold at a price greater than that fixed by the
3407 president, subject to the direction of the board and no sale shall be made
3408 other than by a licensed lottery sales agent or his designated employee,
3409 or by such other lawful means, including online lottery ticket sales. No
3410 person shall sell a lottery ticket to a minor and no minor shall purchase
3411 a lottery ticket. Any person who violates the provisions of this
3412 subsection shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor. A minor may
3413 receive a lottery ticket as a gift.

3414 Sec. 87. (*Effective from passage*) On and after the effective date of this
3415 section, the Division of State Police within the Department of
3416 Emergency Services and Public Protection shall, in conjunction with the
3417 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, expand the pilot

3418 program known as the CRISIS Initiative: Connection to Recovery
3419 through Intervention, Support, and Initiating Services to Troop D.

3420 Sec. 88. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force to
3421 study the costs and benefits of expanding the pilot program known as
3422 the CRISIS Initiative: Connection to Recovery through Intervention,
3423 Support, and Initiating Services throughout the state. At a minimum,
3424 such expanded program would include the components of the pilot
3425 program that require training for state police officers, coordination
3426 between state police officers and mental health professionals and
3427 referrals to facilities for mental health services. The task force shall
3428 consider input and recommendations from participants in the pilot
3429 program at Troop E, community stakeholders and other interested
3430 parties.

3431 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

3432 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
3433 who is a member of the mental health services community;

3434 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who is
3435 a sworn member of the Division of State Police within the Department
3436 of Emergency Services and Public Protection;

3437 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
3438 Representatives, who is a representative of the Connecticut Police
3439 Chiefs Association;

3440 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who is a
3441 member of a board of directors at a hospital in the state;

3442 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
3443 Representatives, who is an emergency medical responder, emergency
3444 medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician or
3445 paramedic, as those terms are defined in section 20-206jj of the general
3446 statutes;

3447 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who is a
3448 representative of Griswold PRIDE;

3449 (7) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection,
3450 or the commissioner's designee; and

3451 (8) The Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services, or
3452 the commissioner's designee.

3453 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
3454 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
3455 of the General Assembly.

3456 (d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later
3457 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall
3458 be filled by the appointing authority.

3459 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro
3460 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from
3461 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule
3462 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty
3463 days after the effective date of this section.

3464 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
3465 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public safety
3466 and security shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

3467 (g) Not later than January 1, 2022, the task force shall submit a report
3468 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of
3469 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
3470 safety and security, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
3471 of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it
3472 submits such report or January 1, 2022, whichever is later.

3473 Sec. 89. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Board of Regents for
3474 Higher Education and the Board of Trustees of The University of
3475 Connecticut shall establish November first or another date jointly

3476 chosen by such boards to annually be known as a "Fee-Free Day". Such
3477 boards shall not charge an application fee to any student who (1) will
3478 graduate or has graduated from a public or nonpublic high school in the
3479 state, (2) has completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid,
3480 and (3) submits an application for admission on such day to any of the
3481 public institutions of higher education governed by such boards.

3482 Sec. 90. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2021*) (a) There is established
3483 within the Office of Policy and Management a Geographic Information
3484 Systems Office. The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management
3485 shall designate an employee of the Office of Policy and Management to
3486 serve as Geographic Information Officer. Such employee shall have
3487 extensive knowledge of the principles, practices, terminology and
3488 trends in geographic information systems, spatial data, analysis and
3489 related technology and experience in administration, project
3490 management, policy development, coordination of services and
3491 planning. Such employee shall (1) oversee the operations of the
3492 Geographic Information Systems Office, (2) manage the staff of such
3493 office, and (3) in conjunction with the Geographic Information Systems
3494 Advisory Council created under section 91 of this act, establish goals for
3495 such office within the scope of the powers and duties described in
3496 subsection (b) of this section.

3497 (b) The Geographic Information Officer shall be responsible for (1)
3498 coordinating the collection, compilation and dissemination of
3499 geographic information systems data across the state, including from
3500 and to state agencies, regional councils of governments, municipalities
3501 and other constituencies; (2) managing a geospatial data clearinghouse
3502 for public access to such information through the online repository
3503 described in subsection (i) of section 4-67p of the general statutes; (3)
3504 supporting economic development efforts in the state through the
3505 provision of such information; (4) providing training and outreach on
3506 the use of such information; (5) administering the creation and
3507 acquisition of geospatial data, including aerial imagery and elevation
3508 and parcel information; (6) adopting geospatial data standards,

3509 guidelines and procedures to ensure consistency and quality of such
3510 data; and (7) performing technical data processing to aggregate and
3511 organize existing data sets and create new data sets.

3512 Sec. 91. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2021*) (a) There is created a
3513 Geographic Information Systems Advisory Council to consult with the
3514 Geographic Information Officer, designated pursuant to section 90 of
3515 this act, on matters relating to (1) the coordination, procurement,
3516 processing, storage and distribution of free and public geographic
3517 information systems data; and (2) the powers and duties described in
3518 section 4d-90 of the general statutes. In the course of such consultation,
3519 the advisory council shall (A) develop (i) priorities regarding the
3520 performance of any action described in subdivisions (1) and (2) of this
3521 subsection, and (ii) an annual five-year plan for such performance, and
3522 (B) make recommendations to the Geographic Information Officer
3523 concerning such priorities and plan.

3524 (b) The Geographic Information Systems Advisory Council shall
3525 consist of the following members:

3526 (1) The Geographic Information Officer, or the officer's designee, who
3527 shall serve as chairperson of the advisory council;

3528 (2) The Chief Data Officer, or the officer's designee;

3529 (3) One representative of the Department of Energy and
3530 Environmental Protection, who has expertise in geographic information
3531 systems, appointed by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
3532 Protection;

3533 (4) One representative of the Department of Transportation, who has
3534 expertise in geographic information systems, appointed by the
3535 Commissioner of Transportation;

3536 (5) One representative of the Department of Emergency Services and
3537 Public Protection, who has expertise in geographic information systems,

3538 appointed by the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public
3539 Protection;

3540 (6) One representative of the Department of Public Health, who has
3541 expertise in geographic information systems, appointed by the
3542 Commissioner of Public Health;

3543 (7) Two representatives of different regional councils of
3544 governments, who have expertise in geographic information systems,
3545 including aerial imagery acquisition and the provision of geographic
3546 information to municipalities, appointed by the chairperson of the
3547 Connecticut Association of Councils of Governments;

3548 (8) Two representatives of different municipal governments, who
3549 have expertise in geographic information systems and are members of
3550 the Connecticut GIS Network, appointed by the president of the
3551 Connecticut Conference of Municipalities;

3552 (9) One representative of The University of Connecticut, who has
3553 experience in providing the state's geospatial information, including
3554 state-wide aerial imagery and elevation, to various constituencies,
3555 appointed by the president of The University of Connecticut;

3556 (10) One representative of a public utility company, appointed by the
3557 chairperson of the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority; and

3558 (11) Two representatives from different private companies, neither of
3559 which is a public utility company, who have expertise in mapping
3560 applications for commercial purposes, one of whom is appointed jointly
3561 by the chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General
3562 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to planning and
3563 development and the other of whom is appointed jointly by the ranking
3564 members of such committee.

3565 (c) All initial appointments to the advisory council shall be made not
3566 later than January 1, 2022. Each member of the advisory council shall

3567 serve for a term of two years and may serve until a successor is
3568 appointed and has qualified, except that in the event of any vacancy the
3569 appointing authority shall fill such vacancy for the unexpired portion of
3570 such term.

3571 (d) Not later than March 1, 2022, and biennially thereafter, the
3572 Geographic Information Officer, or the officer's designee, as applicable,
3573 shall convene a meeting of the advisory council. All other meetings of
3574 the advisory council shall be as scheduled by said officer or designee.

3575 Sec. 92. Section 2-79e of the general statutes is repealed and the
3576 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

3577 (a) There is established the Connecticut Data Analysis Technology
3578 Advisory Board, which shall be part of the Legislative Department.

3579 (b) The board shall consist of the following members: (1) Two
3580 appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives; (2) two
3581 appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate; (3) two appointed
3582 by the minority leader of the House of Representatives; and (4) two
3583 appointed by the minority leader of the Senate. All appointed members
3584 shall have professional experience or academic qualifications in data
3585 analysis, data management, data policy, geospatial information systems
3586 or other related fields and may not be a member of the General
3587 Assembly. Additional nonvoting ex-officio members shall include the
3588 following officials, or their designees: The Commissioner of
3589 Administrative Services, the executive director of the Freedom of
3590 Information Commission, the Attorney General, the Chief Court
3591 Administrator, the State Librarian, the Treasurer, the Secretary of the
3592 State, the Comptroller, the Geographic Information Officer and the
3593 Chief Data Officer. The Chief Data Officer shall serve as the nonvoting
3594 chairperson of the board.

3595 (c) All initial appointments to the board shall be made not later than
3596 July 1, 2018. The terms of the appointed members shall be coterminous
3597 with the terms of the appointing authority for each member. Any

3598 vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority. Any vacancy
3599 occurring other than by expiration of term shall be filled for the balance
3600 of the unexpired term. A member of the board may serve more than one
3601 term. The chairperson shall schedule the first meeting of the board,
3602 which shall be held not later than August 1, 2018.

3603 (d) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
3604 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to government
3605 administration shall serve as administrative staff of the board. Upon the
3606 request of any voting member of the board and with the concurrence of
3607 the chairperson of the board, or a vote of the board, the employees of
3608 the Offices of Legislative Research and Fiscal Analysis shall provide
3609 assistance to the board.

3610 (e) The board shall have the following powers and duties: (1) To
3611 advise the executive, legislative and judicial branches of government
3612 and municipalities concerning data policy, including, but not limited to,
3613 best practices in the public, private and academic sectors for data
3614 analysis, management, storage, security, privacy and visualization and
3615 the use of data to grow the economy; (2) to advise the Office of Policy
3616 and Management regarding [the online repository] online repositories
3617 for geospatial and other data, including those established under section
3618 4-67p; (3) to issue reports and recommendations in accordance with
3619 section 11-4a; (4) upon the request of at least two members of the board,
3620 to request any agency data officer or agency head to appear before the
3621 board to answer questions; (5) to request from any executive
3622 department, board, commission or other agency of the state such
3623 assistance and data as necessary and available to carry out the purposes
3624 of this section; (6) to make recommendations to the legislative leaders
3625 and the directors of the offices of Fiscal Analysis and Legislative
3626 Research regarding data analysis skills and related expertise that the
3627 leaders and said offices may seek to cultivate among their staff through
3628 training or as a consideration when hiring staff; and (7) to establish
3629 bylaws to govern its procedures.

3630 (f) The board shall meet at least twice a year and may meet at such
3631 other times as deemed necessary by the chairperson or a majority of the
3632 members of the board.

3633 Sec. 93. (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section, (1) "COVID-
3634 19" means the respiratory disease designated by the World Health
3635 Organization on February 11, 2020, as coronavirus 2019, and any related
3636 mutation thereof recognized by the World Health Organization as a
3637 communicable respiratory disease; (2) "equity" and "equitable" means
3638 efforts, regulations, policies, programs, standards, processes and any
3639 other functions of government or principles of law and governance
3640 intended to: (A) Identify and remedy past and present patterns of
3641 discrimination or inequality against and disparities in outcome for any
3642 class protected in chapter 814c of the general statutes; (B) ensure that
3643 such patterns of discrimination, inequality and disparities in outcome,
3644 whether intentional or unintentional, are neither reinforced nor
3645 perpetuated; and (C) prevent the emergence and persistence of
3646 foreseeable future patterns of discrimination against or disparities in
3647 outcome for any class protected in chapter 814c of the general statutes;
3648 (3) "underserved communities" means populations sharing a particular
3649 characteristic, as well as geographic communities, that have been
3650 systematically denied a full opportunity to participate in aspects of
3651 economic, social and civic life, such as Black, Latino, and Indigenous
3652 and Native American persons; Asian Americans and Pacific Islander
3653 and other persons of color; members of religious minorities; lesbian,
3654 gay, bisexual, transgender and queer persons; persons with disabilities;
3655 persons who live in rural areas; and persons otherwise adversely
3656 affected by persistent poverty or inequality, and (4) "department head"
3657 has the same meaning as provided in section 4-5 of the general statutes.

3658 (b) The Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities shall
3659 oversee a study of equity in state government programs and actions.
3660 Not later than October 1, 2021, the Department of Administrative
3661 Services, in consultation with the Commission on Human Rights and
3662 Opportunities and the Office of Policy and Management, shall issue a

3663 request for proposals to hire a national consultant with expertise in
3664 qualitative and quantitative research to conduct a study and make
3665 recommendations as outlined in subsections (e) and (f) of this section.
3666 The deadline for responding to the request for proposals shall be not
3667 more than seventy-five days from the date of issuance of the request for
3668 proposals.

3669 (c) The commission, in consultation with the department and the
3670 office, shall develop criteria for evaluating proposals relating to
3671 conducting such study, including, but not limited to, (1) the anticipated
3672 cost of completing such a study; (2) the anticipated timeline for
3673 completing such a study; and (3) the proposers' experience in
3674 conducting and completing such a study.

3675 (d) Not later than February 1, 2022, the commission, in consultation
3676 with the department and the office shall evaluate the proposals
3677 submitted under subsection (a) of this section and select the proposer
3678 which shall conduct the study.

3679 (e) The selected proposer conducting the study shall, in consultation
3680 with the department, commission and office:

3681 (1) (A) Examine the best methods, consistent with applicable law, to
3682 assist state agencies in assessing equity with respect to race, national
3683 origin, ethnicity, religion, income, geography, sex, gender identity,
3684 sexual orientation and disability that are identified in the federal Office
3685 of Management and Budget report required by President Biden's
3686 January 20, 2021, Executive Order On Advancing Racial Equity and
3687 Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal
3688 Government, (B) whether those methods would be appropriate for use
3689 in assessing state agency policies and actions, and (C) if such methods
3690 are not appropriate, what alternative methods would be more
3691 appropriate for use at the state level to assist state agencies in assessing
3692 equity with respect to race, ethnicity, religion, income, geography,
3693 gender identity, sexual orientation and disability;

3694 (2) Identify the best methods, consistent with applicable law, to assist
3695 state agencies in assessing the existing barriers to equity for
3696 underserved communities experiencing negative health and economic
3697 impacts of COVID-19; and

3698 (3) Consider whether to recommend legislation to create pilot
3699 programs to test model assessment tools and assist state agencies in
3700 doing so.

3701 (f) The selected proposer shall also, in consultation with the
3702 commission, department and office, and each department head:

3703 (1) Evaluate certain key programs and policies of each state agency as
3704 identified by each department head, to assess whether underserved
3705 communities and their members face systemic barriers in accessing
3706 benefits and opportunities available pursuant to those policies and
3707 programs;

3708 (2) Analyze potential barriers that underserved communities and
3709 individuals may face to enrollment in and access to benefits and services
3710 in state programs;

3711 (3) Evaluate existing inequities or barriers in department programs
3712 or policies that were revealed or worsened by the COVID-19 pandemic;
3713 and

3714 (4) Evaluate whether new policies, regulations or guidance
3715 documents may be necessary to advance equity in state agency actions
3716 and programs.

3717 (g) In complying with the provisions of this section, the selected
3718 proposer and department heads shall work with the commission to
3719 consult with members of communities that have been historically
3720 underrepresented in state government and underserved by, or subject
3721 to discrimination in, state policies and programs. Each department head
3722 shall evaluate opportunities, consistent with applicable law, to increase

3723 coordination, communication and engagement with community-based
3724 organizations and civil rights organizations.

3725 (h) Not later than February 15, 2023, the commission, in consultation
3726 with the department and the office, shall submit the findings of such
3727 study and any recommendations for legislative action concerning such
3728 study, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
3729 statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
3730 having cognizance of matters relating to government administration.

3731 Sec. 94. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 1 of public act 21-
3732 43 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3733 *July 1, 2021*):

3734 (1) "Covered project" means a renewable energy project that is
3735 situated on land in this state, commences construction on or after July 1,
3736 2021, and has a total nameplate capacity of two megawatts or more.
3737 "Covered project" does not include (A) any renewable energy project
3738 [(A)] (i) selected in a competitive solicitation conducted by [(i)] (I) the
3739 Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, or [(ii)] (II) an
3740 electric distribution company, as defined in section 16-1 of the general
3741 statutes, and [(B)] (ii) approved by the Public Utilities Regulatory
3742 Authority prior to January 1, 2022, or (B) any renewable energy project
3743 under contract with another entity and approved by the relevant
3744 regulatory authority, as applicable, prior to January 1, 2022;

3745 Sec. 95. Subsection (a) of section 30-16 of the general statutes is
3746 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
3747 *2021*):

3748 (a) A manufacturer permit for spirits shall allow the [manufacture]
3749 distillation of spirits, the blending of spirits purchased in bulk with
3750 water, juice or other liquids and the storage, bottling and wholesale
3751 distribution and sale of such spirits [manufactured or bottled] and
3752 spirits-based beverages to permittees in this state and without the state
3753 as may be permitted by law; but no such permit shall be granted unless

3754 the place or the plan of the place of manufacture has received the
3755 approval of the Department of Consumer Protection. The holder of a
3756 manufacturer permit for spirits who [produces] distills on the premises
3757 subject to such permit less than fifty thousand gallons of spirits in a
3758 calendar year may sell at retail from the premises sealed bottles or other
3759 sealed containers of spirits [manufactured] distilled on the premises and
3760 spirits-based beverages blended on the premises for consumption off
3761 the premises, provided such holder shall not sell to any one consumer
3762 more than three liters of spirits or one case of two hundred eighty-eight
3763 fluid ounces of spirits-based beverages per day nor more than five
3764 gallons of spirits in any two-month period. Retail sales by a holder of a
3765 manufacturer permit for spirits shall occur only on the days and times
3766 permitted under subsection (d) of section 30-91. A holder of a
3767 manufacturer permit for spirits, alone or in combination with any parent
3768 or subsidiary business or related or affiliated party, who sells more than
3769 ten thousand gallons of spirits in any calendar year may not sell spirits
3770 at wholesale to retail permittees within this state. Such permit shall also
3771 authorize (1) the retail sale of the permittee's spirits and spirits-based
3772 beverages to be consumed on the premises with or without the sale of
3773 food, and (2) the offering and tasting, on the premises of the permittee,
3774 of free samples of spirits distilled on the premises and spirits-based
3775 beverages blended on the premises. [Such free] Free samples of spirits
3776 distilled on the premises may be offered for consumption in
3777 combination with a nonalcoholic beverage. Tastings of spirits shall not
3778 exceed two ounces per patron per day and tastings of spirits-based
3779 beverages shall not exceed 12 ounces per day, and neither of such
3780 tastings shall [not] be allowed on such premises on Sunday before
3781 eleven o'clock a.m. and after eight o'clock p.m. and on any other day
3782 before ten o'clock a.m. and after eight o'clock p.m. No tastings shall be
3783 offered to or allowed to be consumed by any minor or intoxicated
3784 person. A holder of a manufacturer permit for spirits may [apply for and
3785 shall receive an out-of-state shipper's permit for manufacturing plants
3786 and warehouse locations outside the state owned by such manufacturer
3787 or a subsidiary corporation thereof, at least eighty-five per cent of the

3788 voting stock of which is owned by such manufacturer, to] purchase and
3789 bring [into any of its plants or warehouses in the state] onto its premises
3790 bulk spirits for purposes of blending, reprocessing [,] and repackaging
3791 [, reshipment or sale either (1) within the state to wholesaler permittees
3792 not owned or controlled by such manufacturer, or (2)] as a spirits-based
3793 beverage for (A) sales at the manufacturer's premises for consumption
3794 on the premises, (B) sales at the manufacturer's premises for
3795 consumption off the premises, (C) sales at wholesale to retail permittees,
3796 (D) sales to wholesaler permittees not owned or controlled by such
3797 manufacturer, or (E) sales outside the state. The annual fee for a
3798 manufacturer permit for spirits shall be one thousand eight hundred
3799 fifty dollars.

3800 Sec. 96. Section 38a-477g of the general statutes is repealed and the
3801 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

3802 (a) As used in this section: (1) "Covered person", "facility" and "health
3803 carrier" have the same meanings as provided in section 38a-591a, (2)
3804 "health care provider" has the same meaning as provided in subsection
3805 (a) of section 38a-477aa, and (3) "intermediary", "network", "network
3806 plan" and "participating provider" have the same meanings as provided
3807 in subsection (a) of section 38a-472f.

3808 (b) (1) Each contract entered into, renewed or amended on or after
3809 January 1, 2017, between a health carrier and a participating provider
3810 shall include:

3811 (A) A hold harmless provision that specifies protections for covered
3812 persons. Such provision shall include the following statement or a
3813 substantially similar statement: "Provider agrees that in no event,
3814 including, but not limited to, nonpayment by the health carrier or
3815 intermediary, the insolvency of the health carrier or intermediary, or a
3816 breach of this agreement, shall the provider bill, charge, collect a deposit
3817 from, seek compensation, remuneration or reimbursement from, or
3818 have any recourse against a covered person or a person (other than the

3819 health carrier or intermediary) acting on behalf of the covered person
3820 for services provided pursuant to this agreement. This agreement does
3821 not prohibit the provider from collecting coinsurance, deductibles or
3822 copayments, as specifically provided in the evidence of coverage, or fees
3823 for uncovered services delivered on a fee-for-service basis to covered
3824 persons. Nor does this agreement prohibit a provider (except for a
3825 health care provider who is employed full-time on the staff of a health
3826 carrier and has agreed to provide services exclusively to that health
3827 carrier's covered persons and no others) and a covered person from
3828 agreeing to continue services solely at the expense of the covered
3829 person, as long as the provider has clearly informed the covered person
3830 that the health carrier does not cover or continue to cover a specific
3831 service or services. Except as provided herein, this agreement does not
3832 prohibit the provider from pursuing any available legal remedy.";

3833 (B) A provision that in the event of a health carrier or intermediary
3834 insolvency or other cessation of operations, the participating provider's
3835 obligation to deliver covered health care services to covered persons
3836 without requesting payment from a covered person other than a
3837 coinsurance, copayment, deductible or other out-of-pocket expense for
3838 such services will continue until the earlier of (i) the termination of the
3839 covered person's coverage under the network plan, including any
3840 extension of coverage provided under the contract terms or applicable
3841 state or federal law for covered persons who are in an active course of
3842 treatment, as set forth in subdivision (2) of subsection (g) of section 38a-
3843 472f, or are totally disabled, or (ii) the date the contract between the
3844 health carrier and the participating provider would have terminated if
3845 the health carrier or intermediary had remained in operation, including
3846 any extension of coverage required under applicable state or federal law
3847 for covered persons who are in an active course of treatment or are
3848 totally disabled;

3849 (C) (i) A provision that requires the participating provider to make
3850 health records available to appropriate state and federal authorities
3851 involved in assessing the quality of care provided to, or investigating

3852 grievances or complaints of, covered persons, and (ii) a statement that
3853 such participating provider shall comply with applicable state and
3854 federal laws related to the confidentiality of medical and health records
3855 and a covered person's right to view, obtain copies of or amend such
3856 covered person's medical and health records; and

3857 (D) [Definitions] (i) If such contract is entered into, renewed or
3858 amended before July 1, 2022, definitions of what is considered timely
3859 notice and a material change for the purposes of subparagraph (A) of
3860 subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of this section, or (ii) if such contract is
3861 entered into, renewed or amended on or after July 1, 2022, (I) a statement
3862 disclosing the ninety-day advance written notice requirement
3863 established under subparagraph (B) of subdivision (2) of subsection (c)
3864 of this section and what is considered a material change for the purposes
3865 of subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of this section, and (II) provisions
3866 affording the participating provider a right to appeal any proposed
3867 change to the provisions, other documents, provider manuals or policies
3868 disclosed pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of this section.

3869 (2) The contract terms set forth in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of
3870 subdivision (1) of this subsection shall (A) be construed in favor of the
3871 covered person, (B) survive the termination of the contract regardless of
3872 the reason for the termination, including the insolvency of the health
3873 carrier, and (C) supersede any oral or written agreement between a
3874 health care provider and a covered person or a covered person's
3875 authorized representative that is contrary to or inconsistent with the
3876 requirements set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection.

3877 (3) No contract subject to this subsection shall include any provision
3878 that conflicts with the provisions contained in the network plan or
3879 required under this section, section 38a-472f or section 38a-477h.

3880 (4) No health carrier or participating provider that is a party to a
3881 contract under this subsection shall assign or delegate any right or
3882 responsibility required under such contract without the prior written

3883 consent of the other party.

3884 (c) (1) At the time a contract subject to subsection (b) of this section is
3885 signed, the health carrier or such health carrier's intermediary shall
3886 disclose to a participating provider: [all]

3887 (A) All provisions and other documents incorporated by reference in
3888 such contract; and

3889 (B) If such contract is entered into, renewed or amended on or after
3890 July 1, 2022, all provider manuals and policies incorporated by reference
3891 in such contract, if any.

3892 (2) While such contract is in force, the health carrier shall:

3893 (A) If such contract is entered into, renewed or amended before July
3894 1, 2022, timely notify a participating provider of any change to [such]
3895 the provisions or other documents specified under subparagraph (A) of
3896 subdivision (1) of this subsection that will result in a material change to
3897 such contract; or

3898 (B) If such contract is entered into, renewed or amended on or after
3899 July 1, 2022, provide to a participating provider at least ninety days'
3900 advance written notice of any change to the provisions or other
3901 documents specified under subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of this
3902 subsection, and any change to the provider manuals and policies
3903 specified under subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of this subsection,
3904 that will result in a material change to such contract or the procedures
3905 that a participating provider must follow pursuant to such contract.

3906 (d) (1) (A) Each contract between a health carrier and an intermediary
3907 entered into, renewed or amended on or after January 1, 2017, shall
3908 satisfy the requirements of this subsection.

3909 (B) Each intermediary and participating providers with whom such
3910 intermediary contracts shall comply with the applicable requirements
3911 of this subsection.

3912 (2) No health carrier shall assign or delegate to an intermediary such
3913 health carrier's responsibilities to monitor the offering of covered
3914 benefits to covered persons. To the extent a health carrier assigns or
3915 delegates to an intermediary other responsibilities, such health carrier
3916 shall retain full responsibility for such intermediary's compliance with
3917 the requirements of this section.

3918 (3) A health carrier shall have the right to approve or disapprove the
3919 participation status of a health care provider or facility in such health
3920 carrier's own or a contracted network that is subcontracted for the
3921 purpose of providing covered benefits to the health carrier's covered
3922 persons.

3923 (4) A health carrier shall maintain at its principal place of business in
3924 this state copies of all intermediary subcontracts or ensure that such
3925 health carrier has access to all such subcontracts. Such health carrier
3926 shall have the right, upon twenty days' prior written notice, to make
3927 copies of any intermediary subcontracts to facilitate regulatory review.

3928 (5) (A) Each intermediary shall, if applicable, (i) transmit to the health
3929 carrier documentation of health care services utilization and claims
3930 paid, and (ii) maintain at its principal place of business in this state, for
3931 a period of time prescribed by the commissioner, the books, records,
3932 financial information and documentation of health care services
3933 received by covered persons, in a manner that facilitates regulatory
3934 review, and shall allow the commissioner access to such books, records,
3935 financial information and documentation as necessary for the
3936 commissioner to determine compliance with this section and section
3937 38a-472f.

3938 (B) Each health carrier shall monitor the timeliness and
3939 appropriateness of payments made by its intermediary to participating
3940 providers and of health care services received by covered persons.

3941 (6) In the event of the intermediary's insolvency, a health carrier shall
3942 have the right to require the assignment to the health carrier of the

3943 provisions of a participating provider's contract that address such
3944 participating provider's obligation to provide covered benefits. If a
3945 health carrier requires such assignment, such health carrier shall remain
3946 obligated to pay the participating provider for providing covered
3947 benefits under the same terms and conditions as the intermediary prior
3948 to the insolvency.

3949 (e) The commissioner shall not act to arbitrate, mediate or settle (1)
3950 disputes regarding a health carrier's decision not to include a health care
3951 provider or facility in such health carrier's network or network plan, or
3952 (2) any other dispute between a health carrier, such health carrier's
3953 intermediary or one or more participating providers, that arises under
3954 or by reason of a participating provider contract or the termination of
3955 such contract.

3956 Sec. 97. Section 29-11 of the general statutes, as amended by section 7
3957 of public act 21-32, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3958 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

3959 (a) The bureau in the Division of State Police within the Department
3960 of Emergency Services and Public Protection known as the State Police
3961 Bureau of Identification shall be maintained for the purposes of: (1)
3962 Providing an authentic record of each person sixteen years of age or over
3963 who is charged with the commission of any crime involving moral
3964 turpitude, (2) providing definite information relative to the identity of
3965 each person so arrested, (3) providing a record of the final judgment of
3966 the court resulting from such arrest, unless such record has been erased
3967 pursuant to section 54-142a, and (4) maintaining a central repository of
3968 complete criminal history record disposition information. The
3969 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection is directed
3970 to maintain the State Police Bureau of Identification, which bureau shall
3971 receive, classify and file in an orderly manner all fingerprints, pictures
3972 and descriptions, including previous criminal records as far as known
3973 of all persons so arrested, and shall classify and file in a like manner all
3974 identification material and records received from the government of the

3975 United States and from the various state governments and subdivisions
3976 thereof, and shall cooperate with such governmental units in the
3977 exchange of information relative to criminals. The State Police Bureau of
3978 Identification shall accept fingerprints of applicants for admission to the
3979 bar of the state and, to the extent permitted by federal law, shall
3980 exchange state, multistate and federal criminal history records with the
3981 State Bar Examining Committee for purposes of investigation of the
3982 qualifications of any applicant for admission as an attorney under
3983 section 51-80. The record of all arrests reported to the bureau after March
3984 16, 1976, shall contain information of any disposition within ninety days
3985 after the disposition has occurred.

3986 (b) Any cost incurred by the State Police Bureau of Identification in
3987 conducting any name search and fingerprinting of applicants for
3988 admission to the bar of the state shall be paid from fees collected by the
3989 State Bar Examining Committee.

3990 (c) (1) (A) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public
3991 Protection shall charge the following fees for the service indicated: [(A)]
3992 (i) Name search, thirty-six dollars; [(B)] (ii) fingerprint search, seventy-
3993 five dollars; [(C)] (iii) personal record search, seventy-five dollars; [(D)]
3994 (iv) letters of good conduct search, seventy-five dollars; [(E)] (v) bar
3995 association search, seventy-five dollars; [(F)] (vi) fingerprinting, fifteen
3996 dollars; and [(G)] (vii) criminal history record information search,
3997 seventy-five dollars.

3998 [(2)] (B) The commissioner may waive fees imposed under
3999 subparagraph [(G) of subdivision (1) of this subsection] (A)(vii) of this
4000 subdivision for any applicant requesting a criminal history record
4001 information search for the purpose of applying for a pardon authorized
4002 pursuant to section 54-124a, as amended by [this act] public act 21-32,
4003 provided such applicant completes a form prescribed by the
4004 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection representing
4005 such person's indigency.

4006 (2) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the provisions
4007 of this subsection shall not apply to any (A) federal, state or municipal
4008 agency, (B) volunteer fire company or department, or (C) volunteer
4009 ambulance service or company. The commissioner shall not require a
4010 volunteer fire company or department or a volunteer ambulance service
4011 or company to provide proof of insurance as a condition to receiving the
4012 waiver of fees pursuant to the provisions of this subsection.

4013 (d) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection
4014 may enter into one or more agreements with independent contractors
4015 requiring such contractors to receive and transmit by electronic means
4016 fingerprints and demographic information to the State Police Bureau of
4017 Identification for the processing of criminal history records checks. The
4018 commissioner shall require such contractors to: (1) Collect and remit the
4019 fee charged for fingerprinting, as provided in subsection (c) of this
4020 section, to the State Police Bureau of Identification, and (2) comply with
4021 terms and conditions as the commissioner shall prescribe to protect and
4022 ensure the security, privacy, confidentiality and value of the
4023 fingerprints and demographic information received and transmitted by
4024 such contractors. The commissioner may authorize such contractors to
4025 charge a convenience fee, which shall not exceed fifteen dollars, for
4026 fingerprinting.

4027 (e) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection
4028 may adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54,
4029 necessary to implement the provisions of the National Child Protection
4030 Act of 1993, the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of
4031 1994, the Volunteers for Children Act of 1998, and the National Crime
4032 Prevention and Privacy Compact as provided in section 29-164f to
4033 provide for national criminal history records checks to determine an
4034 employee's or volunteer's suitability and fitness to care for the safety
4035 and well-being of children, the elderly and individuals with disabilities.

4036 Sec. 98. Section 51-88a of the general statutes is repealed and the
4037 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

4038 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, no person
4039 shall conduct a residential real estate closing unless such person has
4040 been admitted as an attorney in this state under the provisions of section
4041 51-80 and has not been disqualified from the practice of law due to
4042 resignation, disbarment, being placed on inactive status or suspension.
4043 For the purposes of this subsection, "residential real estate closing"
4044 means a closing on improved one-to-four family residential real
4045 property located in this state containing not more than four residential
4046 dwelling units for (1) a mortgage loan transaction, other than a home
4047 equity line of credit transaction or any other loan transaction that does
4048 not involve the issuance of a lender's or mortgagee's policy of title
4049 insurance in connection with such transaction, to be secured by real
4050 property in this state, or (2) any transaction wherein consideration is
4051 paid by a party to such transaction to effectuate a change in the
4052 ownership of real property in this state.

4053 (b) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (a) of this
4054 section shall have committed a violation of subdivision (8) of subsection
4055 (a) of section 51-88 and be subject to the penalties set forth in subsection
4056 (b) of section 51-88.

4057 Sec. 99. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There shall be, in any municipality
4058 with a population of at least one hundred forty thousand, an election
4059 monitor for the municipal election in 2021 and the state election in 2022
4060 to detect and prevent irregularity and impropriety in the management
4061 of election administration procedures and the conduct of said elections
4062 in such municipality. The office of the Secretary of the State shall
4063 contract with an individual to serve in such capacity as election monitor
4064 until December 31, 2022, unless such contract is terminated for any
4065 reason by the Secretary of the State prior to said date. Such election
4066 monitor shall: (1) Not be considered a state employee; (2) be
4067 compensated in accordance with such contract; and (3) be reimbursed
4068 for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of his or her duties.
4069 Costs related to the service of such election monitor shall be paid from
4070 moneys appropriated to the Secretary for such purpose. Such

4071 municipality shall provide for such election monitor any office space,
4072 supplies, equipment and services necessary to properly carry out the
4073 duties and responsibilities of the position. As used in this section,
4074 "population" means the estimated number of people according to the
4075 most recent version of the State Register and Manual prepared pursuant
4076 to section 3-90 of the general statutes.

4077 (b) An election monitor appointed under subsection (a) of this section
4078 shall: (1) Conduct inspections, inquiries and investigations relating to
4079 any duty or responsibility under title 9 of the general statutes to be
4080 carried out by any official of the municipality or appointee of such
4081 official; (2) have access to all records, data and material maintained by
4082 or available to any such official or appointee; and (3) immediately report
4083 to the Secretary of the State any irregularity or impropriety in the
4084 performance of any duty or responsibility described in subdivision (1)
4085 of this subsection. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit
4086 the State Elections Enforcement Commission from taking any action
4087 authorized under section 9-7b of the general statutes.

4088 Sec. 100. Section 1 of special act 21-1 is amended to read as follows
4089 (*Effective from passage*):

4090 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, not later
4091 than April 26, 2021, the Governor shall submit to the speaker of the
4092 House of Representatives and the president pro tempore of the Senate
4093 recommended allocations of federal funds designated for the state
4094 pursuant to the provisions of Subtitle M of Title IX of the American
4095 Rescue Plan Act of 2021, P.L. 117-2, as amended from time to time,
4096 except for any funds designated under the Coronavirus Local Fiscal
4097 Recovery Fund. Not later than five days after receipt of the
4098 recommended allocations, the speaker and the president pro tempore
4099 shall submit the recommended allocations to the joint standing
4100 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
4101 relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies. Said
4102 committee shall report their approval or modifications, if any, of such

4103 recommended allocations to the speaker and the president pro tempore
4104 not later than May 16, 2021. [The] Any partial or final allocations of such
4105 funds shall be authorized by public or special act of the General
4106 Assembly. Disbursement of such funds shall be in accordance with such
4107 partial or final allocations and no disbursement of such funds shall
4108 occur prior to such authorization.

4109 (b) If it is determined that any amount allocated by the General
4110 Assembly pursuant to subsection (a) of this section is not allowable
4111 under guidance provided by the federal government, including, but not
4112 limited to, the United States Treasury, the Secretary of the Office of
4113 Policy and Management shall immediately notify the joint standing
4114 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
4115 relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies of the
4116 specific amount and recipient of such allocation and the reason for such
4117 determination.

4118 Sec. 101. Subsection (b) of section 9-19h of the general statutes is
4119 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
4120 *passage*):

4121 (b) (1) In addition to the requirements of subsection (a) of this section,
4122 and except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, the
4123 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles [, not later than January 1, 1994,] shall
4124 include an application for the admission of an elector with each
4125 application form provided for a motor vehicle operator's license and a
4126 motor vehicle operator's license renewal, which are issued under
4127 subpart (B) of part III of chapter 246, and with each application form
4128 provided for an identity card issued under section 1-1h. Such
4129 application form for the admission of an elector [(1)] (A) shall be subject
4130 to the approval of the Secretary of the State, [(2)] (B) shall not include
4131 any provisions for the witnessing of the application, and [(3)] (C) shall
4132 contain a statement that [(A)] (i) specifies each eligibility requirement,
4133 [(B)] (ii) contains an attestation that the applicant meets each such
4134 requirement, and [(C)] (iii) requires the signature of the applicant under

4135 penalty of perjury. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall accept
4136 any such completed application for admission which is submitted in
4137 person, [or] by mail [The] or through an electronic system pursuant to
4138 subdivision (2) of this subsection. Except as provided in said
4139 subdivision, the applicant shall state on such form, under penalty of
4140 perjury, the applicant's name, bona fide residence address, date of birth,
4141 whether the applicant is a United States citizen, party enrollment, if any,
4142 prior voting address, if registered previously, and that the applicant's
4143 privileges as an elector are not forfeited by reason of conviction of a
4144 felony. No Social Security number on any such application form for the
4145 admission of an elector filed prior to January 1, 2000, may be disclosed
4146 to the public or to any governmental agency. The commissioner shall
4147 indicate on each such form the date of receipt of such application to
4148 ensure that any eligible applicant is registered to vote in an election if it
4149 is received by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles by the last day for
4150 registration to vote in an election. The commissioner shall provide the
4151 applicant with an application receipt, on a form approved by the
4152 Secretary of the State and on which the commissioner shall record the
4153 date that the commissioner received the application, using an official
4154 date stamp bearing the words "Department of Motor Vehicles". The
4155 commissioner shall provide such receipt whether the application was
4156 submitted in person, [or] by mail or through an electronic system
4157 pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection. The commissioner shall
4158 forthwith transmit the application to the registrars of voters of the
4159 applicant's town of residence. If a registration application is accepted
4160 within five days before the last day for registration to vote in a regular
4161 election, the application shall be transmitted to the registrars of voters
4162 of the town of voting residence of the applicant not later than five days
4163 after the date of acceptance. The procedures in subsections (c), (d), (f)
4164 and (g) of section 9-23g which are not inconsistent with the National
4165 Voter Registration Act of 1993, P.L. 103-31, as amended from time to
4166 time, shall apply to applications made under this section. The
4167 commissioner is not an admitting official and may not restore, under the
4168 provisions of section 9-46a, electoral privileges of persons convicted of

4169 a felony.

4170 (2) (A) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall provide an
4171 electronic system, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the State, to
4172 effectuate the purposes of subdivision (1) of this subsection regarding
4173 application for admission of an elector, except that the condition that an
4174 applicant state and attest to meeting each eligibility requirement may be
4175 waived for any such eligibility requirement verified independently by
4176 said commissioner through a federally approved identity verification
4177 program or other evidence acceptable to said commissioner. Such
4178 electronic system may provide for the transmittal to the Secretary of an
4179 applicant's signature on file with said commissioner. The use of any
4180 such electronic system shall comply with the National Voter
4181 Registration Act of 1993, P.L. 103-31, as amended from time to time.

4182 (B) (i) Unless otherwise provided in this subparagraph, if the
4183 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles determines that a person applying for
4184 a motor vehicle operator's license, a motor vehicle operator's license
4185 renewal or an identity card meets each eligibility requirement for
4186 admission as an elector, said commissioner shall forthwith transmit an
4187 application for such person's admission as an elector to the registrars of
4188 voters of the town of residence of such person through an electronic
4189 system pursuant to this subdivision, in accordance with the provisions
4190 of subdivision (1) of this subsection, except that no such application
4191 shall be transmitted if such person declines to apply for such admission.

4192 (ii) If said commissioner determines that a person applying for a
4193 motor vehicle operator's license, a motor vehicle operator's license
4194 renewal or an identity card is not a United States citizen, said
4195 commissioner shall not provide such person an opportunity to apply for
4196 admission as an elector through an electronic system pursuant to this
4197 subdivision and shall not transmit any application for such admission
4198 on behalf of such person.

4199 (iii) If said commissioner cannot determine whether a person

4200 applying for a motor vehicle operator's license, a motor vehicle
4201 operator's license renewal or an identity card is a United States citizen,
4202 such person shall attest to his or her United States citizenship as a
4203 precondition of said commissioner processing such person's application
4204 for admission as an elector through an electronic system pursuant to this
4205 subdivision.

4206 Sec. 102. Section 9-19i of the general statutes is repealed and the
4207 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4208 (a) Any change of address form submitted by a person in accordance
4209 with law for purposes of a motor vehicle operator's license shall serve
4210 as notification of change of address for voter registration for the person
4211 unless the person states on the form that the change of address is not for
4212 voter registration purposes. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall
4213 forthwith transmit such change of address information to the registrars
4214 of voters of the town of the former address of the person. If the name of
4215 the person appears on the registry list of the town, and if the new
4216 address is also within such town, the registrars shall enter the name of
4217 such elector on the registry list at the place where he then resides. If the
4218 name of the person appears on the registry list of the town and if the
4219 new address is outside such town, the registrars shall remove the name
4220 of such elector from the registry list and send the elector the notice,
4221 information and application required by subsection (c) of section 9-35,
4222 except that if said commissioner is using an electronic system pursuant
4223 to subsection (b) of this section, the Secretary of the State may prescribe
4224 alternative procedures for sending such notice and information and
4225 may waive the requirement to send such application.

4226 (b) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall provide an electronic
4227 system, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the State, to effectuate
4228 the purposes of subsection (a) of this section regarding notifications of
4229 change of address for voter registration. Such electronic system may
4230 provide for the transmittal to the Secretary of an applicant's signature
4231 on file with said commissioner. The use of any such electronic system

4232 shall comply with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, P.L. 103-
4233 31, as amended from time to time.

4234 Sec. 103. Section 9-23n of the general statutes is repealed and the
4235 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2022*):

4236 (a) As used in this section, "voter registration agency" means (1)
4237 public assistance offices, (2) all offices in the state that provide
4238 state-funded programs primarily engaged in providing services to
4239 persons with disabilities, (3) libraries that are open to the public, and (4)
4240 such other appropriate offices as the Secretary of the State shall
4241 designate in accordance with the National Voter Registration Act of
4242 1993, P.L. 103-31, as amended from time to time.

4243 (b) [Voter registration agencies shall] (1) Except as provided in
4244 subdivision (2) of this subsection, each voter registration agency shall
4245 (A) distribute mail voter registration application forms, [(2)] (B) assist
4246 applicants for [such] assistance or services provided by the agency in
4247 completing voter registration application forms, except for applicants
4248 who refuse [such] assistance [, (3)] in completing such forms, (C) accept
4249 completed voter registration application forms and provide each
4250 applicant with an application receipt, on which the agency shall record
4251 the date that the agency received the application, using an official date
4252 stamp bearing the name of the agency, and [(4)] (D) immediately
4253 transmit all such applications to the registrars of voters of the town of
4254 voting residence of the applicants. The agency shall provide such receipt
4255 whether the application was submitted in person, [or] by mail or
4256 through an electronic system pursuant to subdivision (2) of this
4257 subsection. If a registration application is accepted within five days
4258 before the last day for registration to vote in a regular election, the
4259 application shall be transmitted to the registrars of voters of the town of
4260 voting residence of the applicant not later than five days after the date
4261 of acceptance. [The] Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this
4262 subsection, the voter registration agency shall indicate on the completed
4263 mail voter registration application form, without indicating the identity

4264 of the voter registration agency, the date of its acceptance by such
4265 agency, to ensure that any eligible applicant is registered to vote in an
4266 election if it is received by the registration agency by the last day for
4267 registration to vote in an election. If a state-funded program primarily
4268 engaged in providing services to persons with disabilities provides
4269 services to a person with a disability at the person's home, the agency
4270 shall provide such voter registration services at the person's home. The
4271 procedures in subsections (c), (d), (f) and (g) of section 9-23g that are not
4272 inconsistent with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, P.L.
4273 103-31, as amended from time to time, shall apply to applications made
4274 under this section. Officials and employees of such voter registration
4275 agencies are not admitting officials, as defined in section 9-17a, and may
4276 not restore, under the provisions of section 9-46a, electoral privileges of
4277 persons convicted of a felony.

4278 (2) (A) Each voter registration agency shall provide an electronic
4279 system, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the State, to effectuate
4280 the purposes of subdivision (1) of this subsection regarding application
4281 for admission of an elector, except that the condition that an applicant
4282 state and attest to meeting each eligibility requirement may be waived
4283 for any such eligibility requirement verified independently by the
4284 agency through a federally approved identity verification program or
4285 other evidence acceptable to the agency. Such electronic system may
4286 provide for the transmittal to the Secretary of an applicant's signature
4287 on file with the voter registration agency. The use of any such electronic
4288 system shall comply with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993,
4289 P.L. 103-31, as amended from time to time.

4290 (B) (i) Unless otherwise provided in this subparagraph, if the voter
4291 registration agency determines that a person applying for assistance or
4292 services provided by the agency meets each eligibility requirement for
4293 admission as an elector, the agency shall forthwith transmit an
4294 application for such person's admission as an elector to the registrars of
4295 voters of the town of residence of such person through an electronic
4296 system pursuant to this subdivision, in accordance with the provisions

4297 of subdivision (1) of this subsection, except that no such application
4298 shall be transmitted if such person declines to apply for such admission.

4299 (ii) If the voter registration agency determines that a person applying
4300 for assistance or services provided by the agency is not a United States
4301 citizen, the agency shall not provide such person an opportunity to
4302 apply for admission as an elector through an electronic system pursuant
4303 to this subdivision and shall not transmit any application for such
4304 admission on behalf of such person.

4305 (iii) If the voter registration agency cannot determine whether a
4306 person applying for assistance or services provided by the agency is a
4307 United States citizen, such person shall attest to his or her United States
4308 citizenship as a precondition of the agency processing such person's
4309 application for admission as an elector through an electronic system
4310 pursuant to this subdivision.

4311 Sec. 104. Section 9-23o of the general statutes is repealed and the
4312 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2022*):

4313 A voter registration agency, as defined in section 9-23n shall comply
4314 with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, P.L. 103-31, as
4315 amended from time to time, and (1) shall distribute with each
4316 application for [service or] assistance or services provided by the
4317 agency, and with each recertification, renewal or change of address form
4318 relating to such [service or] assistance or services, a mail voter
4319 registration application form approved by the Secretary of the State, and
4320 (2) during each application for such assistance or services and each
4321 recertification, renewal or change of address relating to such assistance
4322 or services, shall use an electronic system described in subdivision (2) of
4323 subsection (b) of section 9-23n in accordance with said subdivision to
4324 effectuate the purposes of subdivision (1) of said subsection regarding
4325 application for admission of an elector, unless the applicant declines to
4326 register to vote pursuant to the provisions of the National Voter
4327 Registration Act of 1993, P.L. 103-31, as amended from time to time.

4328 Such declination shall be in writing, except in the case of an application
4329 for service or assistance provided by a library, or a recertification,
4330 renewal or change of address form relating to such library service or
4331 assistance. Such voter registration agency shall provide each applicant
4332 to register to vote the same degree of assistance with regard to the
4333 completion of the registration application form as is provided by the
4334 agency with regard to the completion of its own forms, unless the
4335 applicant refuses such assistance.

4336 Sec. 105. Section 9-23p of the general statutes is repealed and the
4337 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2022*):

4338 Each public institution of higher education shall (1) distribute mail
4339 voter registration application forms, and [(2)] assist applicants who
4340 request assistance in completing such voter registration application
4341 forms, and (2) use an electronic system described in subdivision (2) of
4342 subsection (b) of section 9-23n in accordance with said subdivision to
4343 effectuate the purposes of subdivision (1) of said subsection regarding
4344 application for admission of an elector, and assist applicants who
4345 request assistance in so applying through such electronic system.

4346 Sec. 106. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Secretary of the State
4347 shall develop and implement a system or systems through which the
4348 Secretary may permit any person to submit an electronic signature for
4349 the purpose of signing any form or application to be filed pursuant to
4350 chapters 141 to 154, inclusive, of the general statutes. The Secretary may
4351 include in, or exclude from, such system any such form or application.
4352 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any such form or
4353 application on which any such electronic signature appears shall be
4354 deemed to have been signed in the original.

4355 (b) A state agency, upon the request of the Secretary of the State, shall
4356 provide any information to the Secretary that the Secretary deems
4357 necessary to maintain the system or systems described in subsection (a)
4358 of this section. The Secretary shall not use the information obtained from

4359 any state agency except for the purpose of allowing any person to sign
4360 any form or application to be filed pursuant to chapters 141 to 154,
4361 inclusive, of the general statutes.

4362 Sec. 107. Subsection (c) of section 9-17 of the general statutes is
4363 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
4364 *passage*):

4365 (c) In addition to the sessions held pursuant to subsections (a) and (b)
4366 of this section, the registrars of voters in each town shall: [hold]

4367 (1) Hold one session each year, between the first of January and the
4368 last day of the school year, at each public high school in such town, for
4369 the admission of persons who are eligible for admission under
4370 subsection (a) or (b) of section 9-12, provided, in the case of a public high
4371 school in a regional school district, such session shall be held on a
4372 rotating basis by the registrars of voters for each town which is a
4373 member of the regional school district. The registrars of voters need not
4374 give notice of this session by publication in a newspaper; [.] and

4375 (2) Distribute each year, on the fourth Tuesday of September, at each
4376 public high school in such town, information regarding eligibility for
4377 admission under subsection (a) or (b) of section 9-12 and procedures for
4378 applying for such admission. The registrars of voters and the principal
4379 of any such public high school shall determine the best means of
4380 distributing such information at such public high school.

4381 Sec. 108. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) From the effective date of this
4382 section to June 30, 2024, each employer shall grant to (1) each employee
4383 in the case of a state election, or (2) each employee who is an elector in
4384 the case of any special election for United States senator, representative
4385 in Congress, state senator or state representative, two hours unpaid time
4386 off from such employee's regularly scheduled work on the day of any
4387 such election, for the purpose of voting at such election during the hours
4388 of voting specified in section 9-174 of the general statutes, if the
4389 employee requests such time off not less than two working days prior

4390 to such election.

4391 Sec. 109. Subsection (a) of section 9-12 of the general statutes is
4392 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
4393 *passage*):

4394 (a) Each citizen of the United States who has attained the age of
4395 eighteen years, and who is a bona fide resident of the town to which the
4396 citizen applies for admission as an elector shall, on approval by the
4397 registrars of voters or town clerk of the town of residence of such citizen,
4398 as prescribed by law, be an elector, except as provided in subsection (b)
4399 of this section. For purposes of this section, a person shall be deemed to
4400 have attained the age of eighteen years on the day of the person's
4401 eighteenth birthday and a person shall be deemed to be a bona fide
4402 resident of the town to which the citizen applies for admission as an
4403 elector if such person's dwelling unit is located within the geographic
4404 boundaries of such town. [No mentally incompetent person shall be
4405 admitted as an elector.]

4406 Sec. 110. Section 9-45 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4407 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

4408 (a) The Commissioner of Correction shall, on or before the fifteenth
4409 day of each month, transmit to the Secretary of the State a list of all
4410 persons who, during the preceding calendar month, have been (1)
4411 convicted in the Superior Court of a felony and committed to the
4412 custody of the Commissioner of Correction for confinement in a
4413 correctional institution or facility, or [a community residence] (2)
4414 returned to confinement in a correctional institution or facility from
4415 parole or special parole, release pursuant to section 18-100, 18-100c, 18-
4416 100e, 18-100h or 18-100i or furlough pursuant to section 18-101a. Such
4417 lists shall include the names, birth dates and addresses of such persons,
4418 with the dates of their conviction and the crimes of which such persons
4419 have been convicted, or the dates of the violation of their parole, special
4420 parole, release or furlough and the nature of such violation, as

4421 applicable. The Secretary of the State shall transmit such lists to the
4422 registrars of the towns in which such [convicted] persons who have been
4423 convicted or returned to confinement, as applicable, resided at the time
4424 of their conviction or violation of parole, special parole, release or
4425 furlough and to the registrars of any towns where the [secretary]
4426 Secretary believes such persons may be electors. The registrars of such
4427 towns shall compare the same with the list of electors upon their registry
4428 lists and, after written notice mailed by certified mail to each of the
4429 persons named at the last-known place of address of such person, shall
4430 erase such names from the registry lists in their respective towns or
4431 voting districts.

4432 (b) Any person who procures such person or another to be registered
4433 after having been disfranchised by reason of conviction of crime and
4434 committed to the custody of the Commissioner of Correction for
4435 confinement in a correctional institution or facility or a community
4436 residence, and any person who votes at any election after having
4437 forfeited such privileges by reason of conviction of crime and
4438 confinement, shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars and
4439 imprisoned not more than one year.

4440 Sec. 111. Section 9-46 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4441 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

4442 (a) A person shall forfeit such person's right to become an elector and
4443 such person's privileges as an elector upon conviction of a felony and
4444 (1) committal to the custody of the Commissioner of Correction for
4445 confinement in a correctional institution or facility, [or] but not a
4446 community residence, (2) committal to confinement in a federal
4447 correctional institution or facility, or (3) committal to the custody of the
4448 chief correctional official of any other state or a county of any other state
4449 for confinement in a correctional institution or facility, [or] but not a
4450 community residence, in such state or county.

4451 (b) If a person has forfeited such person's privileges as an elector

4452 under subsection (a) of this section, has regained such privileges under
4453 section 9-46a and is subsequently returned to confinement in a
4454 correctional institution or facility, but not a community residence, from
4455 parole or special parole, release pursuant to section 18-100, 18-100c, 18-
4456 100e, 18-100h or 18-100i or furlough pursuant to section 18-101a, such
4457 person shall again forfeit such privileges.

4458 ~~[(b)]~~ (c) No person who has forfeited and not regained such person's
4459 privileges as an elector [,] as provided in section 9-46a, or who has
4460 regained such privileges and again forfeited such privileges as provided
4461 in subsection (b) of this section, may be a candidate for or hold public
4462 office.

4463 Sec. 112. Section 9-46a of the general statutes is repealed and the
4464 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

4465 (a) (1) A person who has been convicted of a felony and committed
4466 to confinement in a [federal or other state] correctional institution or
4467 facility [or community residence] of the federal government or of
4468 another state shall have such person's electoral privileges restored
4469 [upon the payment of all fines in conjunction with the conviction and]
4470 once such person has been [discharged] released from confinement. [,
4471 and, if applicable, parole.]

4472 (2) A person who has been convicted of a felony and is committed to
4473 confinement in a community residence of the federal government or of
4474 another state shall have such person's electoral privileges restored if
4475 such person had previously forfeited such electoral privileges.

4476 (b) (1) Upon the release from confinement in a correctional institution
4477 or facility [or a community residence] of a person who has been
4478 convicted of a felony and committed to the custody of the Commissioner
4479 of Correction, [and, if applicable, the discharge of such person from
4480 parole, (1)] (A) the person shall have the right to become an elector, [(2)]
4481 (B) the Commissioner of Correction shall give the person a document
4482 certifying that the person has been released from such confinement,

4483 [and, if applicable, has been discharged from parole, (3)] (C) if the
4484 person was an elector at the time of such felony conviction and, after
4485 such release, [and any such discharge,] is residing in the same
4486 municipality in which the person resided at the time of such felony
4487 conviction, the person's electoral privileges shall be restored, and [(4)]
4488 (D) if the person was an elector at the time of such felony conviction and,
4489 after such release, [and any such discharge,] is residing in a different
4490 municipality or if the person was not an elector at the time of such felony
4491 conviction, the person's electoral privileges shall be restored or granted
4492 upon submitting to an admitting official satisfactory proof of the
4493 person's qualifications to be admitted as an elector. The provisions of
4494 [subdivisions (1) to (4), inclusive, of this subsection] subparagraphs (A)
4495 to (D), inclusive, of this subdivision shall not apply to any person
4496 convicted of a felony for a violation of any provision of this title until
4497 such person has been discharged from any parole or probation for such
4498 felony.

4499 (2) A person who has been convicted of a felony and committed to
4500 the custody of the Commissioner of Correction and is confined in a
4501 community residence shall have such person's electoral privileges
4502 restored if such person had previously forfeited such electoral
4503 privileges.

4504 (c) The registrars of voters of the municipality in which a person is
4505 admitted as an elector pursuant to subsection (a) or (b) of this section,
4506 within thirty days after the date on which such person is admitted, shall
4507 notify the registrars of voters of the municipality wherein such person
4508 resided at the time of such person's conviction that such person's
4509 electoral rights have been so restored.

4510 (d) The Commissioner of Correction shall establish procedures to
4511 inform those persons who have been convicted of a felony and
4512 committed to the custody of said commissioner for confinement in a
4513 correctional institution or facility or a community residence, and are
4514 eligible to have their electoral privileges restored or granted pursuant to

4515 subsection (b) of this section, of the right and procedures to have such
4516 privileges restored. The [Office of Adult Probation] Commissioner of
4517 Correction shall, within available appropriations, inform such persons
4518 who are on [probation on January 1, 2002] parole or special parole, or
4519 confined in a community residence, of their right to become electors and
4520 procedures to have their electoral privileges restored, which shall be in
4521 accordance with subsections (b) and (c) of this section.

4522 (e) The Commissioner of Correction shall, on or before the fifteenth
4523 day of each month, transmit to the Secretary of the State a list of all
4524 persons convicted of a felony and committed to the custody of said
4525 commissioner who, during the preceding calendar month, have (1) been
4526 released from confinement in a correctional institution or facility, or (2)
4527 begun confinement in a community residence. [and, if applicable,
4528 discharged from parole.] Such lists shall include the names, birth dates
4529 and addresses of such persons, with the dates of their convictions and
4530 the crimes of which such persons have been convicted. The Secretary [of
4531 the State] shall transmit such lists to the registrars of the municipalities
4532 in which such convicted persons resided at the time of their convictions
4533 and to the registrars of any municipalities where the [secretary]
4534 Secretary believes such persons may be electors.

4535 Sec. 113. Subsection (a) of section 9-225 of the general statutes is
4536 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
4537 *passage*):

4538 (a) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, the
4539 town clerk or assistant town clerk of each town shall warn the electors
4540 therein to meet on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November
4541 in the even-numbered years, at six o'clock a.m., which warning shall be
4542 given by publication (A) in a newspaper having a general circulation in
4543 such town, or towns in the case of a joint publication under subsection
4544 (b) of this section, not more than fifteen nor less than five days previous
4545 to holding such election, and (B) on such town's Internet web site, not
4546 more than fifteen nor less than five days previous to holding such

4547 election. The clerk in each town shall, in the warning for such election,
4548 give notice of (i) the time and the location of [the] each polling place in
4549 the town, [and] (ii) in towns divided into voting districts, [of] the time
4550 and the location of [the] each polling place in each district, and (iii) the
4551 time and the location of each location designated for election day
4552 registration in the town, at which such election will be held. The town
4553 clerk shall record each such warning.

4554 (2) For the state election in 2020, and any election held pursuant to
4555 section 9-211, 9-212, 9-215 or 9-218 on or after the effective date of this
4556 section but prior to November 3, 2021, the warning under subsection (a)
4557 of this section shall be given not more than seven nor less than four days
4558 previous to holding such election.

4559 Sec. 114. Section 9-226 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4560 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4561 (a) The warning of each municipal election shall specify the objects
4562 for which such election is to be held. [Notice] Except as provided in
4563 subsection (b) of this section, notice of a town election shall be given by
4564 the town clerk or assistant town clerk, by publishing a warning (1) in a
4565 newspaper published in such town or having a general circulation
4566 therein, such publication to be not more than fifteen [,] nor less than five
4567 days previous to holding the election, and (2) on such town's Internet
4568 web site, such publication to be not more than fifteen nor less than five
4569 days previous to holding the election. The town clerk in each town shall,
4570 in the warning for such election, give notice of (A) the time and the
4571 location of [the] each polling place in the town, [and,] (B) in towns
4572 divided into voting districts, [of] the time and the location of [the] each
4573 polling place in each district, and (C) the time and the location of each
4574 location designated for election day registration in the town. The town
4575 clerk shall record each such warning. [Notice] Except as provided in
4576 subsection (b) of this section, notice of an election of a city or borough
4577 shall be given by publishing a warning (i) in a newspaper published
4578 within the limits of such city or borough [,] or having a general

4579 circulation therein, not more than fifteen nor less than five days
4580 previous to holding the election, and (ii) on the Internet web site of such
4581 city or borough, or the town having such city or borough within such
4582 town's limits, not more than fifteen nor less than five days previous to
4583 holding the election, which warning shall include notice of (I) the time
4584 and the location of [the] each polling place in such city or borough,
4585 [and,] (II) in cities and boroughs divided into voting districts, [of] the
4586 time and the location of [the] each polling place in each district, and (III)
4587 the time and the location of each location designated for election day
4588 registration in such city or borough.

4589 (b) For any municipal election held on or after the effective date of
4590 this section but prior to November 3, 2021, the notice under subsection
4591 (a) of this section shall be given not more than seven nor less than four
4592 days previous to holding such election.

4593 Sec. 115. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 9-140 of the general statutes
4594 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
4595 *1, 2021*):

4596 (a) [Application] (1) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this
4597 section, application for an absentee ballot shall be made to the clerk of
4598 the municipality in which the applicant is eligible to vote or has applied
4599 for such eligibility. Any person who assists another person in the
4600 completion of an application shall, in the space provided, sign the
4601 application and print or type his name, residence address and telephone
4602 number. Such signature shall be made under the penalties of false
4603 statement in absentee balloting. The municipal clerk shall not invalidate
4604 the application solely because it does not contain the name of a person
4605 who assisted the applicant in the completion of the application. The
4606 municipal clerk shall not distribute with an absentee ballot application
4607 any material which promotes the success or defeat of any candidate or
4608 referendum question. The municipal clerk shall maintain a log of all
4609 absentee ballot applications provided under this subsection, including
4610 the name and address of each person to whom applications are

4611 provided and the number of applications provided to each such person.
4612 Each absentee ballot application provided by the municipal clerk shall
4613 be consecutively numbered and be stamped or marked with the name
4614 of the municipality issuing the application. The application shall be
4615 signed by the applicant under the penalties of false statement in
4616 absentee balloting on [(1)] (A) the form prescribed by the Secretary of
4617 the State pursuant to section 9-139a, [(2)] (B) a form provided by any
4618 federal department or agency if applicable pursuant to section 9-153a,
4619 or [(3)] (C) any of the special forms of application prescribed pursuant
4620 to section 9-150c, 9-153a, 9-153b, 9-153d, 9-153e, 9-153f or 9-158d, if
4621 applicable. Any such absentee ballot applicant who is unable to write
4622 may cause the application to be completed by an authorized agent who
4623 shall, in the spaces provided for the date and signature, write the date
4624 and name of the absentee ballot applicant followed by the word "by"
4625 and his own signature. If the ballot is to be mailed to the applicant, the
4626 applicant shall list the bona fide personal mailing address of the
4627 applicant in the appropriate space on the application.

4628 [(b)] (2) A municipal clerk may transmit an application to a person
4629 under this subsection by facsimile machine or other electronic means, if
4630 so requested by the applicant. If a municipal clerk has a facsimile
4631 machine or other electronic means, an applicant may return a completed
4632 application to the clerk by such a machine or device, provided the
4633 applicant shall also mail the original of the completed application to the
4634 clerk, either separately or with the absentee ballot that is issued to the
4635 applicant. If the clerk does not receive such original application by the
4636 close of the polls on the day of the election, primary or referendum, the
4637 absentee ballot shall not be counted.

4638 (b) On and after July 1, 2021:

4639 (1) Application for an absentee ballot may also be made to the
4640 Secretary of the State through an online system established and
4641 maintained by the Secretary for such purpose if an applicant's signature
4642 is in a database described in subsection (b) of section 9-19k, or the system

4643 described in section 106 of this act, and such signature may be imported
4644 into such online application system.

4645 (2) In order for an application for an absentee ballot to be submitted
4646 through the online system described in subdivision (1) of this
4647 subsection, the applicant's signature shall be obtained from a database
4648 described in subsection (b) of section 9-19k, or the system described in
4649 section 106 of this act, and the applicant shall, on an online form
4650 prescribed by the Secretary, (A) type his or her name, (B) indicate the
4651 municipality in which such applicant is eligible to vote or has applied
4652 for such eligibility, and (C) mark a box associated with the following
4653 statement:

4654 "By clicking on the box below, I swear or affirm all of the following
4655 under penalty of false statement in absentee balloting:

4656 1. I am the person whose name is provided on this form, and I desire
4657 to apply for an absentee ballot.

4658 2. I am eligible to vote in the municipality provided on this form or
4659 have applied for such eligibility.

4660 3. I authorize the Department of Motor Vehicles or other Connecticut
4661 state agency to transmit to the Connecticut Secretary of the State my
4662 signature that is on file with such agency and understand that such
4663 signature will be used by the Secretary on this online application for an
4664 absentee ballot as if I had signed this form personally."

4665 (3) Not later than twenty-four hours after receipt of any submitted
4666 application for an absentee ballot through the online system described
4667 in subdivision (1) of this subsection, the Secretary shall transmit such
4668 application to the clerk of the municipality indicated in such application.

4669 Sec. 116. Subsections (a) to (c), inclusive, of section 9-140b of the
4670 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
4671 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4672 (a) An absentee ballot shall be cast at a primary, election or
4673 referendum only if: (1) It is mailed by (A) the ballot applicant, (B) a
4674 designee of a person who applies for an absentee ballot because of
4675 illness or physical disability, or (C) a member of the immediate family
4676 of an applicant who is a student, so that it is received by the clerk of the
4677 municipality in which the applicant is qualified to vote not later than the
4678 close of the polls; (2) it is returned by the applicant in person to the clerk
4679 by the day before a regular election, special election or primary or prior
4680 to the opening of the polls on the day of a referendum; (3) it is returned
4681 by a designee of an ill or physically disabled ballot applicant, in person,
4682 to said clerk not later than the close of the polls on the day of the election,
4683 primary or referendum; (4) it is returned by a member of the immediate
4684 family of the absentee voter, in person, to said clerk not later than the
4685 close of the polls on the day of the election, primary or referendum; (5)
4686 in the case of a presidential or overseas ballot, it is mailed or otherwise
4687 returned pursuant to the provisions of section 9-158g; or (6) it is returned
4688 with the proper identification as required by the Help America Vote Act,
4689 P.L. 107-252, as amended from time to time, if applicable, inserted in the
4690 outer envelope so such identification can be viewed without opening
4691 the inner envelope. A person returning an absentee ballot to the
4692 municipal clerk pursuant to subdivision (3) or (4) of this subsection shall
4693 present identification and, on the outer envelope of the absentee ballot,
4694 sign his name in the presence of the municipal clerk, and indicate his
4695 address, his relationship to the voter or his position, and the date and
4696 time of such return. As used in this section, "immediate family" means
4697 a dependent relative who resides in the individual's household or any
4698 spouse, child, [or] parent or sibling of the individual.

4699 (b) As used in this section and section 9-150c, "designee" means (1) a
4700 person who is caring for the applicant because of the applicant's illness
4701 or physical disability, including but not limited to, a licensed physician
4702 or a registered or practical nurse, (2) a member of the applicant's family,
4703 who is designated by an absentee ballot applicant and who consents to
4704 such designation, or (3) [if no such person consents or is available, then]

4705 a police officer, registrar of voters, deputy registrar of voters or assistant
4706 registrar of voters in the municipality in which the applicant resides.

4707 (c) (1) For purposes of this section, "mailed" means (A) sent by the
4708 United States Postal Service or any commercial carrier, courier or
4709 messenger service recognized and approved by the Secretary of the
4710 State, or (B) [for the state election in 2020,] deposited in a secure drop
4711 box designated by the municipal clerk for such purpose, in accordance
4712 with instructions prescribed by the Secretary.

4713 (2) In the case of absentee ballots mailed under subparagraph (B) of
4714 subdivision (1) of this subsection, beginning on the twenty-ninth day
4715 before [the state election in 2020] each election, primary or referendum,
4716 and on each weekday thereafter until the close of the polls at such
4717 election, primary or referendum, the municipal clerk shall [(A)] retrieve
4718 from the secure drop box described in said subparagraph each such
4719 ballot deposited in such drop box. [, and (B) if the drop box is located
4720 outside a building other than the building where the clerk's office is
4721 located, arrange for the clerk or the clerk's designee to be escorted by a
4722 police officer during such retrieval.]

4723 Sec. 117. Section 9-140e of the general statutes is repealed and the
4724 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4725 (a) Any elector who is permanently physically disabled or suffering
4726 from a long-term illness and who files an application for an absentee
4727 ballot with a certification from a primary care provider, indicating that
4728 such elector is permanently physically disabled or suffering from a long-
4729 term illness and unable to appear in person at such elector's designated
4730 polling location, shall be eligible for permanent absentee ballot status
4731 and shall receive an absentee ballot for each election, primary or
4732 referendum conducted in such elector's municipality for which such
4733 elector is eligible to vote. Such elector's permanent absentee ballot status
4734 shall remain in effect until such elector: (1) Is removed from the official
4735 registry list of the municipality, (2) is removed from permanent absentee

4736 ballot status pursuant to the provisions of this section, or (3) requests
4737 that he or she no longer receive such permanent absentee ballot status.

4738 (b) The registrars of voters shall send written notice to each such
4739 elector with permanent absentee ballot status in January of each year,
4740 on a form prescribed by the Secretary of the State, for the purpose of
4741 determining if such elector continues to reside at the address indicated
4742 on the elector's permanent absentee ballot application. If (1) such written
4743 notice is returned as undeliverable, or (2) not later than [thirty] sixty
4744 days after such notice is sent to the elector, the elector fails to return such
4745 notice to the registrars of voters, as directed on the form, the elector in
4746 question shall be removed from permanent absentee ballot status. If
4747 such elector indicates on such notice that the elector no longer resides at
4748 such address and the elector's new address is within the same
4749 municipality, the registrars of voters shall change the elector's address
4750 pursuant to section 9-35 and such elector shall retain permanent
4751 absentee ballot status. If the elector indicates on such notice that the
4752 elector no longer resides in the municipality, the registrars of voters
4753 shall remove such individual from the registry list of the municipality
4754 and send such individual an application for voter registration. Failure
4755 to return such written notice shall not result in the removal of an elector
4756 from the official registry list of the municipality or from permanent
4757 absentee ballot status.

4758 Sec. 118. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Whenever voter
4759 registration information maintained under title 9 of the general statutes
4760 by the Secretary of the State or any registrar of voters is provided
4761 pursuant to any provision of the general statutes, disclosure of a voter's
4762 date of birth shall be limited to only the month and year of birth, unless
4763 such voter registration information is requested and used for a
4764 governmental purpose, as determined by the Secretary, in which case
4765 the voter's complete date of birth shall be provided. As used in this
4766 section, a governmental purpose shall include, but not be limited to, jury
4767 administration.

4768 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, any motor
4769 vehicle operator's license number, identity card number, Social Security
4770 number and any other unique identifier used for the purpose of
4771 generating a voter registration record, or added to such record for
4772 compliance with the requirements of the Help America Vote Act, P.L.
4773 107-252, as amended from time to time, shall be confidential and shall
4774 not be disclosed to any person.

4775 (c) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, if a voter
4776 submits to the Secretary of the State a signed statement that
4777 nondisclosure of such voter's name from the official registry list is
4778 necessary for the safety of such voter or the voter's family, the name and
4779 address of such voter on his or her voter registration record shall be
4780 confidential and shall not be disclosed, except that an election, primary
4781 or referendum official may view such information on the official registry
4782 list when such list is used by any such official at a polling place on the
4783 day of an election, primary or referendum. Such signed statement shall
4784 be sworn under penalty of false statement, as provided in section 53a-
4785 157b of the general statutes.

4786 Sec. 119. Section 9-450 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4787 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4788 (a) Nominations by major parties for any state, district or municipal
4789 office to be filled under the provisions of any law relating to elections to
4790 fill vacancies, unless otherwise provided therein, shall be made in
4791 accordance with the provisions of sections 9-382 to 9-450, inclusive.

4792 (b) (1) [(A)] In the case of nominations for representatives in Congress
4793 and judges of probate in probate districts composed of two or more
4794 towns, provided for in sections 9-212 and 9-218, the delegates to the
4795 convention for the last state election shall be the delegates for the
4796 purpose of selecting a candidate to fill such vacancy. If a vacancy occurs
4797 in the delegation from any town, political subdivision or district, such
4798 vacancy may be filled by the town committee of the town in which the

4799 delegate resided. Endorsements by political party conventions pursuant
4800 to this subsection may be made and certified at any time after the
4801 resignation or death creating such vacancy and not later than the fiftieth
4802 day before the day of the election. No such endorsement shall be
4803 effective until the presiding officer or secretary of any district
4804 convention has certified the endorsement to the Secretary of the State.

4805 [(B)] (2) If such a vacancy occurs between the one hundred twenty-
4806 fifth day and the sixty-third day before the day of a regular state or
4807 municipal election in November of any year, no primary shall be held
4808 for the nomination of any political party and the party-endorsed
4809 candidate so selected shall be deemed, for the purposes of this chapter,
4810 the person certified by the Secretary of the State pursuant to section 9-
4811 444 as the nominee of such party.

4812 [(C)] (3) Except as provided in [subparagraph (B) of this] subdivision
4813 (2) of this subsection, if a candidacy for nomination is filed by or on
4814 behalf of any person other than a party-endorsed candidate not later
4815 than [fourteen days] the day after the party endorsement and in
4816 conformity with the provisions of section 9-400, a primary shall be held
4817 in each municipality of the district and each part of a municipality which
4818 is a component part of the district, to determine the nominee of such
4819 party for such office, except as provided in section 9-416a. Such primary
4820 shall be held on the day that the writs of election issued by the Governor,
4821 pursuant to section 9-212, ordered the election to be held, and new writs
4822 of election shall be issued by the Governor in accordance with section 9-
4823 212.

4824 [(D)] (4) Unless the provisions of [subparagraph (B) of this]
4825 subdivision (2) of this subsection apply, petition forms for candidacies
4826 for nomination by a political party pursuant to this subdivision shall be
4827 available from the Secretary of the State beginning on the day following
4828 the issuance of writs of election by the Governor pursuant to section 9-
4829 212, except when a primary has already been held, and the provisions
4830 of section 9-404a shall otherwise apply to such petitions.

4831 [(E)] (5) The registry lists used pursuant to this subsection shall be the
4832 last-completed lists, as provided in sections 9-172a and 9-172b.

4833 [(2)] (c) In the case of judges of probate in probate districts composed
4834 of a single town, the day named for the election shall be not earlier than
4835 the one hundred fifteenth day following the day on which the writ of
4836 election is issued, and the times specified in sections 9-391, 9-405 and 9-
4837 423 shall be applicable.

4838 [(3) (A)] (d) (1) In the case of nominations for senators in Congress
4839 provided for in section 9-211, the delegates to the convention for the last
4840 state election shall be the delegates for the purpose of selecting a
4841 candidate to fill such vacancy. If a vacancy occurs in the delegation from
4842 any town or political subdivision, such vacancy may be filled by the
4843 town committee of the town in which the delegate resided.
4844 Endorsements by political party conventions pursuant to this subsection
4845 may be made and certified at any time after the resignation or death
4846 creating such vacancy and not later than the fifty-sixth day before the
4847 day of the primary. No such endorsement shall be effective until the
4848 presiding officer or secretary of any state convention has certified the
4849 endorsement to the Secretary of the State.

4850 [(B)] (2) If such a vacancy occurs between the one hundred twenty-
4851 fifth day and the sixty-third day before the day of a regular state or
4852 municipal election in November of any year, no primary shall be held
4853 for the nomination of any political party and the party-endorsed
4854 candidate so selected shall be deemed, for the purposes of this chapter,
4855 the person certified by the Secretary of the State, pursuant to section 9-
4856 444, as the nominee of such party. In such an event, endorsements by
4857 political party conventions shall be made not later than sixty days prior
4858 to the election.

4859 [(C)] (3) Except as provided in [subparagraph (B) of this] subdivision
4860 (2) of this subsection, if a candidacy for nomination is filed by or on
4861 behalf of any person other than a party-endorsed candidate not later

4862 than [fourteen days] the day after the party endorsement and in
4863 conformity with the provisions of section 9-400, a primary shall be held
4864 on the fifty-sixth day prior to the day of the election in each municipality
4865 to determine the nominee of such party for such office, except as
4866 provided in section 9-416a.

4867 [(D)] (4) Unless the provisions of [subparagraph (B) of this]
4868 subdivision (2) of this subsection apply, petition forms for candidacies
4869 for nomination by a political party pursuant to this subdivision shall be
4870 available from the Secretary of the State beginning on the day following
4871 the issuance of writs of election by the Governor, pursuant to section 9-
4872 211, except when a primary has already been held and the provisions of
4873 section 9-404a shall otherwise apply to such petitions.

4874 [(E)] (5) The registry lists used pursuant to this subsection shall be the
4875 last-completed lists, as provided in sections 9-172a and 9-172b.

4876 [(4)] (e) The times specified in sections 9-391, 9-405 and 9-423 shall be
4877 applicable to any special town election held to fill a vacancy in any town
4878 office under subsection (b) of section 9-164. Except as provided under
4879 subsection (c) of section 9-164, any election held to fill a vacancy in any
4880 municipal office under the provisions of any special act shall be held not
4881 earlier than the one hundred twenty-seventh day following the day
4882 upon which warning of such election is issued, and the times specified
4883 in sections 9-391, 9-405 and 9-423 shall be applicable.

4884 Sec. 120. Subsection (a) of section 9-212 of the general statutes is
4885 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
4886 *passage*):

4887 (a) In case of a vacancy in the office of representative in Congress
4888 from any district, the Governor, except as otherwise provided by law,
4889 shall not more than ten days after the occurrence of such vacancy issue
4890 writs of election directed to the town clerks or assistant town clerks, in
4891 such district, ordering an election to be held on the sixtieth day after the
4892 issue of such writs on a day, other than a Saturday or Sunday, to fill such

4893 vacancy, provided (1) if such a vacancy occurs between the one hundred
4894 twenty-fifth day and the sixty-third day before the day of a regular state
4895 or municipal election in November of any year, the Governor shall so
4896 issue such writs on the sixtieth day before the day of such regular
4897 election, ordering an election to be held on the day of such regular
4898 election, (2) if such a vacancy occurs after the sixty-third day before the
4899 day of a regular state election but before the regular state election, the
4900 Governor shall not issue such writs and no election shall be held under
4901 this section, unless the position vacated is that of member-elect, in which
4902 case the Governor shall issue such writs and an election shall be held as
4903 provided in this section, and (3) if a primary for such office occurs
4904 pursuant to [subparagraph (C) of subdivision (1)] subdivision (3) of
4905 subsection (b) of section 9-450, the Governor shall, within ten days
4906 following the filing of a candidacy for nomination by a person other
4907 than the party-endorsed candidate, issue new writs of election, in place
4908 of those first issued pursuant to this section.

4909 Sec. 121. Subsection (a) of section 9-320f of the general statutes is
4910 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
4911 *passage*):

4912 (a) Not earlier than the fifteenth day after any election or primary and
4913 not later than two business days before the canvass of votes by the
4914 Secretary of the State, Treasurer and Comptroller, for any federal or
4915 state election or primary, or by the town clerk for any municipal election
4916 or primary, the registrars of voters shall conduct a manual audit or, for
4917 an election or primary held on or after January 1, 2016, an electronic
4918 audit authorized under section 9-320g of the votes recorded in not less
4919 than five per cent of the voting districts in the state, district or
4920 municipality, whichever is applicable. For the purposes of this section,
4921 any central location used in a municipality for the counting of absentee
4922 ballots shall be deemed a voting district. Such manual or electronic audit
4923 shall be noticed in advance and be open to public observation. Any
4924 election official who participates in the administration and conduct of
4925 an audit pursuant to this section shall be compensated by the

4926 municipality at the standard rate of pay established by such
4927 municipality for elections or primaries, as the case may be.

4928 Sec. 122. Section 9-159q of the general statutes is repealed and the
4929 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4930 (a) As used in this section:

4931 (1) "Institution" means a veterans' health care facility, residential care
4932 home, health care facility for the handicapped, nursing home, rest home,
4933 mental health facility, alcohol or drug treatment facility, an infirmary
4934 operated by an educational institution for the care of its students, faculty
4935 and employees or an assisted living facility; and

4936 (2) "Designee" means an elector of the same town and political party
4937 as the appointing registrar of voters, which elector is not an employee
4938 of the institution at which supervised voting is conducted.

4939 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, [to the
4940 contrary,] if less than twenty of the patients in any institution in the state
4941 are electors, absentee ballots voted by such electors shall, upon request
4942 of either registrar of voters in the town of such electors' voting residence
4943 or the administrator of such institution, be voted under the supervision
4944 of such registrars of voters or their designees in accordance with the
4945 provisions of this section. The registrars of voters of a town other than
4946 the town in which an institution is located may refuse a request by the
4947 administrator of such institution when, in their written opinion, the
4948 registrars agree that such request is unnecessary, in which case this
4949 section shall not apply. Such registrars shall inform the administrator
4950 and the town clerk of the electors' town of voting residence of their
4951 refusal.

4952 (c) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, such request
4953 shall be made in writing and filed with the town clerk and registrars of
4954 voters of the town of such electors' voting residence, not more than
4955 forty-five days prior to an election or thirty-four days prior to a primary

4956 and not later than the seventh day prior to an election or primary. The
4957 request shall specify the name and location of the institution and the
4958 date and time when the registrars of voters or their designees shall
4959 supervise the casting of absentee ballots at the institution. The request
4960 shall also specify one or more alternate dates and times when
4961 supervised voting may occur. No request shall specify a date or an
4962 alternate date for supervised voting which is later than the last business
4963 day before the election or primary.

4964 (d) The town clerk shall not mail or otherwise deliver an absentee
4965 ballot to an applicant who is a patient in any institution if a request for
4966 supervision of absentee balloting at that institution has been filed with
4967 the clerk during the period set forth in subsection (c) of this section. The
4968 clerk shall instead deliver such ballot or ballots to the registrars of voters
4969 or their designees who will supervise the voting of such ballots in
4970 accordance with this section.

4971 (e) Except in the case of a written refusal as provided in subsection
4972 (b) of this section, upon receipt of a request for supervision of absentee
4973 balloting during the period set forth in subsection (c) of this section, the
4974 registrar or registrars of voters who received the request shall inform
4975 the registrar or administrator who made the request and the town clerk
4976 as to the date and time when such supervision shall occur, which shall
4977 be the date and time contained in the request or the alternate date and
4978 time contained in the request. If the registrar or registrars fail to select
4979 either date, the supervision shall take place on the date and time
4980 contained in the request. If a request for supervision of absentee
4981 balloting at an institution is filed during the period set forth in
4982 subsection (c) of this section and the town clerk receives an application
4983 for an absentee ballot from a patient in the institution after the date
4984 when supervised balloting occurred, either registrar of voters may
4985 request, in writing, to the appropriate town clerk and registrars of voters
4986 that the supervision of the voting of absentee ballots at such institution
4987 in accordance with this section be repeated, and in such case the
4988 registrars or their designees shall supervise absentee balloting at such

4989 institution on the date and at the time specified in the subsequent
4990 request, which shall be not later than the last business day before the
4991 election or primary.

4992 (f) On the date when the supervision of absentee balloting at any
4993 institution is to occur, the town clerk shall deliver to the registrars or
4994 their designees the absentee ballots and envelopes for all applicants who
4995 are electors of such clerk's town and patients at such institution. The
4996 ballot and envelopes shall be prepared for delivery to the applicant as
4997 provided in sections 9-137 to 9-140a, inclusive. The registrars or their
4998 designees shall furnish the town clerk a written receipt for such ballots.

4999 (g) The registrars or their designees, as the case may be, shall jointly
5000 deliver the ballots to the respective applicants at the institution and shall
5001 jointly supervise the voting of such ballots. The ballots shall be returned
5002 to the registrars or their designees by the electors in the envelopes
5003 provided and in accordance with the provisions of sections 9-137, 9-139
5004 and 9-140a. If any elector asks for assistance in voting his ballot, two
5005 registrars or their designees of different political parties or, for a
5006 primary, their designees of different candidates, shall render such
5007 assistance as they deem necessary and appropriate to enable such
5008 elector to vote his ballot. The registrars or their designees may reject a
5009 ballot when (1) the elector declines to vote a ballot, or (2) the registrars
5010 or their designees are unable to determine how the elector who has
5011 requested their assistance desires to vote the ballot. When the registrars
5012 or their designees reject a ballot, they shall mark the serially-numbered
5013 outer envelope "rejected" and note the reasons for rejection. Nothing in
5014 this section shall limit the right of an elector to vote his ballot in secret.

5015 (h) After all ballots have been voted or marked "rejected" in
5016 accordance with subsection (g) of this section, the registrars or their
5017 designees shall jointly deliver or mail them in the envelopes, which shall
5018 be sealed, to the appropriate town clerk, who shall retain them until
5019 delivered in accordance with section 9-140c.

5020 (i) When an institution is located in a town having a primary, the
5021 registrar in that town of the party holding the primary shall appoint for
5022 each such institution, one designee of the party-endorsed candidates
5023 and one designee of the contestants from the lists, if any, submitted by
5024 the party-endorsed candidates and contestants. Such registrar shall
5025 notify all party-endorsed candidates and all contestants of their right to
5026 submit a list of potential designees under this section. Each party-
5027 endorsed candidate and each contestant may submit to such registrar in
5028 writing a list of names of potential designees, provided any such list
5029 shall be submitted not later than ten days before the primary. If no such
5030 lists are submitted within said period, such registrar shall appoint one
5031 designee of the party-endorsed candidates and one designee of the
5032 contestants. Each designee appointed pursuant to this section shall be
5033 sworn to the faithful performance of his duties, and the registrar shall
5034 file a certificate of each designation with his town clerk.

5035 (j) Any registrar of voters who has filed a request that the absentee
5036 balloting at an institution be supervised and any registrar required to
5037 conduct a supervision of voting under this section, who neglects to
5038 perform any of the duties required of him by this section so as to cause
5039 any elector to lose his vote shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor. Any
5040 registrar from the same town as a registrar who has filed such a request
5041 may waive his right to participate in the supervision of absentee
5042 balloting.

5043 (k) Notwithstanding any provision of this section, [to the contrary,] if
5044 the spouse or a child of a registrar of voters or a dependent relative
5045 residing in the registrar's household is a candidate in the election or
5046 primary for which supervised absentee voting is to occur, such registrar
5047 shall not supervise such absentee voting but may designate the deputy
5048 registrar of voters or an assistant registrar of voters, appointed by the
5049 registrar pursuant to section 9-192, to supervise the absentee voting in
5050 his place.

5051 (l) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, [if a town

5052 clerk receives twenty or more absentee ballot applications from the same
5053 street address in a town, including, but not limited to, an apartment
5054 building or complex, absentee ballots voted by the electors submitting
5055 such applications may, at the discretion of the registrars of voters of such
5056 town, be voted under the supervision of such registrars of voters or their
5057 designees in accordance with the same procedures set forth in this
5058 section for supervised absentee voting at institutions.] the Secretary of
5059 the State may suspend the supervision of absentee balloting under this
5060 section and section 9-159r, provided the Secretary (1) suspends such
5061 supervision of absentee balloting in recognition of a declaration by the
5062 Governor of a civil preparedness emergency, pursuant to section 28-9,
5063 or a public health emergency, pursuant to section 19a-131, and (2)
5064 submits a report, in accordance with section 11-4a, to the joint standing
5065 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
5066 relating to elections advising of such suspension and specifying
5067 alternative actions to be taken to provide opportunities for absentee
5068 voting by electors described in this section and section 9-159r.

5069 Sec. 123. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) In the case of an elector unable
5070 to appear at such elector's polling place because of a visual impairment,
5071 the Secretary of the State shall electronically provide to such elector an
5072 absentee ballot in a format capable of being read by a computer-related
5073 device and printed. Each such ballot signed by such elector, returned to
5074 the municipal clerk in accordance with section 9-140b of the general
5075 statutes, and that otherwise satisfies all requirements for returned
5076 absentee ballots shall be counted.

5077 Sec. 124. Section 9-264 of the general statutes is repealed and the
5078 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5079 An elector who requires assistance to vote, by reason of blindness,
5080 disability or inability to write or to read the ballot, may be given
5081 assistance by a person of the elector's choice, other than (1) the elector's
5082 employer, (2) an agent of such employer, (3) an officer or agent of the
5083 elector's union, or (4) a candidate for any office on the ballot, unless the

5084 elector is a member of the immediate family of such candidate. The
5085 person assisting the elector may accompany the elector into the voting
5086 booth at the polling place or the location designated for election day
5087 registration. Such person shall register such elector's vote upon the
5088 ballot as such elector directs. Any person accompanying an elector into
5089 the voting booth at the polling place or the location designated for
5090 election day registration who deceives any elector in registering the
5091 elector's vote under this section or seeks to influence any elector while
5092 in the act of voting, or who registers any vote for any elector or on any
5093 question other than as requested by such elector, or who gives
5094 information to any person as to what person or persons such elector
5095 voted for, or how such elector voted on any question, shall be guilty of
5096 a class D felony. As used in this section, "immediate family" means
5097 "immediate family" as defined in section 9-140b.

5098 Sec. 125. Subsection (a) of section 9-232 of the general statutes is
5099 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
5100 *passage*):

5101 (a) [Each registrar may appoint one or more challengers in his town
5102 or district, one of whom may be present at the offering of any vote; and
5103 any such challenger or any] Any elector may challenge the right of any
5104 person offering to vote, on the ground of want of identity with the
5105 person on whose name the vote is offered, or disfranchisement or lack
5106 of bona fide residence, and the moderator shall decide upon the right of
5107 the person so challenged to vote.

5108 Sec. 126. Section 9-235d of the general statutes is repealed and the
5109 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5110 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of sections 9-233, 9-235 and 9-258
5111 [to the contrary,] a United States citizen who is sixteen or seventeen
5112 years of age and a bona fide resident of a town may be [(1)] appointed
5113 as [a challenger or] (1) an unofficial checker in an election, or (2)
5114 [appointed as] a checker, translator, ballot clerk or voting tabulator

5115 tender in an election after (A) attending poll worker training, and (B)
5116 receiving the written permission of a parent, guardian or the principal
5117 of the school that the citizen attends if the citizen is a secondary school
5118 student and the citizen is to be appointed to work on a day when such
5119 school is in session.

5120 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of section 9-436 or 9-436a [to the
5121 contrary,] a United States citizen who is sixteen or seventeen years of
5122 age and a bona fide resident of a town or political subdivision holding
5123 a primary may be [(1)] appointed as [a challenger or] (1) a candidate
5124 checker in the primary, or (2) [appointed as] a checker, translator, ballot
5125 clerk or voting tabulator tender in a primary after (A) attending poll
5126 worker training, and (B) receiving the written permission of a parent,
5127 guardian or the principal of the school that the citizen attends if the
5128 citizen is a secondary school student and the citizen is to be appointed
5129 to work on a day when such school is in session.

5130 Sec. 127. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 9-258 of the general statutes
5131 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
5132 *from passage*):

5133 (a) For municipalities with more than one voting district, the election
5134 officials of each polling place shall be electors of the state and shall
5135 consist of (1) one moderator, (2) at least one but not more than two
5136 official checkers, (3) two assistant registrars of voters of opposite
5137 political parties, each of whom shall be residents of the town, (4) [not
5138 more than two challengers if the registrars of voters have appointed
5139 challengers pursuant to section 9-232, (5)] at least one but not more than
5140 two ballot clerks, and [(6)] (5) at least one but not more than two voting
5141 tabulator tenders for each voting tabulator in use at the polling place. A
5142 known candidate for any office shall not serve as an election official on
5143 election day or serve at the polls in any capacity, except that (A) a
5144 municipal clerk or a registrar of voters, who is a candidate for the same
5145 office, may perform his or her official duties, and (B) a deputy registrar
5146 of voters, who is a candidate for the office of registrar of voters, may

5147 perform his or her official duties. If, in the opinion of the registrar of
5148 voters, the public convenience of the electors in any voting district so
5149 requires, provision shall be made for an additional line or lines of
5150 electors at the polling place and, if more than one line of electors is
5151 established, at least one but not more than two additional official
5152 checkers and at least one but not more than two ballot clerks for each
5153 line of electors shall be appointed and, if more than one tabulator is used
5154 in a polling place, at least one but not more than two additional voting
5155 tabulator tenders shall be appointed for each additional machine so
5156 used. Head moderators, central counting moderators and absentee
5157 ballot counters appointed pursuant to law shall also be deemed election
5158 officials.

5159 (b) For municipalities with one voting district, the election officials of
5160 such polling place shall be electors of the state and shall consist of (1)
5161 one moderator, (2) at least one but not more than two official checkers,
5162 (3) [not more than two challengers if the registrars of voters have
5163 appointed challengers pursuant to section 9-232, (4)] at least one but not
5164 more than two voting tabulator tenders for each voting tabulator in use
5165 at the polling place, and [(5)] (4) at least one but not more than two ballot
5166 clerks. Additionally, such election officials may consist of two registrars
5167 of voters of opposite political parties, or two assistant registrars of voters
5168 of opposite political parties, as the case may be, subject to the
5169 requirements of sections 9-259 and 9-439, provided if the registrars of
5170 voters are present in the polling place, they shall appoint at least one
5171 designee to be present in their office. A known candidate for any office
5172 shall not serve as an election official on election day or serve at the polls
5173 in any capacity, except that (A) a municipal clerk or a registrar of voters,
5174 who is a candidate for the same office, may perform his or her official
5175 duties, and (B) a deputy registrar of voters, who is a candidate for the
5176 office of registrar of voters, may perform his or her official duties. If, in
5177 the opinion of the registrar of voters, the public convenience of the
5178 electors in any voting district so requires, provision shall be made for an
5179 additional line or lines of electors at the polling place and, if more than

5180 one line of electors is established, at least one but not more than two
5181 additional official checkers for each line of electors shall be appointed
5182 and, if more than one tabulator is used in a polling place, at least one
5183 but not more than two additional voting tabulator tenders shall be
5184 appointed for each additional tabulator so used. Head moderators,
5185 central counting moderators and absentee ballot counters appointed
5186 pursuant to law shall be deemed to be election officials.

5187 Sec. 128. Subsection (c) of section 9-436 of the general statutes is
5188 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
5189 *passage*):

5190 (c) The registrar shall appoint from among the enrolled party
5191 members in the state, to serve in each polling place, the primary polling
5192 place officials, who shall consist of (1) one moderator, (2) at least one [,]
5193 but not more than two official checkers, [not more than two challengers
5194 if the registrar deems it necessary, and] (3) at least one [and] but not
5195 more than two ballot clerks, [and] (4) at least one but not more than two
5196 voting tabulator tenders for each tabulator in use at such primary, and
5197 [,] (5) in towns with two or more voting districts, at least one [and] but
5198 not more than two assistant registrars, provided [(1)] (A) in the case of
5199 either a municipality or a political subdivision holding a primary, if no
5200 enrolled party member can be found or no such person consents to serve
5201 as a moderator, the registrar may appoint any elector who resides in the
5202 state and is a certified moderator to be moderator, [(2)] (B) in the case of
5203 a political subdivision holding a primary, if an insufficient number of
5204 enrolled party members who reside in the state consent to serve as
5205 checkers, [challengers,] voting tabulator tenders or assistant registrars,
5206 the registrar may appoint any elector who resides in the state to be a
5207 checker, [challenger,] voting tabulator tender or assistant registrar, and
5208 [(3)] (C) in the case of either a municipality or a political subdivision
5209 holding more than one primary on the same day for different political
5210 parties, one certified moderator may serve as moderator for both
5211 primaries, if the registrars of voters so agree. If unaffiliated electors are
5212 authorized under section 9-431 to vote for some but not all of the offices

5213 to be contested at the primary, the registrar shall appoint two additional
5214 checkers to check the list of unaffiliated electors who are authorized to
5215 vote on the separate tabulators. If unaffiliated electors are authorized
5216 under section 9-431 to vote in the primary of either of two parties in the
5217 same polling place, whether for some or for all offices to be contested at
5218 the primary, each such registrar shall appoint two additional checkers
5219 to check the list of unaffiliated electors who are authorized to vote in
5220 either such primary.

5221 Sec. 129. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Secretary of the State shall
5222 consult with various department heads, as defined in section 4-5 of the
5223 general statutes, including, but not limited to, the Commissioner of
5224 Consumer Protection, the Commissioner of Emergency Services and
5225 Public Protection, the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
5226 Protection and the Commissioner of Veterans Affairs, to conduct a study
5227 of the technological and staffing capabilities of various state agencies to
5228 provide an electronic system to effectuate the purposes of subdivision
5229 (1) of subsection (b) of section 9-23n of the general statutes.

5230 (b) Not later than February 1, 2023, the Secretary shall submit to the
5231 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance
5232 of matters relating to elections, in accordance with the provisions of
5233 section 11-4a of the general statutes, (1) a report on the findings of such
5234 study, and (2) recommendations for legislation to authorize any such
5235 state agency to provide such an electronic system.

5236 Sec. 130. Subsection (a) of section 9-164 of the general statutes is
5237 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*
5238 *1, 2022*):

5239 (a) (1) (A) [Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, there
5240 shall be held in each municipality, biennially, a municipal election on
5241 the first Monday of May or the Tuesday after the first Monday of
5242 November, of the odd-numbered years, whichever date the legislative
5243 body of such municipality determines, provided, if no action is taken by

5244 the legislative body to so designate the date of such election, such
5245 election shall be held on the Tuesday after the first Monday of
5246 November of the odd-numbered years.] On and after January 1, 2022,
5247 and notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, there shall be held
5248 in each municipality, biennially, a municipal election on the Tuesday
5249 after the first Monday of November of the odd-numbered years, except
5250 that such municipal election may be held on the first Monday of May of
5251 the odd-numbered years if the legislative body of such municipality so
5252 determines by a three-fourths vote.

5253 (B) In any municipality where the legislative body determines to hold
5254 its municipal election on the first Monday of May of the odd-numbered
5255 years in accordance with the provisions of subparagraph (A) of this
5256 subdivision, such legislative body may subsequently determine by a
5257 majority vote to hold such municipal election on the Tuesday after the
5258 first Monday of November of the odd-numbered years.

5259 (2) In any municipality where the term of any elected official would
5260 expire prior to the next regular election held under the provisions of this
5261 section, the term of such official shall be extended to the date of such
5262 election.

5263 Sec. 131. Section 9-164b of the general statutes is repealed and the
5264 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2022*):

5265 As to any board or commission of a municipality with a rotating
5266 membership, some of the members of which, prior to [the] any change
5267 [to a uniform] in a municipal election date for such municipality under
5268 section 9-164, were elected for terms beginning approximately one year
5269 after the date of their election, the legislative body of such municipality
5270 may provide for such conforming changes in the beginning date of the
5271 terms of office as are designed to continue the rotation with regard to
5272 such office as it existed prior to such change, and in the absence of such
5273 action by such legislative body, the beginning date of the terms of such
5274 office shall be so changed by the clerk of the municipality in preparing

5275 the list provided for under section 9-254. With respect to any board or
5276 commission of a municipality with a rotating membership established
5277 under sections 8-1, 8-4a, 8-5 and 8-19, the authority empowered to
5278 prescribe the term of office of the members of such board or commission,
5279 if it is authorized under said sections to provide for an odd-numbered
5280 year term, may further provide for deferred terms by prescribing which
5281 terms are to begin approximately one year from the date on which the
5282 terms of municipal officers generally begin in such municipality.

5283 Sec. 132. Section 9-164c of the general statutes is repealed and the
5284 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2022*):

5285 [After January 1, 1970, any municipality may by charter, or by vote of
5286 the legislative body approved at a referendum of the electors to be held
5287 within thirty days thereafter, change the date of its municipal election
5288 by designating the alternate date specified in section 9-164 as the date of
5289 the municipal election, provided (1) no such charter provision adopted,
5290 nor such vote of such legislative body so approved, within six months
5291 prior to any municipal election may be effective with respect thereto,
5292 and (2) in changing from the November municipal election date
5293 specified in section 9-164 to the May municipal election date therein
5294 specified, the terms of incumbent municipal elected officials shall be
5295 diminished to conform to such change but for a period of not more than
5296 nine months and (3) in changing from the May municipal election date
5297 specified in section 9-164 to the November date therein specified, the
5298 terms of incumbent municipal elected officials shall be extended to
5299 conform to such change but for a period of not more than nine months.]
5300 On and after January 1, 2022, (1) any municipality may change the date
5301 of its municipal election in accordance with the provisions of section 9-
5302 164, (2) in any municipality that changes from the November municipal
5303 election date specified in said section to the May municipal election date
5304 specified in said section, the terms of incumbent municipal elected
5305 officials shall be diminished to conform to such change but for a period
5306 of not more than nine months, and (3) in any municipality that changes
5307 from the May municipal election date specified in said section to the

5308 November date specified in said section, the terms of incumbent
5309 municipal election officials shall be extended to conform to such change
5310 but for a period of not more than nine months.

5311 Sec. 133. Section 9-164e of the general statutes is repealed and the
5312 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2022*):

5313 Before any action is taken under sections [9-164a] 9-164b to 9-164f,
5314 inclusive, 9-187 and 9-187a, such proposed action shall be submitted by
5315 the legislative body to the municipal attorney of the municipality taking
5316 such action for approval as to conforming to law.

5317 Sec. 134. Section 9-164f of the general statutes is repealed and the
5318 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2022*):

5319 Nothing in sections [9-164a] 9-164b to 9-164e, inclusive, 9-187 and 9-
5320 187a, shall affect the election of registrars of voters.

5321 Sec. 135. Section 9-187a of the general statutes is repealed and the
5322 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2022*):

5323 Except as provided in sections [9-164a] 9-164b to 9-164f, inclusive, the
5324 term of each elected municipal official shall begin within seventy days
5325 after the municipal election at which such official is elected, on the day
5326 within such period prescribed by special act or charter provision, or, in
5327 the absence of such special act or charter provision, on the day within
5328 such period as is prescribed by action of the legislative body of such
5329 municipality, provided (1) in each municipality which holds its
5330 municipal election on the first Monday of May in the odd-numbered
5331 years, in the absence of such special act or charter provision, or action of
5332 the legislative body, such terms shall begin on the first day of July
5333 following the municipal election at which such official is elected, and (2)
5334 in each municipality which holds its municipal election on the Tuesday
5335 after the first Monday of November in the odd-numbered years, with
5336 the exception of the term of the town clerk, in the absence of such special
5337 act, or charter provision, or action of the legislative body, such term shall

5338 begin on the second Tuesday next following the day of the municipal
5339 election at which such official is elected, and (3) in each municipality
5340 which holds its municipal election on the Tuesday after the first Monday
5341 in November in the odd-numbered years, the term of the town clerk
5342 shall be two years from the first Monday of January next succeeding his
5343 election, unless otherwise provided by charter or special act. Whenever
5344 the beginning date of the terms of elected municipal officials is so
5345 determined or changed, within the limits hereinabove specified, the
5346 authority providing therefor may provide for the conforming
5347 diminution or extension of terms of incumbents.

5348 Sec. 136. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force to
5349 study the feasibility of implementing procedures whereby an absentee
5350 ballot applicant uses a single envelope, instead of two, for the return of
5351 such applicant's absentee ballot. Such study shall include an
5352 examination and identification of each section of the general statutes
5353 that would require amending in order to implement such procedures.

5354 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

5355 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

5356 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

5357 (3) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
5358 Representatives;

5359 (4) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

5360 (5) One appointed by the House of Representatives chairperson of the
5361 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
5362 matters relating to elections;

5363 (6) One appointed by the Senate chairperson of the joint standing
5364 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
5365 relating to elections;

5366 (7) One appointed by the House of Representatives ranking member
5367 of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
5368 cognizance of matters relating to elections;

5369 (8) One appointed by the Senate ranking member of the joint standing
5370 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
5371 relating to elections;

5372 (9) The Secretary of the State, or the Secretary's designee;

5373 (10) Two appointed by the president of the Registrars of Voters
5374 Association of Connecticut, each of whom shall be enrolled in a different
5375 political party from the other; and

5376 (11) One appointed by the president of the Connecticut Town Clerks
5377 Association.

5378 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
5379 (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7) or (8) of subsection (b) of this section may be a
5380 member of the General Assembly.

5381 (d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later
5382 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall
5383 be filled by the appointing authority.

5384 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro
5385 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from
5386 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule
5387 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty
5388 days after the effective date of this section.

5389 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
5390 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to elections
5391 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

5392 (g) Not later than January 1, 2022, the task force shall submit a report
5393 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of

5394 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
5395 elections, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
5396 general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it
5397 submits such report or January 1, 2022, whichever is later.

5398 Sec. 137. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a working
5399 group to (1) examine employing risk-limiting audits to determine the
5400 accuracy of election results, including (A) the feasibility of
5401 implementing such audits, (B) the different methods used in such audits
5402 and the practical considerations for implementation of each such
5403 method within the existing statutory framework, (C) any potential
5404 equipment necessary to implement one or more of such methods, (D)
5405 the procedures necessary to implement one or more of such methods,
5406 and (E) any changes to such statutory framework necessary to
5407 implement one or more of such methods, and (2) within available
5408 appropriations, oversee a pilot program in not less than five and not
5409 more than ten municipalities of one or more of such methods for the
5410 municipal elections held in such municipalities in 2021.

5411 (b) The working group shall consist of the following members:

5412 (1) The Secretary of the State, or the Secretary's designee, who shall
5413 be the chairperson of such working group;

5414 (2) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

5415 (3) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

5416 (4) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
5417 Representatives;

5418 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

5419 (6) Two appointed by the chairpersons and ranking members of the
5420 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
5421 matters relating to elections, each of whom shall be enrolled in a
5422 different political party from the other;

5423 (7) Two appointed by the Secretary of the State, one of whom shall be
5424 admitted to the practice of law in this state and have expertise in the
5425 election laws of this state, and the other of whom shall be a statistician;

5426 (8) Two appointed by the president of the Registrars of Voters
5427 Association of Connecticut, each of whom shall be enrolled in a different
5428 political party from the other; and

5429 (9) The director of the Center for Voting Technology Research at The
5430 University of Connecticut, or the director's designee.

5431 (c) Any member of the working group appointed under subdivision
5432 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
5433 of the General Assembly.

5434 (d) All initial appointments to the working group shall be made not
5435 later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy
5436 shall be filled by the appointing authority.

5437 (e) The Secretary of the State, or the Secretary's designee, as
5438 chairperson of the working group, shall schedule the first meeting of
5439 such working group, which shall be held not later than sixty days after
5440 the effective date of this section.

5441 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
5442 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to elections
5443 shall serve as administrative staff of the working group.

5444 (g) Not later than January 31, 2022, the working group shall submit a
5445 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
5446 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
5447 relating to elections, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
5448 of the general statutes, and to the Secretary of the State. The working
5449 group shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or January
5450 31, 2022, whichever is later.

5451 Sec. 138. Section 9-374 of the general statutes is repealed and the

5452 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5453 No authority of the state or any political subdivision thereof having
5454 jurisdiction over the conduct of any primary shall permit the name of a
5455 party-endorsed candidate for an office or position to be printed on the
5456 official ballot to be used at any such primary unless a copy of the party
5457 rules regulating such party and its method of selecting party-endorsed
5458 candidates for nomination to such office or for election as town
5459 committee members, as the case may be, has been filed in the office of
5460 the Secretary of the State at least sixty days before such candidate is
5461 selected under such method of endorsement. The selection of delegates
5462 to conventions shall not be valid unless at least one copy of the party
5463 rules regulating the manner of making such selection has been filed in
5464 the office of the Secretary of the State at least sixty days before such
5465 selection is made. A duplicate copy of such rules shall also be filed with
5466 the state central committee of such party. A copy of the local party rules,
5467 relating to a party in a municipality, shall be filed forthwith by the town
5468 chairman or the secretary of the town committee of such party in such
5469 municipality with the Secretary of the State. The state party rules shall
5470 be filed by the state chairman or the secretary of the state central
5471 committee of such party. In the case of a minor party, no authority of
5472 the state or any subdivision thereof having jurisdiction over the conduct
5473 of any election shall permit the name of a candidate of such party for
5474 any office to be printed on the official ballot unless at least one copy of
5475 the party rules regulating the manner of nominating a candidate for
5476 such office has been filed in the office of the Secretary of the State at least
5477 [sixty] one hundred eighty days before the nomination of such
5478 candidate. In the case of a minor party, the selection of town committee
5479 members and delegates to conventions shall not be valid unless at least
5480 one copy of the party rules regulating the manner of making such
5481 selection has been filed in the office of the Secretary of the State at least
5482 sixty days before such selection is made. A copy of local party rules shall
5483 forthwith be also filed with the town clerk of the municipality to which
5484 they relate. Party rules shall not be effective until sixty days after the

5485 filing of the same with the Secretary of the State. A party in any
5486 municipality for which local party rules with respect to any office or
5487 position have not been filed as provided in this section shall, as to such
5488 office or position, be subject to the provisions of the effective state rules
5489 of such party applicable in municipalities which do not have local party
5490 rules, until such time as local party rules therefor are filed and become
5491 effective as provided in this section. The town chairman of a party in
5492 any municipality for which local party rules have not been adopted and
5493 filed as provided in this section shall forthwith file a statement with the
5494 Secretary of the State to the effect that such party in such municipality
5495 does not have local party rules. The term "party rules" as used in this
5496 section includes any amendment to such party rules. When any
5497 amendment is to be filed as required by this section, complete party
5498 rules incorporating such amendment shall be filed, together with a
5499 separate copy of such amendment.

5500 Sec. 139. Section 2 of substitute house bill 6374 of the 2021 regular
5501 session, as amended by House Amendment Schedule "A", is repealed
5502 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

5503 (a) There is established a Council on Sexual Misconduct Climate
5504 Assessments, which shall be part of the Legislative Department. The
5505 council shall have the following powers and duties: (1) Develop a list of
5506 data points to be collected by institutions of higher education through
5507 student responses to sexual misconduct climate assessments. Such data
5508 points shall include, but not be limited to, data regarding (A) student
5509 awareness of institutional policies and procedures related to sexual
5510 assault, stalking and intimate partner violence, (B) if a student reported
5511 sexual assault, stalking or violence to an institution of higher education
5512 or law enforcement, the response to and results of such report, and (C)
5513 student perceptions of campus safety; (2) recommend one or more
5514 sexual misconduct climate assessments that collect the data points
5515 identified by the council; (3) recommend guidelines for the
5516 implementation of such assessments, which shall include, but need not
5517 be limited to, procedures for (A) achieving a high rate of response to

5518 such assessments to ensure statistically accurate survey results, (B)
5519 protecting the confidentiality of respondents to such assessments, and
5520 (C) receiving responses to such assessments from as broad and diverse
5521 a segment of the student population as possible; and (4) perform such
5522 other acts as may be necessary and appropriate to carry out the duties
5523 described in this section.

5524 (b) The council shall consist of the following members:

5525 (1) The cochairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
5526 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
5527 relating to higher education and employment advancement;

5528 (2) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
5529 who has expertise in the development and design of sexual misconduct
5530 climate assessments;

5531 (3) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who
5532 has expertise in statistics, data analytics or econometrics related to
5533 higher education assessments;

5534 (4) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
5535 Representatives, who shall be a representative of the Victim Rights
5536 Center of Connecticut;

5537 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be
5538 a Title IX coordinator at an institution of higher education in the state;

5539 (6) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's
5540 designee;

5541 (7) The president of The University of Connecticut, or the president's
5542 designee;

5543 (8) Two designated by the Board of Regents for Higher Education,
5544 one of whom represents the Connecticut State University System and
5545 one of whom represents the regional community-technical college

5546 system;

5547 (9) One designated by the Connecticut Conference of Independent
5548 Colleges, who represents the independent institutions of higher
5549 education in the state;

5550 (10) Three designated by the Connecticut Alliance to End Sexual
5551 Violence, one of whom is a victim of sexual assault or intimate partner
5552 violence who resides in a rural community in the state, one of whom is
5553 a victim of sexual assault or intimate partner violence who resides in an
5554 urban community in the state and at least one of whom is a person who
5555 is black, indigenous or a person of color;

5556 (11) One designated by the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic
5557 Violence, who is a victim of intimate partner violence;

5558 (12) One designated by True Colors, Inc., who identifies as lesbian,
5559 gay, bisexual, transgender or a queer;

5560 (13) The staff director of the Every Voice Coalition of Connecticut, or
5561 the staff director's designee; and

5562 (14) Three students, designated by the Every Voice Coalition of
5563 Connecticut, one of whom is enrolled at a public institution of higher
5564 education, one of whom is enrolled at an independent institution of
5565 higher education and at least one of whom is a person who is black,
5566 indigenous or a person of color.

5567 (c) Any member of the council appointed or designated under
5568 subsection (b) of this section may be a member of the General Assembly.

5569 (d) All initial appointments to the council shall be made not later than
5570 sixty days after [the effective date of this section] July 1, 2021, and shall
5571 terminate on June 30, 2026, regardless of when the initial appointment
5572 or designation was made. Any member of the council may serve more
5573 than one term.

5574 (e) The cochairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General
5575 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher education
5576 shall jointly select the chairperson of the council from among the
5577 members of the council. The chairperson of the council shall schedule
5578 the first meeting of the council, which shall be held not later than sixty
5579 days after [the effective date of this section] July 1, 2021.

5580 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
5581 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher
5582 education shall serve as administrative staff of the council.

5583 (g) Members of the council who are appointed or designated shall
5584 serve for four-year terms, which shall commence on the date of
5585 appointment, except as provided in subsection (d) of this section.
5586 Members shall continue to serve until their successors are appointed or
5587 designated.

5588 (h) Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing or designating
5589 authority not later than thirty days after the vacancy occurs. Any
5590 vacancy occurring other than by expiration of term shall be filled for the
5591 balance of the unexpired term.

5592 (i) A majority of the council shall constitute a quorum for the
5593 transaction of any business.

5594 (j) The members of the council shall serve without compensation, but
5595 shall, within the limits of available funds, be reimbursed for expenses
5596 necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties.

5597 (k) The council shall meet as often as deemed necessary by the
5598 chairperson or a majority of the council. Any appointed or designated
5599 member who fails to attend three consecutive meetings or who fails to
5600 attend fifty per cent of all meetings held during any calendar year shall
5601 be deemed to have resigned from the council.

5602 (l) Not later than January 1, 2022, and every two years thereafter, the

5603 council shall submit, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
5604 of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General
5605 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher education
5606 and to each institution of higher education in the state the (1) list of data
5607 points developed by the council, and (2) recommended sexual
5608 misconduct climate assessments and guidelines for the implementation
5609 of such assessments.

5610 Sec. 140. Section 9-417 of the general statutes is repealed and the
5611 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5612 [If] (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, if within
5613 the time specified in section 9-405, no candidacy for nomination by a
5614 political party to a municipal office has been filed by or on behalf of a
5615 person other than a party-endorsed candidate or, in the case of election
5616 as member of the town committee of such party, by persons other than
5617 party-endorsed candidates numbering at least twenty-five per cent of
5618 the number of town committee members to be elected by such party
5619 either in the municipality or in the political subdivision, as the case may
5620 be, in conformity with the provisions of sections 9-405 to 9-412,
5621 inclusive, and 9-414, no primary shall be held by such party for such
5622 office or for town committee members, as the case may be, and the
5623 party-endorsed candidate or candidates for such office shall be deemed
5624 to have been lawfully chosen as the nominee or nominees of such party
5625 to such office, or, as the case may be, and the party-endorsed candidates
5626 for election as members of the town committee shall be deemed to have
5627 been lawfully elected to such positions at the times specified in section
5628 9-392.

5629 (b) In the case of any municipality having a population of one
5630 hundred thousand or more and in which a party by its rules provides,
5631 pursuant to subsection (g) of section 9-390, that the town committee
5632 members of such party be chosen at direct primaries, if, by four o'clock
5633 p.m. on the forty-ninth day preceding the first Tuesday in March in
5634 even-numbered years, the number of persons who have requested

5635 petition forms for candidacies for election as members of such town
5636 committee and filed a signed statement consenting to be a candidate for
5637 such position, in accordance with subsection (c) of section 9-409, is equal
5638 to or less than the number of town committee members to be elected by
5639 such party, but at least twenty-five per cent of such number, in
5640 accordance with section 9-411, then (1) the requirements regarding such
5641 persons' filing of candidacies for election under section 9-405 and signed
5642 petitions under section 9-406 shall not apply, (2) the requirements
5643 regarding the registrar's receipt of petition pages and certification of
5644 signatures on such pages under section 9-412 shall not apply, and (3) no
5645 primary shall be held by such party for town committee members and
5646 such persons shall be deemed to have lawfully been elected to such
5647 positions at the times specified in section 9-392. As used in this
5648 subsection, "population" means the estimated number of people
5649 according to the most recent version of the State Register and Manual
5650 prepared pursuant to section 3-90.

5651 Sec. 141. Section 9-135 of the general statutes is repealed and the
5652 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5653 (a) Any elector eligible to vote at a primary or an election and any
5654 person eligible to vote at a referendum may vote by absentee ballot if
5655 such elector or person is unable to appear at such elector's or person's
5656 polling place during the hours of voting for any of the following reasons:
5657 (1) Such elector's or person's active service with the armed forces of the
5658 United States; (2) such elector's or person's absence from the town of
5659 such elector's or person's voting residence during all of the hours of
5660 voting; (3) such elector's or person's illness; (4) such elector's or person's
5661 physical disability; (5) the tenets of such elector's or person's religion
5662 forbid secular activity on the day of the primary, election or referendum;
5663 (6) the required performance of such elector's or person's duties as a
5664 primary, election or referendum official, including as a town clerk or
5665 registrar of voters or as staff of the clerk or registrar, at a polling place
5666 other than such elector's or person's own during all of the hours of
5667 voting at such primary, election or referendum; or (7) for the state

5668 election in 2020, and any election, primary or referendum held on or
5669 after the effective date of this section but prior to November 3, 2021, the
5670 sickness of COVID-19. As used in this section, "COVID-19" means the
5671 respiratory disease designated by the World Health Organization on
5672 February 11, 2020, as coronavirus 2019, and any related mutation thereof
5673 recognized by said organization as a communicable respiratory disease.

5674 (b) No person shall misrepresent the eligibility requirements for
5675 voting by absentee ballot prescribed in subsection (a) of this section, to
5676 any elector or prospective absentee ballot applicant.

5677 Sec. 142. Section 9-137 of the general statutes is repealed and the
5678 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5679 (a) Each absentee ballot shall be returned to the municipal clerk,
5680 inserted in an inner envelope which shall be capable of being sealed and
5681 which shall have printed on its face a form containing the following
5682 statements:

5683 "I hereby state under the penalties of false statement in absentee
5684 balloting that I am eligible to vote at the primary, election or referendum
5685 in the municipality in which this absentee ballot is to be cast and that I
5686 expect to be unable to appear at my polling place during the hours of
5687 voting at such primary, election or referendum for one or more of the
5688 following reasons: (1) My active service in the armed forces; (2) my
5689 absence from the town in which I am eligible to vote during all of the
5690 hours of voting; (3) my illness or physical disability; (4) the tenets of my
5691 religion which forbid secular activity on the day of the primary, election
5692 or referendum; or (5) my duties as a primary, election or referendum
5693 official.

5694 Date

5695 (Signature)"

5696 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,

5697 for the state election in 2020, and any election, primary or referendum
5698 held on or after the effective date of this section but prior to November
5699 3, 2021, each inner envelope in which an absentee ballot is returned to
5700 the municipal clerk shall have printed on its face a form containing the
5701 following statements:

5702 "I hereby state under the penalties of false statement in absentee
5703 balloting that I am eligible to vote at the primary, election or referendum
5704 in the municipality in which this absentee ballot is to be cast and that I
5705 expect to be unable to appear at my polling place during the hours of
5706 voting at such primary, election or referendum for one or more of the
5707 following reasons: (1) My active service in the armed forces; (2) my
5708 absence from the town in which I am eligible to vote during all of the
5709 hours of voting; (3) my illness or physical disability; (4) the tenets of my
5710 religion which forbid secular activity on the day of the primary, election
5711 or referendum; (5) my duties as a primary, election or referendum
5712 official; or (6) the sickness of COVID-19.

5713 Date

5714 (Signature)"

5715 Sec. 143. Section 9-139b of the general statutes is repealed and the
5716 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5717 (a) The Secretary of the State may make any changes in any forms
5718 prescribed by this chapter which, in the opinion of the Secretary, are
5719 necessary to conform to the applicable provisions of federal law.

5720 (b) For the state election in 2020, and any election, primary or
5721 referendum held on or after the effective date of this section but prior to
5722 November 3, 2021, the Secretary of the State may make any changes in
5723 any forms prescribed by this chapter or in any printed, recorded or
5724 electronic material issued pursuant to this chapter which, in the opinion
5725 of the Secretary, are necessary to conform to the applicable provisions
5726 of law.

5727 Sec. 144. Subsection (g) of section 9-140 of the general statutes is
5728 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
5729 *passage*):

5730 (g) (1) On the first day of issuance of absentee voting sets the
5731 municipal clerk shall mail an absentee voting set to each applicant
5732 whose application was received by the clerk prior to that day. When the
5733 clerk receives an application during the time period in which absentee
5734 voting sets are to be issued he shall mail an absentee voting set to the
5735 applicant, within twenty-four hours, unless the applicant submits his
5736 application in person at the office of the clerk and asks to be given his
5737 absentee voting set immediately, in which case the clerk shall comply
5738 with the request. Any absentee voting set to be mailed to an applicant
5739 shall be mailed to the bona fide personal mailing address shown on the
5740 application. Issuance of absentee voting sets shall also be subject to the
5741 provisions of subsection (c) of this section, section 9-150c and section 9-
5742 159q concerning persons designated to deliver or return ballots in cases
5743 involving unforeseen illness or disability and supervised voting at
5744 certain health care institutions.

5745 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this
5746 subsection, for the state election in 2020, and any election, primary or
5747 referendum held on or after the effective date of this section but prior to
5748 November 3, 2021, each absentee voting set required to be mailed to an
5749 applicant under said subdivision (A) shall be mailed by the municipal
5750 clerk within forty-eight hours after the application for such absentee
5751 voting set is received by the clerk, or (B) may be mailed by a third-party
5752 mailing vendor approved and selected by the Secretary of the State for
5753 use by the municipal clerk for such purpose, provided any contract
5754 between the Secretary of the State and any such vendor shall require
5755 that such vendor mail each absentee voting set within seventy-two
5756 hours after the application for such absentee voting set is received by
5757 such vendor from the clerk.

5758 Sec. 145. Section 9-140c of the general statutes is repealed and the

5759 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5760 (a) The municipal clerk shall retain the envelopes containing absentee
5761 ballots received by him under section 9-140b and shall not open such
5762 envelopes. The municipal clerk shall endorse over his signature, upon
5763 each outer envelope as he receives it, the date and precise time of its
5764 receipt. The clerk shall make an affidavit attesting to the accuracy of all
5765 such endorsements, and at the close of the polls shall deliver such
5766 affidavit to the head moderator, who shall endorse the time of its receipt
5767 and return it to the clerk after all counting is complete. The clerk shall
5768 preserve the affidavit for one hundred eighty days in accordance with
5769 the requirements of section 9-150b. The clerk shall keep a list of the
5770 names of the applicants who return absentee ballots to the clerk under
5771 section 9-140b. The list shall be preserved as a public record as required
5772 by section 9-150b.

5773 (b) (1) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision,
5774 beginning not earlier than the seventh day before the election, primary
5775 or referendum and on any weekday thereafter, all absentee ballots
5776 received by the municipal clerk at or prior to eleven o'clock a.m. of such
5777 day may be sorted into voting districts by the municipal clerk and
5778 checked as provided in this subparagraph. On any such day, beginning
5779 as soon as the ballots have been sorted, the registrars of voters, without
5780 opening the outer envelopes, may check the names of the applicants
5781 returning ballots on the official checklist to be used at the election,
5782 primary or referendum by indicating "absentee" or "A" preceding each
5783 such name and, if unaffiliated electors are authorized under section 9-
5784 431 to vote in the primary of either of two parties, the designation of the
5785 party in which the applicants are voting preceding each such name.
5786 Unless absentee ballots are to be counted in the respective polling
5787 places, pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-147a, the registrars shall
5788 also place such indication on a duplicate checklist to be retained by the
5789 municipal clerk until the municipal clerk delivers such duplicate
5790 checklist to the registrars, in accordance with subsection (e) of this
5791 section, for the use of the absentee ballot counters pursuant to

5792 subsection (i) of this section.

5793 (B) For the state election in 2020, and any election, primary or
5794 referendum held on or after the effective date of this section but prior to
5795 November 3, 2021, beginning on the fourteenth day before [the] such
5796 election, primary or referendum and on any weekday thereafter, all
5797 absentee ballots received by the municipal clerk at or prior to eleven
5798 o'clock a.m. of such day may be sorted into voting districts by the
5799 municipal clerk and checked as provided in subparagraph (A) of this
5800 subdivision.

5801 (2) All absentee ballots received at or prior to eleven o'clock a.m. of
5802 the last day before the election, primary or referendum which is not a
5803 Sunday or legal holiday, shall be sorted into voting districts by the
5804 municipal clerk and checked as provided in subparagraph (A) of
5805 subdivision (1) of this subsection not later than such last day.

5806 (c) If the name of the applicant returning the ballot is not on the
5807 official checklist for any polling place in such municipality, the
5808 registrars shall endorse on the face of such outer envelope the word
5809 "rejected", followed by a statement of the reasons for rejection, and the
5810 outer envelope shall not be opened or the ballot counted.

5811 (d) After such checking has been completed on any such day, the
5812 municipal clerk shall seal the unopened ballots in a package and retain
5813 them in a safe place.

5814 (e) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, ballots
5815 received at or prior to eleven o'clock a.m. on the last day before the
5816 election, primary or referendum shall be delivered by the municipal
5817 clerk to the registrars between ten o'clock a.m. and twelve o'clock noon
5818 on the day of the election or primary and at twelve o'clock noon on the
5819 day of a referendum. Unless absentee ballots are to be counted in the
5820 respective polling places, pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-147a,
5821 the municipal clerk shall also deliver to the registrars at this time the
5822 duplicate checklist provided for in subsection (b) of this section, for the

5823 use of the absentee ballot counters pursuant to subsection (i) of this
5824 section.

5825 (2) (A) For the state election in 2020, and any election, primary or
5826 referendum held on or after the effective date of this section but prior to
5827 November 3, 2021:

5828 (i) Ballots received, sorted and checked prior to five o'clock p.m. on
5829 the (I) fourth day before [the] such election, primary or referendum may
5830 be delivered by the municipal clerk to the registrars at five o'clock p.m.
5831 on such fourth day, (II) third day before [the] such election, primary or
5832 referendum may be so delivered at five o'clock p.m. on such third day,
5833 and (III) second day before [the] such election, primary or referendum
5834 may be so delivered at five o'clock p.m. on such second day;

5835 (ii) Ballots received not later than eleven o'clock a.m. on the last day
5836 before [the] such election, primary or referendum shall be delivered by
5837 the municipal clerk to the registrars at six o'clock a.m. on the day of [the]
5838 such election, primary or referendum; and

5839 (iii) Each time ballots are delivered pursuant to this subparagraph,
5840 the municipal clerk shall also deliver to the registrars at such time a copy
5841 of the duplicate checklist provided for in subsection (b) of this section,
5842 current as of the time of such delivery, for the use of the absentee ballot
5843 counters pursuant to subsection (i) of this section.

5844 (B) The municipal clerk may deliver the ballots at times later than
5845 those provided in subdivision (1) of this subsection or subparagraph (A)
5846 of this subdivision, as applicable, provided any such time is mutually
5847 agreed upon by the municipal clerk and registrars and is not later than
5848 eight o'clock p.m. on the day of the election, primary or referendum.

5849 (f) Absentee ballots timely received by the clerk after eleven o'clock
5850 a.m. of such last day before an election, primary or referendum shall be
5851 sorted into voting districts by the clerk and retained by the clerk
5852 separately until delivered to the registrars of voters for checking.

5853 (g) Any or all of such ballots received after eleven o'clock a.m. of such
5854 last day before an election, primary or referendum and before six o'clock
5855 p.m. on the day of the election, primary or referendum shall, upon
5856 request of the registrars, be delivered to the registrars by the municipal
5857 clerk at six o'clock p.m. on the day of the election, primary or
5858 referendum for checking, or at a later time mutually agreed upon by the
5859 clerk and registrars, provided such time is not later than eight o'clock
5860 p.m. on the day of the election, primary or referendum.

5861 (h) Absentee ballots received after six o'clock p.m. on the day of the
5862 election, primary or referendum and any ballots received prior to six
5863 o'clock p.m. of such day which were not delivered earlier shall be
5864 delivered to the registrars at the close of the polls for checking. Although
5865 absentee ballots shall be checked by the registrars of voters at various
5866 times throughout the election, primary or referendum day, absentee
5867 ballots may be counted at one single time during such day.

5868 (i) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the absentee
5869 ballot counters, upon receipt of the ballots delivered by the municipal
5870 clerk to the registrars at six o'clock p.m. on the day of the election,
5871 primary or referendum and at the close of the polls pursuant to
5872 subsections (g) and (h) of this section, shall check the names of the
5873 applicants returning ballots on the duplicate checklist in the same
5874 manner as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section.

5875 (2) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision,
5876 the names of applicants whose ballots were delivered at six o'clock p.m.
5877 on the day of the election, primary or referendum shall be called in to
5878 the appropriate polling places where they shall be checked by the
5879 checkers on the official checklists, and they shall also be checked by the
5880 absentee ballot counters on the duplicate checklist required under
5881 subsection (b) of this section.

5882 (B) Whenever absentee ballots are counted in any polling place
5883 pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-147a, the names of applicants

5884 whose ballots were delivered at six o'clock p.m. on the day of the
5885 election, primary or referendum shall be checked by the absentee ballot
5886 counters and checkers at such polling place on the official checklist used
5887 at such polling place.

5888 (3) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision,
5889 the names of applicants whose ballots were delivered at the close of the
5890 polls shall be checked by the absentee ballot counters on the official
5891 checklists used at the polling places and such official checklists, bearing
5892 the certifications required by section 9-307, shall be delivered by the
5893 registrars or assistant registrars to the central counting moderator for
5894 that purpose.

5895 (B) Whenever absentee ballots are counted in any polling place
5896 pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-147a, the official checklist used at
5897 such polling place shall remain in such polling place for checking by the
5898 absentee ballot counters at such polling place.

5899 (4) If the name of an applicant returning a ballot has been checked on
5900 the official checklist as having voted in person the absentee ballot
5901 counters shall, in checking the ballots, endorse on the face of the outer
5902 envelope the word "rejected" followed by a statement of the reason for
5903 rejection, and the outer envelope shall not be opened or the ballot
5904 counted.

5905 (5) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision,
5906 when central counting is completed and the result is announced, the
5907 central counting moderator shall deliver the duplicate checklist, the
5908 official checklists and the returns required by section 9-150b to the head
5909 moderator.

5910 (B) Whenever absentee ballots are counted in any polling place
5911 pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-147a, and such counting is
5912 completed and the result for such polling place is announced, the
5913 moderator for such polling place shall deliver the official checklist used
5914 at such polling place and the return required by section 9-150b to the

5915 head moderator.

5916 (j) Each time absentee ballots are delivered by the clerk to the
5917 registrars pursuant to this section, the clerk and registrars shall execute
5918 an affidavit of delivery and receipt stating the number of ballots
5919 delivered. The clerk shall preserve the affidavit for the period prescribed
5920 in section 9-150b.

5921 (k) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, the
5922 absentee ballot counters shall count, in the manner provided in section
5923 9-150a, each group of absentee ballots upon receipt from the registrars.

5924 (2) For the state election in 2020, and any election, primary or
5925 referendum held on or after the effective date of this section but prior to
5926 November 3, 2021, whenever absentee ballots are to be processed before
5927 the day of [the] such election, primary or referendum, pursuant to
5928 subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 9-147a, the absentee ballot
5929 counters shall process, in the manner provided in section 9-150e, each
5930 group of absentee ballots upon receipt from the registrars.

5931 (l) The municipal clerk shall retain all outer envelopes containing
5932 absentee ballots received by him after the close of the polls, unopened,
5933 for the period prescribed in section 9-150b.

5934 Sec. 146. Section 9-147a of the general statutes is repealed and the
5935 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5936 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) or (c) of this section, at any
5937 election, primary or referendum, all absentee ballots shall, within
5938 existing resources, be counted in the manner provided in section 9-150a
5939 at a central location designated by the registrars of voters in writing to
5940 the municipal clerk at least twenty days before the election, primary or
5941 referendum, which location shall be published in the warning for the
5942 election, primary or referendum. Except as provided in subsection (b) of
5943 this section, if unaffiliated electors are authorized under section 9-431 to
5944 vote in the primary of either of two parties, all absentee ballots shall be

5945 separated, counted, tallied and placed in depository envelopes by
5946 voting district. Any member of the public may observe the counting of
5947 absentee ballots at such central location.

5948 (b) At any election, primary or referendum, all absentee ballots may
5949 be counted in the manner provided in section 9-150a in the respective
5950 polling places if the registrars of voters agree that such absentee ballots
5951 should be so counted. If unaffiliated electors are authorized under
5952 section 9-431 to vote in the primary of either of two parties, absentee
5953 ballots may be counted in the respective polling places if the parties
5954 agree that such absentee ballots should be so counted. Any election
5955 official serving in a polling place may observe the counting of absentee
5956 ballots at such polling place.

5957 (c) (1) For the state election in 2020, and any election, primary or
5958 referendum held on or after the effective date of this section but prior to
5959 November 3, 2021, absentee ballots may be processed before the day of
5960 [the] such election, primary or referendum in the manner provided in
5961 section 9-150e. Any such processing shall take place at a central location
5962 designated by the registrars of voters in writing to the municipal clerk
5963 at least ten days before [the] such election, primary or referendum,
5964 which location shall be published in the warning for [the] such election,
5965 primary or referendum.

5966 (2) If absentee ballots are to be processed pursuant to subdivision (1)
5967 of this subsection, the registrars of voters and municipal clerk shall
5968 jointly certify such fact in writing to the Secretary of the State at least ten
5969 days before [the] such election, primary or referendum. Such written
5970 certification shall (A) include the name, street address and relevant
5971 contact information associated with the designated central location, and
5972 (B) list the name and address of each absentee ballot counter appointed
5973 pursuant to section 9-147c. The Secretary shall approve or disapprove
5974 such written certification not later than two days after receipt of such
5975 certification and may require the appointment of one or more additional
5976 absentee ballot counters.

5977 (3) In the case of absentee ballots delivered to the registrars on the
5978 day of [the] such election, primary or referendum, nothing in this
5979 subsection shall preclude the counting of such absentee ballots in the
5980 respective polling places pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

5981 Sec. 147. Section 9-433 of the general statutes is repealed and the
5982 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5983 (a) (1) After the deadline set forth in section 9-400 for filing
5984 candidacies, and upon the completion of the tabulation of petition
5985 signatures, if any, if one or more candidacies for nomination by a
5986 political party to a state or district office have been filed in accordance
5987 with the provisions of section 9-400, the Secretary of the State shall
5988 notify the clerk of each town within the state or within the district, as
5989 the case may be, that a primary is to be held by such party for the
5990 nomination of such party to such office. Such notice shall include a list
5991 of all the proposed candidates, those endorsed by the convention as well
5992 as those filing candidacies, together with their addresses and the titles
5993 of the office for which they are candidates and, if applicable, a statement
5994 that unaffiliated electors may vote in the primary. [The] Except as
5995 provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, the clerk of each such
5996 town shall thereupon cause such notice to be published forthwith in a
5997 newspaper having a general circulation in such town, or towns in the
5998 case of a joint publication under subsection (b) of this section, together
5999 with a statement of the date upon which the primary is to be held, the
6000 hours during which the polls shall be open and the location of the polls.

6001 (2) For any primary for nomination by a political party to a state or
6002 district office held on or after the effective date of this section but prior
6003 to November 3, 2021, the notice published by the clerk of the town under
6004 subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be so published not more than
6005 seven nor less than four days previous to holding such election.

6006 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of any charter or home rule
6007 ordinance, the warning under subsection (a) of this section may be

6008 published jointly by two or more towns in a newspaper, provided all
6009 other requirements of this section with respect to such warning are met.

6010 Sec. 148. Section 9-435 of the general statutes is repealed and the
6011 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

6012 (a) Except as provided in sections 9-418 and 9-419, if in any
6013 municipality, within the time specified in section 9-405, a candidacy for
6014 nomination by a political party to any municipal office or for election as
6015 a town committee member is filed with the registrar, in conformity with
6016 the provisions of sections 9-405 to 9-412, inclusive, and section 9-414, by
6017 or on behalf of any person other than party-endorsed candidates, the
6018 registrar shall forthwith after the deadline for certification of party-
6019 endorsed candidates notify the clerk of such municipality that a primary
6020 is to be held by such party for the nomination of such party to such office
6021 or for the election by such party of town committee members, as the case
6022 may be. Such notice shall include a list of all the proposed candidates,
6023 those endorsed as well as those filing candidacies, together with their
6024 addresses and the titles of the offices or positions for which they are
6025 candidates. In the case of a primary for justices of the peace, such notice
6026 shall also contain the complete ballot designation of each slate pursuant
6027 to subsection (h) of section 9-437. [The] Except as provided in subsection
6028 (b) of this section, the clerk of the municipality shall thereupon cause
6029 such notice to be published forthwith in a newspaper having a general
6030 circulation in such municipality, together with a statement of the date
6031 upon which the primary is to be held, the hours during which the polls
6032 shall be open and the location of the polls. The clerk of the municipality
6033 shall also file such notice with the Secretary of the State not later than
6034 three business days after receipt of such notice from the registrar of
6035 voters. The clerk shall forthwith publish any change in the proposed
6036 candidates, listing such changes.

6037 (b) For any primary for nomination by a political party to a municipal
6038 office, or for the election by a political party of town committee
6039 members, held on or after the effective date of this section but prior to

6040 November 3, 2021, the notice published by the clerk of the municipality
6041 under subsection (a) of this section shall be so published not more than
6042 seven nor less than four days previous to holding such election.

6043 Sec. 149. Section 9-150e of the general statutes is repealed and the
6044 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

6045 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-150a, for the state
6046 election in 2020, and any election, primary or referendum held on or
6047 after the effective date of this section but prior to November 3, 2021, in
6048 any municipality in which absentee ballots are processed pursuant to
6049 subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 9-147a:

6050 (a) (1) Not earlier than five o'clock p.m. on the fourth day before [the]
6051 such election, primary or referendum, the absentee ballot counters shall
6052 proceed to the central counting location at the times designated by the
6053 registrars of voters;

6054 (2) At the time each group of ballots is delivered pursuant to
6055 subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of section 9-140c, the counters shall
6056 proceed as hereinafter provided;

6057 (3) Except with respect to ballots marked "Rejected" pursuant to
6058 section 9-140c or other applicable law, the counters shall then remove
6059 the inner envelopes from the outer envelopes, shall note the total
6060 number of absentee ballots received and shall report such total to the
6061 moderator. The counters shall similarly note and separately so report
6062 the total numbers of presidential ballots and overseas ballots received
6063 pursuant to sections 9-158a to 9-158m, inclusive;

6064 (4) If the statement on the inner envelope has not been signed as
6065 required by section 9-140a, such inner envelope shall not be opened or
6066 the ballot removed therefrom, and such inner envelope shall be replaced
6067 in the opened outer envelope which shall be marked "Rejected" and the
6068 reason therefor endorsed thereon by the counters; and

6069 (5) Not earlier than the day of [the] such election, primary or
6070 referendum, and after the duties under subdivisions (1) to (4), inclusive,
6071 of this subsection have been performed, absentee ballots shall be
6072 counted in the manner provided in subsections (e) to (m), inclusive, of
6073 section 9-150a.

6074 (b) In accordance with instructions which shall be prescribed by the
6075 Secretary of the State not later than ten days before [the] such election,
6076 primary or referendum, each group of ballots delivered pursuant to
6077 subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of section 9-140c shall be kept secure (1)
6078 throughout the performance of the duties under subdivisions (1) to (4),
6079 inclusive, of subsection (a) of this section, and (2) after such performance
6080 until such time on the day of [the] such election, primary or referendum
6081 that absentee ballots are counted in the manner provided in subsections
6082 (e) to (m), inclusive, of section 9-150a. The requirements of this
6083 subsection shall be in addition to all other applicable requirements
6084 under this title regarding the security of absentee ballots and any related
6085 materials.

6086 Sec. 150. Section 9-159r of the general statutes is repealed and the
6087 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

6088 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes to the
6089 contrary, if twenty or more of the patients in any institution in the state
6090 are electors, absentee ballots voted by such electors shall be voted under
6091 the supervision of the registrars of voters or their designees of the town
6092 in which the institution is located, in accordance with the provisions of
6093 this section. As used in this section, "institution" has the same meaning
6094 as provided in section 9-159q.

6095 (b) Application for an absentee ballot for any such patient shall be
6096 made to the clerk of the town in which such patient is eligible to vote.
6097 The application procedure set forth in section 9-140 shall apply, except
6098 that the clerk shall deliver the absentee voting set for any such
6099 application to the clerk of the town in which the institution is located,

6100 who shall deliver all such voting sets he receives to the registrars of such
6101 town, on the date when the supervision of absentee balloting is to occur.
6102 The ballots and envelopes shall be prepared for delivery to the applicant
6103 as provided in sections 9-137 to 9-140a, inclusive. The registrars or their
6104 designees shall furnish the town clerk a written receipt for such ballots.
6105 The registrars of the town in which an institution is located and the
6106 administrator of the institution shall mutually agree on a date and time
6107 for such supervision of absentee balloting, which shall be not later than
6108 the last business day before the election or primary.

6109 (c) The supervision of absentee balloting under this section shall be
6110 carried out in accordance with the provisions of subsections (g), (h), (i)
6111 and (k) of section 9-159q.

6112 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) to (c), inclusive,
6113 of this section, for the state election in 2020, and any election or primary
6114 held on or after the effective date of this section but prior to November
6115 3, 2021, the Secretary of the State may waive any requirement under said
6116 subsections, provided the Secretary (1) waives such requirement in
6117 recognition of the public health and civil preparedness emergency
6118 declared by the Governor on March 10, 2020, and has consulted with the
6119 Commissioner of Public Health or said commissioner's designee
6120 regarding such waiver, (2) has given written notice to the town clerk and
6121 registrars of voters in each municipality, and (3) has submitted a report,
6122 in accordance with section 11-4a, to the joint standing committee of the
6123 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to elections
6124 advising of such waiver and specifying alternative actions to be taken to
6125 provide opportunities for absentee voting by electors described in this
6126 section.

6127 Sec. 151. Section 9-159o of the general statutes is repealed and the
6128 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

6129 (a) Any elector who has returned an absentee ballot to the municipal
6130 clerk and who finds such elector is able to vote in person shall proceed

6131 before ten o'clock a.m. on election, primary or referendum day to the
6132 municipal clerk's office and request that such elector's ballot be
6133 withdrawn. The municipal clerk shall remove the ballot from the sealed
6134 package and shall mark the serially-numbered outer envelope, which
6135 shall remain unopened, "rejected" and note the reasons for rejection. The
6136 elector shall also endorse the envelope. The rejected ballot shall then be
6137 returned to the sealed package until delivered on election, primary or
6138 referendum day to the registrars of voters in accordance with section 9-
6139 140c. The municipal clerk shall then give the elector a signed statement
6140 directed to the moderator of the voting district in which the elector
6141 resides stating that the elector has withdrawn such elector's absentee
6142 ballot and may vote in person. Upon delivery of the statement by the
6143 elector to the moderator, the moderator shall cause the absentee
6144 indication next to the name of the elector to be stricken from the official
6145 checklist and the elector may then have such elector's name checked and
6146 vote in person. Unless absentee ballots are to be counted in the
6147 respective polling places pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-147a,
6148 the municipal clerk shall also cause the absentee indication next to the
6149 name of the elector to be stricken from the duplicate checklist to be used
6150 by the absentee ballot counters.

6151 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,
6152 for the state election in 2020, and any election, primary or referendum
6153 held on or after the effective date of this section but prior to November
6154 3, 2021, any elector who has returned an absentee ballot to the municipal
6155 clerk and who finds such elector is able to vote in person shall proceed
6156 before five o'clock p.m. on the fourth day before [the] such election,
6157 primary or referendum to the municipal clerk's office and request that
6158 such elector's ballot be withdrawn.

6159 Sec. 152. Subsection (g) of section 9-150b of the general statutes is
6160 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
6161 *passage*):

6162 (g) (1) No such depository envelope shall be opened except by order

6163 of a court of competent jurisdiction, by the State Elections Enforcement
6164 Commission pursuant to a subpoena issued under subdivision (1) of
6165 subsection (a) of section 9-7b or within five business days after an
6166 election, primary or referendum for the purpose of a recanvass
6167 conducted pursuant to law. After such a recanvass the depository
6168 envelopes and their contents shall be returned to the municipal clerk
6169 and preserved for the stated period.

6170 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this
6171 subsection, for the state election in 2020, and any election, primary or
6172 referendum held on or after the effective date of this section but prior to
6173 November 3, 2021, no such depository envelope shall be opened for the
6174 purpose of a recanvass conducted pursuant to law except within seven
6175 business days after [the] such election, primary or referendum as
6176 provided in section 9-311.

6177 Sec. 153. Section 9-307 of the general statutes is repealed and the
6178 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

6179 (a) Immediately after the polls are closed, the official checker or
6180 checkers, appointed under the provisions of section 9-234, shall make
6181 and deliver to the moderator a certificate stating the whole number of
6182 names on the registry list or enrollment list including, if applicable,
6183 unaffiliated electors authorized under section 9-431 to vote in the
6184 primary, and the number checked as having voted in that election or
6185 primary. For the purpose of computing the whole number of names on
6186 the registry list, the lists of persons who have applied for presidential or
6187 overseas ballots prepared in accordance with section 9-158h shall be
6188 included. If a paper registry list is used, the registrars or assistant
6189 registrars, as the case may be, shall write and sign with ink, on the list
6190 or lists so used and checked, a certificate of the whole number of names
6191 registered on the list eligible to vote in the election or primary and the
6192 number checked as having voted in that election or primary, and
6193 deposit it in the office of the municipal clerk not later than forty-eight
6194 hours after the close of the polls. If an electronic version of the registry

6195 list is used, the electronic device upon which such list is stored shall be
6196 returned to the registrars of voters who shall cause the electronic
6197 registry list to be printed. Such printed list shall be signed by each
6198 registrar, who shall deposit such list in the office of the municipal clerk
6199 not later than forty-eight hours after the close of the polls. The municipal
6200 clerk shall carefully preserve the paper registry list or printed electronic
6201 registry list, as applicable, on file, with the marks on it without
6202 alteration, for public inspection, and shall immediately enter a certified
6203 copy of such certificate on the town records. Subject to the provisions of
6204 section 7-109, the municipal clerk may destroy any voting checklist four
6205 years after the date upon which it was used. The moderator shall place
6206 the certificate which the moderator received from the official checker or
6207 checkers in the office of the municipal clerk not later than forty-eight
6208 hours after the close of the polls.

6209 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,
6210 for the state election in 2020, and any election or primary held on or after
6211 the effective date of this section but prior to November 3, 2021, any
6212 certificate or list required under said subsection to be deposited or
6213 placed in the office of the municipal clerk shall be so deposited or placed
6214 not later than ninety-six hours after the close of the polls at such election
6215 or primary.

6216 Sec. 154. Section 9-309 of the general statutes is repealed and the
6217 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

6218 (a) Upon the close of the polls, the moderator, in the presence of the
6219 other election officials, shall immediately lock the voting tabulator
6220 against voting and immediately cause the vote totals for all candidates
6221 and questions to be produced. The moderator shall, in the order of the
6222 offices as their titles are arranged on the ballot, read and announce in
6223 distinct tones the result as shown, giving the number indicated and
6224 indicating the candidate to whom such total belongs, and shall read the
6225 votes recorded for each office on the ballot. The moderator shall also, in
6226 the same manner, announce the vote on each constitutional amendment,

6227 proposition or other question voted on. The vote so announced by the
6228 moderator shall be taken down by each checker and recorded on the
6229 tally sheets. Each checker shall record the number of votes received for
6230 each candidate on the ballot and also the number received by each
6231 person for whom write-in ballots were cast. The moderator shall make
6232 a preliminary list from the vote totals produced by the tabulators and
6233 shall prepare such preliminary list for transmission to the Secretary of
6234 the State pursuant to section 9-314. After such preliminary list has been
6235 transmitted to the Secretary of the State, the canvass may be temporarily
6236 interrupted, during which time the moderator shall (1) return the keys
6237 for all tabulators to the registrars of voters, (2) seal the tabulators against
6238 voting or being tampered with, (3) prepare and seal individual
6239 envelopes for all (A) write-in ballots, (B) absentee ballots, (C)
6240 moderators' returns, and (D) other notes, worksheets or written
6241 materials used at the election, and (4) store all such tabulators and
6242 envelopes in a secure place or places directed by the registrars of voters.
6243 At the end of such temporary interruption, the moderator shall receive
6244 such keys from the registrars and shall take possession of and break the
6245 seal on all such tabulators and envelopes for the purpose of completing
6246 the canvass. The result totals shall remain in full public view until the
6247 statement of canvass and all other reports have been fully completed
6248 and signed by the moderator, checkers and registrars, or assistant
6249 registrars, as the case may be. Any other remaining result of the votes
6250 cast shall be publicly announced by the moderator not later than forty-
6251 eight hours after the close of the polls. Such public announcement shall
6252 consist of reading both the name of each candidate, with the designating
6253 number and letter on the ballot and the absentee vote as furnished to the
6254 moderator by the absentee ballot counters, and also the vote cast for and
6255 against each question submitted. While such announcement is being
6256 made, ample opportunity shall be given to any person lawfully present
6257 to compare the results so announced with the result totals provided by
6258 the tabulator and any necessary corrections shall then and there be made
6259 by the moderator, checkers and registrars or assistant registrars, after
6260 which the compartments of the voting tabulator shall be closed and

6261 locked. In canvassing, recording and announcing the result, the election
6262 officials shall be guided by any instructions furnished by the Secretary
6263 of the State.

6264 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,
6265 for the state election in 2020, and any election held on or after the
6266 effective date of this section but prior to November 3, 2021, after the
6267 preliminary list has been transmitted to the Secretary of the State, any
6268 other remaining result of the votes cast required under said subsection
6269 to be publicly announced by the moderator shall be so announced not
6270 later than ninety-six hours after the close of the polls at such election.

6271 Sec. 155. Section 9-311 of the general statutes is repealed and the
6272 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

6273 (a) (1) If, within three days after an election, it appears to the
6274 moderator that there is a discrepancy in the returns of any voting
6275 district, such moderator shall forthwith within said period summon, by
6276 written notice delivered personally, the recanvass officials, consisting of
6277 at least two checkers of different political parties and at least two
6278 absentee ballot counters of different political parties who served at such
6279 election, and the registrars of voters of the municipality in which the
6280 election was held and such other officials as may be required to conduct
6281 such recanvass. Such written notice shall require the clerk or registrars
6282 of voters, as the case may be, to bring with them the depository
6283 envelopes required by section 9-150a, the package of write-in ballots
6284 provided for in section 9-310, the absentee ballot applications, the list of
6285 absentee ballot applications, the registry list and the moderators' returns
6286 and shall require such recanvass officials to meet at a specified time not
6287 later than the fifth business day after such election to recanvass the
6288 returns of a voting tabulator or voting tabulators or absentee ballots or
6289 write-in ballots used in such district in such election. If any of such
6290 recanvass officials are unavailable at the time of the recanvass, the
6291 registrar of voters of the same political party as that of the recanvass
6292 official unable to attend shall designate another elector having previous

6293 training and experience in the conduct of elections to take his place.
6294 Before such recanvass is made, such moderator shall give notice, in
6295 writing, to the chairman of the town committee of each political party
6296 which nominated candidates for the election, and, in the case of a state
6297 election, not later than twenty-four hours after a determination is made
6298 regarding the need for a recanvass to the Secretary of the State, of the
6299 time and place where such recanvass is to be made; and each such
6300 chairman may send representatives to be present at such recanvass.
6301 Such representatives may observe, but no one other than a recanvass
6302 official may take part in the recanvass. If any irregularity in the
6303 recanvass procedure is noted by such a representative, he shall be
6304 permitted to present evidence of such irregularity in any contest relating
6305 to the election.

6306 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this
6307 subsection, for the state election in 2020, and any election held on or after
6308 the effective date of this section but prior to November 3, 2021, (A) if,
6309 within five days after [the] such election, it appears to the moderator
6310 that there is a discrepancy in the returns of any voting district, such
6311 moderator shall forthwith within said period summon, by written
6312 notice delivered personally, the recanvass officials to conduct such
6313 recanvass in accordance with the provisions of said subdivision, and (B)
6314 such written notice shall require such recanvass officials to meet not
6315 later than the seventh business day after [the] such election for such
6316 purpose.

6317 (b) The moderator shall determine the place or places where the
6318 recanvass shall be conducted and, if such recanvass is held before the
6319 tabulators are boxed and collected in the manner required by section 9-
6320 266, the moderator may either require that such recanvass of such
6321 tabulators be conducted in each place where the tabulators are located,
6322 or he may require that they be removed to one central place, where such
6323 recanvass shall be conducted. All recanvassing procedures shall be open
6324 to public observation. Such recanvass officials shall, in the presence of
6325 such moderator and registrars of voters, make a record of the number

6326 on the seal and the number on the protective counter, if one is provided,
6327 on each voting tabulator specified by such moderator. Such registrars of
6328 voters in the presence of such moderator shall turn over the keys of each
6329 such tabulator to such recanvass officials, and such recanvass officials,
6330 in the presence of such registrars of voters and moderator, shall
6331 immediately proceed to recanvass the vote cast thereon, and shall then
6332 open the package of absentee ballots and recanvass the vote cast
6333 thereon. In the course of the recanvass of the absentee ballot vote the
6334 recanvass officials shall check all outer envelopes for absentee ballots
6335 against the inner envelopes for such ballots and against the registry list
6336 to verify postmarks, addresses and registry list markings and also to
6337 determine whether the number of envelopes from which absentee
6338 ballots have been removed is the same as the number of persons checked
6339 as having voted by absentee ballot. The write-in ballots shall also be
6340 recanvassed at this time. All of the recanvass officials shall use the same
6341 forms for tallies and returns as were used at the original canvass and the
6342 absentee ballot counters shall also sign the tallies.

6343 (c) (1) The votes shall be announced and recorded in the manner
6344 prescribed in section 9-309 on return forms provided by the registrars of
6345 voters and appended thereto shall be a statement signed by the
6346 moderator indicating the time and place of the recanvass and the names,
6347 addresses, titles and party affiliations of the recanvass officials. The
6348 write-in ballots shall be replaced in a properly secured sealed package.
6349 Upon the completion of such recanvass, any tabulator used in such
6350 recanvass shall be locked and sealed, the keys thereof shall immediately
6351 be returned to such registrars of voters and such tabulator shall remain
6352 so locked until the expiration of fourteen days after such election or for
6353 such longer period as is ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction.
6354 The absentee ballots shall be replaced in their wrappers and be resealed
6355 by the moderator in the presence of the recanvass officials. Upon the
6356 completion of such recanvass, such moderator and at least two of the
6357 recanvass officials of different political parties shall forthwith prepare
6358 and sign such return forms which shall contain a written statement

6359 giving the result of such recanvass for each tabulator and each package
6360 of absentee ballots whose returns were so recanvassed, setting forth
6361 whether or not the original canvass was correctly made and stating
6362 whether or not the discrepancy still remains unaccounted for. Such
6363 return forms containing such statement shall forthwith be filed by the
6364 moderator in the office of such clerk. If such recanvass reveals that the
6365 original canvass of returns was not correctly made, such return forms
6366 containing such statement so filed with the clerk shall constitute a
6367 corrected return. In the case of a state election, a recanvass return shall
6368 be made in duplicate on a form prescribed and provided by the
6369 Secretary of the State, and the moderator shall file one copy with the
6370 Secretary of the State and one copy with the town clerk not later than
6371 ten days after the election. Such recanvass return shall be substituted for
6372 the original return and shall have the same force and effect as an original
6373 return.

6374 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this
6375 subsection, for the state election in 2020, and any election held on or after
6376 the effective date of this section but prior to November 3, 2021, each
6377 copy of the recanvass return required under said subdivision to be filed
6378 by the moderator with the Secretary of the State and the town clerk shall
6379 be so filed not later than twelve days after [the] such election.

6380 (d) As used in this section, (1) "moderator" means, in the case of
6381 municipalities not divided into voting districts, the moderator of the
6382 election and, in the case of municipalities divided into voting districts,
6383 the head moderator of the election, and (2) "registrars of voters", in a
6384 municipality where there are different registrars of voters for different
6385 voting districts, means the registrars of voters in the voting district in
6386 which, at the last-preceding election, the presiding officer for the
6387 purpose of declaring the result of the vote of the whole municipality was
6388 moderator.

6389 Sec. 156. Section 9-314 of the general statutes is repealed and the
6390 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

6391 (a) As used in this subsection, "moderator" means the moderator of
6392 each state election in each town not divided into voting districts and the
6393 head moderator in each town divided into voting districts. The
6394 moderator shall make a preliminary list of the votes given for each of
6395 the following officers: Presidential electors, Governor, Lieutenant
6396 Governor, Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller, Attorney
6397 General, United States senator, representative in Congress, state
6398 senator, judge of probate, state representative and registrars of voters
6399 when said officers are to be chosen, as reported solely by the tabulator,
6400 as provided in section 9-309, in the moderator's town and shall
6401 immediately transmit such preliminary list to the Secretary of the State
6402 not later than midnight on election day. Once the preliminary list has
6403 been transmitted to the Secretary of the State, the moderator shall make
6404 a duplicate list of the votes given in the moderator's town for each of the
6405 following officers: Presidential electors, Governor, Lieutenant
6406 Governor, Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller, Attorney
6407 General, United States senator, representative in Congress, state
6408 senator, judge of probate, state representative and registrars of voters
6409 when said officers are to be chosen. Such duplicate list shall indicate the
6410 total number of names on the official check list of such town and the
6411 total number of names checked as having voted. The moderator shall
6412 transmit such duplicate list to the Secretary of the State by electronic
6413 means as prescribed by the Secretary of the State not later than forty-
6414 eight hours after the close of the polls on election day. The moderator
6415 shall also seal and deliver one of such duplicate lists to the Secretary of
6416 the State not later than the third day after the election. Any such
6417 moderator who fails to so transmit or deliver such duplicate list to the
6418 Secretary of the State by the time required shall pay a late filing fee of
6419 fifty dollars. The moderator shall also deliver one of such duplicate lists
6420 to the clerk of such town. The Secretary of the State shall enter the
6421 returns in tabular form in books kept by the Secretary for that purpose
6422 and present a printed report of the same, with the name of, and the total
6423 number of votes received by, each of the candidates for said offices, to
6424 the General Assembly at its next session.

6425 (b) As used in this subsection, "moderator" means the moderator of
6426 each municipal election in each town not divided into voting districts,
6427 and the head moderator in each town divided into voting districts. The
6428 moderator shall make a preliminary list of the votes given for each
6429 municipal office elected at such municipal election, as reported solely
6430 by the tabulator, as provided in section 9-309, in the moderator's town
6431 and shall immediately transmit such preliminary list to the Secretary of
6432 the State not later than midnight on election day. Once the preliminary
6433 list has been transmitted to the Secretary of the State, the moderator
6434 shall make a duplicate list of the votes given in the moderator's town for
6435 each municipal office elected at such municipal election. Such duplicate
6436 list shall indicate the total number of names on the official check list of
6437 such town and the total number of names checked as having voted and
6438 shall be on a form prescribed by the Secretary of the State. The
6439 moderator shall transmit such duplicate list to the Secretary of the State
6440 by electronic means as prescribed by the Secretary of the State not later
6441 than forty-eight hours after the close of the polls on election day. The
6442 moderator shall also seal and deliver one of such duplicate lists to the
6443 Secretary of the State not later than the third day after the election. Any
6444 such moderator who fails to so transmit or deliver such duplicate list to
6445 the Secretary of the State by the time required shall pay a late filing fee
6446 of fifty dollars. The moderator shall also deliver one of such duplicate
6447 lists to the clerk of such town.

6448 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this
6449 section, for the state election in 2020, and any election held on or after
6450 the effective date of this section but prior to November 3, 2021, (1) the
6451 duplicate list required under said subsections to be transmitted by
6452 electronic means to the Secretary by such moderator shall be so
6453 transmitted not later than ninety-six hours after the close of the polls on
6454 such election day, and (2) the duplicate list required under said
6455 subsections to be sealed and delivered to the Secretary shall be so
6456 delivered not later than the fifth day after [the] such election.

6457 Sec. 157. Subsection (a) of section 9-322a of the general statutes is

6458 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
6459 *passage*):

6460 (a) (1) Not later than forty-eight hours following each regular
6461 election, the registrars of voters shall provide the results of the votes cast
6462 at such election to the town clerk. Not later than nine o'clock a.m. on the
6463 third day following each regular election, the head moderator, registrars
6464 of voters and town clerk for each town divided into voting districts shall
6465 meet to identify any error in the returns. Not later than one o'clock p.m.
6466 on the third day following each regular election, the head moderator
6467 shall correct any error identified and file an amended return with the
6468 Secretary of the State, the town clerk and the registrars of voters.

6469 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this
6470 subsection, for the state election in 2020, and any regular election held
6471 on or after the effective date of this section but prior to November 3,
6472 2021, (A) the results of the votes cast at [the] such election required
6473 under said subdivision to be provided to the town clerk by the registrars
6474 of voters shall be so provided not later than ninety-six hours following
6475 [the] such election, (B) the meeting to identify any error in the returns
6476 required under said subdivision among the head moderator, registrars
6477 of voters and town clerk for each town divided into voting districts shall
6478 occur not later than nine o'clock a.m. on the fifth day following [the]
6479 such election, and (C) any identified error required under said
6480 subdivision to be corrected, and any amended return required under
6481 said subdivision to be filed with the Secretary of the State, the town clerk
6482 and the registrars of voters, by the head moderator shall be so corrected
6483 or filed, as applicable, not later than one o'clock p.m. on the fifth day
6484 following [the] such election.

6485 Sec. 158. (*Effective October 1, 2021*) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions
6486 of section 7-192a of the general statutes, the Secretary of the State shall
6487 establish a pilot program for the manual or electronic verification of
6488 signatures on the inner envelopes for returned absentee ballots at the
6489 2022 state election. The Secretary shall randomly select five

6490 municipalities for participation in such pilot program, in accordance
6491 with the following: (1) One municipality with a population of less than
6492 ten thousand; (2) one municipality with a population of ten thousand or
6493 greater, but less than twenty-five thousand; (3) one municipality with a
6494 population of twenty-five thousand or greater, but less than fifty
6495 thousand; (4) one municipality with a population of fifty thousand or
6496 greater, but less than one hundred thousand; and (5) one municipality
6497 with a population of one hundred thousand or greater. For the purposes
6498 of this section, "population" means the estimated number of people
6499 according to the most recent version of the State Register and Manual
6500 prepared pursuant to section 3-90 of the general statutes.

6501 (b) Not later than January 1, 2023, the Secretary of the State shall
6502 submit a report on the findings of the pilot program described in
6503 subsection (a) of this section and recommendations for legislation to the
6504 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
6505 matters relating to elections, in accordance with the provisions of section
6506 11-4a of the general statutes.

6507 Sec. 159. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Public
6508 Health shall provide to any person who has received a COVID-19
6509 vaccination, or, if such person is a minor child, such person's parent or
6510 guardian, information that was provided by a COVID-19 vaccination
6511 provider to the department regarding such person's COVID-19
6512 vaccination status upon request by such person, parent or guardian. The
6513 department shall not disclose such person's COVID-19 vaccination
6514 status to any other person or entity unless such person, parent or
6515 guardian authorizes such disclosure in a form and manner prescribed
6516 by the Commissioner of Public Health.

6517 Sec. 160. Section 14 of house bill 6402 of the 2021 regular session, as
6518 amended by House Amendment Schedule "A", is repealed and the
6519 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

6520 (a) As used in this section:

6521 (1) "Student athlete" means a student enrolled at an institution of
6522 higher education who participates in an intercollegiate athletic
6523 program;

6524 (2) "Intercollegiate athletic program" means a program at an
6525 institution of higher education for sports played at the collegiate level
6526 for which eligibility requirements for participation by a student athlete
6527 are established by a national association for the promotion or regulation
6528 of college athletics;

6529 (3) "Compensation" means the receipt, whether directly or indirectly,
6530 of any cryptocurrency, money, goods, services, other item of value, in-
6531 kind contributions and any other form of payment or remuneration;

6532 (4) "Endorsement contract" means a written agreement under which
6533 a student athlete is employed or receives compensation for the use by
6534 another party of such student athlete's person, name, image or likeness
6535 in the promotion of any product, service or event;

6536 (5) "Sports agent" means a duly licensed person who negotiates or
6537 solicits a contract on behalf of a student athlete in accordance with the
6538 Sports Agent Responsibility and Trust Act, 15 USC 7801, et seq., as
6539 amended from time to time;

6540 (6) "NCAA" has the same meaning as provided in section 10a-55k of
6541 the general statutes;

6542 (7) "Institutional marks" means the name, logo, trademarks, mascot,
6543 unique colors, copyrights and other defining insignia of an institution
6544 of higher education;

6545 (8) "Institution of higher education" means an institution of higher
6546 education, as defined in section 10a-55 of the general statutes, and a for-
6547 profit institution of higher education licensed to operate in this state;

6548 (9) "Official team activities" means all games, practices, exhibitions,
6549 scrimmages, team appearances, team photograph sessions, sports

6550 camps sponsored by the institution of higher education and other team-
6551 organized activities, including, but not limited to, individual
6552 photograph sessions, news media interviews and other related activities
6553 as specified by the institution of higher education; and

6554 (10) "Prohibited endorsements" means receipt of compensation by, or
6555 employment of, a student athlete for use of the student athlete's person,
6556 name, image or likeness in association with any product, category of
6557 companies, brands or types of endorsement contracts that the institution
6558 of higher education prohibits endorsing by policy.

6559 (b) On or after [September 1, 2021] January 1, 2022, or the date on
6560 which an institution of higher education in the state adopts or updates
6561 its policy in accordance with subdivision (3) of subsection (f) of this
6562 section, whichever is earlier, any student athlete who is enrolled at such
6563 institution of higher education may earn compensation through an
6564 endorsement contract or employment in an activity that is unrelated to
6565 any intercollegiate athletic program and obtain the legal or professional
6566 representation of an attorney or sports agent through a written
6567 agreement, provided such student athlete complies with the policy or
6568 policies adopted by his or her institution of higher education regarding
6569 student athlete endorsement contracts and employment activities.

6570 (c) Each institution of higher education shall adopt one or more
6571 policies regarding student athlete endorsement contracts and
6572 employment activities. Such policy or policies shall include provisions
6573 for: (1) Requiring a student athlete to disclose and submit a copy to his
6574 or her institution of higher education of each endorsement contract,
6575 written agreement for employment and representation agreement
6576 executed by the student athlete; (2) prohibiting a student athlete from
6577 entering into an agreement that conflicts with the provisions of any
6578 agreement to which the institution of higher education is a party,
6579 provided such institution shall disclose to the student athlete or the
6580 student athlete's attorney or sports agent the provisions of the
6581 agreement that are in conflict; (3) prohibiting a student athlete from

6582 using or consenting to the use of any institutional marks during such
6583 student athlete's performance of the endorsement contract or
6584 employment activity; (4) prohibiting a student athlete's performance of
6585 the endorsement contract or employment activity from interfering with
6586 any official team activities or academic obligations; and (5) identifying
6587 any prohibited endorsements.

6588 (d) No provision of this section shall be construed to (1) require an
6589 institution of higher education or an athletic association or conference,
6590 including, but not limited to, the NCAA to compensate a student athlete
6591 for use of his or her name, image or likeness; (2) require a student athlete
6592 or any other person to compensate an institution of higher education or
6593 an athletic association or conference, including, but not limited to, the
6594 NCAA for a student athlete's endorsement contract or employment
6595 activity that is in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) of this
6596 section; (3) qualify any scholarship that a student athlete receives from
6597 an institution of higher education as compensation; (4) qualify a student
6598 athlete as an employee of an institution of higher education; (5) require
6599 an institution of higher education to take any action in violation of the
6600 Discrimination Based on Sex and Blindness Act, 20 USC 1681, et seq., as
6601 amended from time to time; (6) prohibit a student athlete from engaging
6602 in an employment activity that entails coaching or performing a sport,
6603 provided such activity is not related to any intercollegiate athletic
6604 program; or (7) prohibit an institution of higher education from using a
6605 student athlete's name, image or likeness in connection with official
6606 team activities.

6607 (e) No athletic association or conference, including, but not limited
6608 to, the NCAA, on the basis of a student athlete's endorsement contract,
6609 employment activity or representation by an attorney or sports agent
6610 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, shall (1) prohibit or prevent an
6611 institution of higher education or its intercollegiate athletic program
6612 from participating in intercollegiate sports, (2) restrict or revoke a
6613 student athlete's eligibility to participate in an intercollegiate athletic
6614 program, (3) prohibit or prevent a student athlete from earning

6615 compensation from such endorsement contract or employment activity,
6616 or (4) prohibit or prevent a student athlete from representation by a duly
6617 licensed attorney or sports agent.

6618 (f) (1) No institution of higher education, on the basis of a student
6619 athlete's endorsement contract, employment activity or representation
6620 by an attorney or sports agent pursuant to subsection (b) of this section,
6621 shall (A) prohibit or prevent such student athlete from earning
6622 compensation from such endorsement contract or employment activity,
6623 (B) prohibit or prevent such student athlete from representation by a
6624 duly licensed attorney or sports agent, or (C) restrict or revoke such
6625 student athlete's eligibility for a scholarship or to participate in the
6626 intercollegiate athletic program at such institution.

6627 (2) Notwithstanding section 1-210 of the general statutes with respect
6628 to public institutions of higher education, no institution of higher
6629 education shall disclose any record of the compensation received by a
6630 student athlete from an endorsement contract or employment activity
6631 entered into or engaged in pursuant to subsection (b) of this section
6632 unless the institution receives the written consent of the student athlete
6633 for each disclosure.

6634 (3) Not later than [September 1, 2021] January 1, 2022, the governing
6635 board of each institution of higher education shall adopt or update its
6636 policies, as necessary, to carry out the purposes of this section.

6637 (g) No provision of subsections (d) and (f) of this section shall be
6638 construed to prevent an institution of higher education or an athletic
6639 association or conference, including, but not limited to, the NCAA, from
6640 prohibiting a student athlete's participation in an intercollegiate athletic
6641 program, revoking a student athlete's eligibility for a scholarship or
6642 taking any other punitive or legal action if such student athlete's
6643 endorsement contract, employment activity or representation by an
6644 attorney or sport agent does not comply with the provisions of
6645 subsection (b) of this section.

6646 (h) No student athlete may receive compensation for use of such
6647 student athlete's name, image or likeness as an inducement to attend,
6648 enroll in or continue attending a specific institution of higher education
6649 or intercollegiate athletic program.

6650 Sec. 161. Section 1-200 of the general statutes is repealed and the
6651 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

6652 As used in this chapter, the following words and phrases [shall] have
6653 the following meanings, except where such terms are used in a context
6654 which clearly indicates the contrary:

6655 (1) "Public agency" or "agency" means:

6656 (A) Any executive, administrative or legislative office of the state or
6657 any political subdivision of the state and any state or town agency, any
6658 department, institution, bureau, board, commission, authority or official
6659 of the state or of any city, town, borough, municipal corporation, school
6660 district, regional district or other district or other political subdivision of
6661 the state, including any committee of, or created by, any such office,
6662 subdivision, agency, department, institution, bureau, board,
6663 commission, authority or official, and also includes any judicial office,
6664 official, or body or committee thereof but only with respect to its or their
6665 administrative functions, and for purposes of this subparagraph,
6666 "judicial office" includes, but is not limited to, the Division of Public
6667 Defender Services;

6668 (B) Any person to the extent such person is deemed to be the
6669 functional equivalent of a public agency pursuant to law; or

6670 (C) Any "implementing agency", as defined in section 32-222.

6671 (2) "Meeting" means any hearing or other proceeding of a public
6672 agency, any convening or assembly of a quorum of a multimember
6673 public agency, and any communication by or to a quorum of a
6674 multimember public agency, whether in person or by means of

6675 electronic equipment, to discuss or act upon a matter over which the
6676 public agency has supervision, control, jurisdiction or advisory power.
6677 "Meeting" does not include: Any meeting of a personnel search
6678 committee for executive level employment candidates; any chance
6679 meeting, or a social meeting neither planned nor intended for the
6680 purpose of discussing matters relating to official business; strategy or
6681 negotiations with respect to collective bargaining; a caucus of members
6682 of a single political party notwithstanding that such members also
6683 constitute a quorum of a public agency; an administrative or staff
6684 meeting of a single-member public agency; and communication limited
6685 to notice of meetings of any public agency or the agendas thereof. A
6686 quorum of the members of a public agency who are present at any event
6687 which has been noticed and conducted as a meeting of another public
6688 agency under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act shall not
6689 be deemed to be holding a meeting of the public agency of which they
6690 are members as a result of their presence at such event.

6691 (3) "Caucus" means (A) a convening or assembly of the enrolled
6692 members of a single political party who are members of a public agency
6693 within the state or a political subdivision, or (B) the members of a
6694 multimember public agency, which members constitute a majority of
6695 the membership of the agency, or the other members of the agency who
6696 constitute a minority of the membership of the agency, who register
6697 their intention to be considered a majority caucus or minority caucus, as
6698 the case may be, for the purposes of the Freedom of Information Act,
6699 provided (i) the registration is made with the office of the Secretary of
6700 the State for any such public agency of the state, in the office of the clerk
6701 of a political subdivision of the state for any public agency of a political
6702 subdivision of the state, or in the office of the clerk of each municipal
6703 member of any multitown district or agency, (ii) no member is
6704 registered in more than one caucus at any one time, (iii) no such
6705 member's registration is rescinded during the member's remaining term
6706 of office, and (iv) a member may remain a registered member of the
6707 majority caucus or minority caucus regardless of whether the member

6708 changes his or her party affiliation under chapter 143.

6709 (4) "Person" means natural person, partnership, corporation, limited
6710 liability company, association or society.

6711 (5) "Public records or files" means any recorded data or information
6712 relating to the conduct of the public's business prepared, owned, used,
6713 received or retained by a public agency, or to which a public agency is
6714 entitled to receive a copy by law or contract under section 1-218,
6715 whether such data or information be handwritten, typed, tape-recorded,
6716 videotaped, printed, photostated, photographed or recorded by any
6717 other method.

6718 (6) "Executive sessions" means a meeting of a public agency at which
6719 the public is excluded for one or more of the following purposes: (A)
6720 Discussion concerning the appointment, employment, performance,
6721 evaluation, health or dismissal of a public officer or employee, provided
6722 that such individual may require that discussion be held at an open
6723 meeting; (B) strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims or
6724 pending litigation to which the public agency or a member thereof,
6725 because of the member's conduct as a member of such agency, is a party
6726 until such litigation or claim has been finally adjudicated or otherwise
6727 settled; (C) matters concerning security strategy or the deployment of
6728 security personnel, or devices affecting public security; (D) discussion
6729 of the selection of a site or the lease, sale or purchase of real estate by the
6730 state or a political subdivision of the state when publicity regarding such
6731 site, lease, sale, purchase or construction would adversely impact the
6732 price of such site, lease, sale, purchase or construction until such time as
6733 all of the property has been acquired or all proceedings or transactions
6734 concerning same have been terminated or abandoned; and (E)
6735 discussion of any matter which would result in the disclosure of public
6736 records or the information contained therein described in subsection (b)
6737 of section 1-210.

6738 (7) "Personnel search committee" means a body appointed by a public

6739 agency, whose sole purpose is to recommend to the appointing agency
6740 a candidate or candidates for an executive-level employment position.
6741 Members of a "personnel search committee" shall not be considered in
6742 determining whether there is a quorum of the appointing or any other
6743 public agency.

6744 (8) "Pending claim" means a written notice to an agency which sets
6745 forth a demand for legal relief or which asserts a legal right stating the
6746 intention to institute an action in an appropriate forum if such relief or
6747 right is not granted.

6748 (9) "Pending litigation" means (A) a written notice to an agency which
6749 sets forth a demand for legal relief or which asserts a legal right stating
6750 the intention to institute an action before a court if such relief or right is
6751 not granted by the agency; (B) the service of a complaint against an
6752 agency returnable to a court which seeks to enforce or implement legal
6753 relief or a legal right; or (C) the agency's consideration of action to
6754 enforce or implement legal relief or a legal right.

6755 (10) "Freedom of Information Act" means this chapter.

6756 (11) "Governmental function" means the administration or
6757 management of a program of a public agency, which program has been
6758 authorized by law to be administered or managed by a person, where
6759 (A) the person receives funding from the public agency for
6760 administering or managing the program, (B) the public agency is
6761 involved in or regulates to a significant extent such person's
6762 administration or management of the program, whether or not such
6763 involvement or regulation is direct, pervasive, continuous or day-to-
6764 day, and (C) the person participates in the formulation of governmental
6765 policies or decisions in connection with the administration or
6766 management of the program and such policies or decisions bind the
6767 public agency. "Governmental function" shall not include the mere
6768 provision of goods or services to a public agency without the delegated
6769 responsibility to administer or manage a program of a public agency.

6770 (12) "Electronic equipment" means any technology that facilitates
6771 real-time public access to meetings, including, but not limited to,
6772 telephonic, video or other conferencing platforms.

6773 (13) "Electronic transmission" means any form or process of
6774 communication not directly involving the physical transfer of paper or
6775 another tangible medium, which (A) is capable of being retained,
6776 retrieved and reproduced by the recipient, and (B) is retrievable in paper
6777 form by the recipient.

6778 Sec. 162. Section 1-206 of the general statutes is repealed and the
6779 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

6780 (a) Any denial of the right to inspect or copy records provided for
6781 under section 1-210 shall be made to the person requesting such right
6782 by the public agency official who has custody or control of the public
6783 record, in writing, within four business days of such request, except
6784 when the request is determined to be subject to subsections (b) and (c)
6785 of section 1-214, in which case such denial shall be made, in writing,
6786 within ten business days of such request. Failure to comply with a
6787 request to so inspect or copy such public record within the applicable
6788 number of business days shall be deemed to be a denial.

6789 (b) (1) Any person denied the right to inspect or copy records under
6790 section 1-210 or wrongfully denied the right to attend any meeting of a
6791 public agency or denied any other right conferred by the Freedom of
6792 Information Act may appeal therefrom to the Freedom of Information
6793 Commission, by filing a notice of appeal with said commission. A notice
6794 of appeal shall be filed not later than thirty days after such denial, except
6795 in the case of an unnoticed or secret meeting, in which case the appeal
6796 shall be filed not later than thirty days after the person filing the appeal
6797 receives actual or constructive notice that such meeting was held. For
6798 purposes of this subsection, such notice of appeal shall be deemed to be
6799 filed on the date it is received by said commission or on the date it is
6800 postmarked, if received more than thirty days after the date of the denial

6801 from which such appeal is taken. Upon receipt of such notice, the
6802 commission shall serve upon all parties, by certified or registered mail
6803 or by electronic transmission, a copy of such notice together with any
6804 other notice or order of such commission. In the case of the denial of a
6805 request to inspect or copy records contained in a public employee's
6806 personnel or medical file or similar file under subsection (c) of section 1-
6807 214, the commission shall include with its notice or order an order
6808 requiring the public agency to notify any employee whose records are
6809 the subject of an appeal, and the employee's collective bargaining
6810 representative, if any, of the commission's proceedings and, if any such
6811 employee or collective bargaining representative has filed an objection
6812 under said subsection (c), the agency shall provide the required notice
6813 to such employee and collective bargaining representative by certified
6814 mail, return receipt requested, by electronic transmission or by hand
6815 delivery with a signed receipt. A public employee whose personnel or
6816 medical file or similar file is the subject of an appeal under this
6817 subsection may intervene as a party in the proceedings on the matter
6818 before the commission. Said commission shall, after due notice to the
6819 parties, hear and decide the appeal within one year after the filing of the
6820 notice of appeal. The commission shall adopt regulations in accordance
6821 with chapter 54, establishing criteria for those appeals which shall be
6822 privileged in their assignment for hearing. Any such appeal shall be
6823 heard not later than thirty days after receipt of a notice of appeal and
6824 decided not later than sixty days after the hearing. If a notice of appeal
6825 concerns an announced agency decision to meet in executive session or
6826 an ongoing agency practice of meeting in executive sessions, for a stated
6827 purpose, the commission or a member or members of the commission
6828 designated by its chairperson shall serve notice upon the parties in
6829 accordance with this section and hold a preliminary hearing on the
6830 appeal not later than seventy-two hours after receipt of the notice,
6831 provided such notice shall be given to the parties at least forty-eight
6832 hours prior to such hearing. During such preliminary hearing, the
6833 commission shall take evidence and receive testimony from the parties.
6834 If after the preliminary hearing the commission finds probable cause to

6835 believe that the agency decision or practice is in violation of sections 1-
6836 200 and 1-225, the agency shall not meet in executive session for such
6837 purpose until the commission decides the appeal. If probable cause is
6838 found by the commission, it shall conduct a final hearing on the appeal
6839 and render its decision not later than five days after the completion of
6840 the preliminary hearing. Such decision shall specify the commission's
6841 findings of fact and conclusions of law.

6842 (2) In any appeal to the Freedom of Information Commission under
6843 subdivision (1) of this subsection or subsection (c) of this section, the
6844 commission may confirm the action of the agency or order the agency
6845 to provide relief that the commission, in its discretion, believes
6846 appropriate to rectify the denial of any right conferred by the Freedom
6847 of Information Act. The commission may declare null and void any
6848 action taken at any meeting which a person was denied the right to
6849 attend and may require the production or copying of any public record.
6850 In addition, upon the finding that a denial of any right created by the
6851 Freedom of Information Act was without reasonable grounds and after
6852 the custodian or other official directly responsible for the denial has
6853 been given an opportunity to be heard at a hearing conducted in
6854 accordance with sections 4-176e to 4-184, inclusive, the commission
6855 may, in its discretion, impose against the custodian or other official a
6856 civil penalty of not less than twenty dollars nor more than one thousand
6857 dollars. If the commission finds that a person has taken an appeal under
6858 this subsection frivolously, without reasonable grounds and solely for
6859 the purpose of harassing the agency from which the appeal has been
6860 taken, after such person has been given an opportunity to be heard at a
6861 hearing conducted in accordance with sections 4-176e to 4-184,
6862 inclusive, the commission may, in its discretion, impose against that
6863 person a civil penalty of not less than twenty dollars nor more than one
6864 thousand dollars. The commission shall notify a person of a penalty
6865 levied against him pursuant to this subsection by written notice sent by
6866 certified or registered mail or electronic transmission. If a person fails to
6867 pay the penalty within thirty days of receiving such notice, the Superior

6868 Court shall, on application of the commission, issue an order requiring
6869 the person to pay the penalty imposed. If the executive director of the
6870 commission has reason to believe an appeal under subdivision (1) of this
6871 subsection or subsection (c) of this section (A) presents a claim beyond
6872 the commission's jurisdiction; (B) would perpetrate an injustice; or (C)
6873 would constitute an abuse of the commission's administrative process,
6874 the executive director shall not schedule the appeal for hearing without
6875 first seeking and obtaining leave of the commission. The commission
6876 shall provide due notice to the parties and review affidavits and written
6877 argument that the parties may submit and grant or deny such leave
6878 summarily at its next regular meeting. The commission shall grant such
6879 leave unless it finds that the appeal: (i) Does not present a claim within
6880 the commission's jurisdiction; (ii) would perpetrate an injustice; or (iii)
6881 would constitute an abuse of the commission's administrative process.
6882 Any party aggrieved by the commission's denial of such leave may
6883 apply to the superior court for the judicial district of New Britain, within
6884 fifteen days of the commission meeting at which such leave was denied,
6885 for an order requiring the commission to hear such appeal.

6886 (3) In making the findings and determination under subdivision (2)
6887 of this subsection the commission shall consider the nature of any
6888 injustice or abuse of administrative process, including but not limited
6889 to: (A) The nature, content, language or subject matter of the request or
6890 the appeal, including, among other factors, whether the request or
6891 appeal is repetitious or cumulative; (B) the nature, content, language or
6892 subject matter of prior or contemporaneous requests or appeals by the
6893 person making the request or taking the appeal; (C) the nature, content,
6894 language or subject matter of other verbal and written communications
6895 to any agency or any official of any agency from the person making the
6896 request or taking the appeal; (D) any history of nonappearance at
6897 commission proceedings or disruption of the commission's
6898 administrative process, including, but not limited to, delaying
6899 commission proceedings; and (E) the refusal to participate in settlement
6900 conferences conducted by a commission ombudsman in accordance

6901 with the commission's regulations.

6902 (4) Notwithstanding any provision of this subsection to the contrary,
6903 in the case of an appeal to the commission of a denial by a public agency,
6904 the commission may, upon motion of such agency, confirm the action of
6905 the agency and dismiss the appeal without a hearing if it finds, after
6906 examining the notice of appeal and construing all allegations most
6907 favorably to the appellant, that (A) the agency has not violated the
6908 Freedom of Information Act, or (B) the agency has committed a technical
6909 violation of the Freedom of Information Act that constitutes a harmless
6910 error that does not infringe the appellant's rights under said act.

6911 (5) Notwithstanding any provision of this subsection, a public agency
6912 may petition the commission for relief from a requester that the public
6913 agency alleges is a vexatious requester. Such petition shall be sworn
6914 under penalty of false statement, as provided in section 53a-157b, and
6915 shall detail the conduct which the agency alleges demonstrates a
6916 vexatious history of requests, including, but not limited to: (A) The
6917 number of requests filed and the total number of pending requests; (B)
6918 the scope of the requests; (C) the nature, content, language or subject
6919 matter of the requests; (D) the nature, content, language or subject
6920 matter of other oral and written communications to the agency from the
6921 requester; and (E) a pattern of conduct that amounts to an abuse of the
6922 right to access information under the Freedom of Information Act or an
6923 interference with the operation of the agency. Upon receipt of such
6924 petition, the executive director of the commission shall review the
6925 petition and determine whether it warrants a hearing. If the executive
6926 director determines that a hearing is not warranted, the executive
6927 director shall recommend that the commission deny the petition
6928 without a hearing. The commission shall vote at its next regular meeting
6929 after such recommendation to accept or reject such recommendation
6930 and, after such meeting, shall issue a written explanation of the reasons
6931 for such acceptance or rejection. If the executive director determines that
6932 a hearing is warranted, the commission shall serve upon all parties, by
6933 certified or registered mail or electronic transmission, a copy of such

6934 petition together with any other notice or order of the commission. The
6935 commission shall, after due notice to the parties, hear and either grant
6936 or deny the petition within one year after its filing. Upon a grant of such
6937 petition, the commission may provide appropriate relief commensurate
6938 with the vexatious conduct, including, but not limited to, an order that
6939 the agency need not comply with future requests from the vexatious
6940 requester for a specified period of time, but not to exceed one year. Any
6941 party aggrieved by the commission's granting of such petition may
6942 apply to the superior court for the judicial district of New Britain, within
6943 fifteen days of the commission meeting at which such petition was
6944 granted, for an order reversing the commission's decision.

6945 (c) Any person who does not receive proper notice of any meeting of
6946 a public agency in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of
6947 Information Act may appeal under the provisions of subsection (b) of
6948 this section. A public agency of the state shall be presumed to have given
6949 timely and proper notice of any meeting as provided for in said
6950 Freedom of Information Act if notice is given in the Connecticut Law
6951 Journal or a Legislative Bulletin. A public agency of a political
6952 subdivision shall be presumed to have given proper notice of any
6953 meeting, if a notice is timely sent under the provisions of said Freedom
6954 of Information Act by (1) first-class mail to the address, or (2) electronic
6955 transmission to the information processing system, as defined in section
6956 1-267, indicated in the request of the person requesting the same. If such
6957 commission determines that notice was improper, it may, in its sound
6958 discretion, declare any or all actions taken at such meeting null and
6959 void.

6960 (d) Any party aggrieved by the decision of said commission may
6961 appeal therefrom, in accordance with the provisions of section 4-183.
6962 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 4-183, in any such appeal of
6963 a decision of the commission, the court may conduct an in camera
6964 review of the original or a certified copy of the records which are at issue
6965 in the appeal but were not included in the record of the commission's
6966 proceedings, admit the records into evidence and order the records to

6967 be sealed or inspected on such terms as the court deems fair and
6968 appropriate, during the appeal. The commission shall have standing to
6969 defend, prosecute or otherwise participate in any appeal of any of its
6970 decisions and to take an appeal from any judicial decision overturning
6971 or modifying a decision of the commission. If aggrievement is a
6972 jurisdictional prerequisite to the commission taking any such appeal,
6973 the commission shall be deemed to be aggrieved. Notwithstanding the
6974 provisions of section 3-125, legal counsel employed or retained by said
6975 commission shall represent said commission in all such appeals and in
6976 any other litigation affecting said commission. Notwithstanding the
6977 provisions of subsection (c) of section 4-183 and section 52-64, all process
6978 shall be served upon said commission at its office. Any appeal taken
6979 pursuant to this section shall be privileged in respect to its assignment
6980 for trial over all other actions except writs of habeas corpus and actions
6981 brought by or on behalf of the state, including informations on the
6982 relation of private individuals. Nothing in this section shall deprive any
6983 party of any rights he may have had at common law prior to January 1,
6984 1958. If the court finds that any appeal taken pursuant to this section or
6985 section 4-183 is frivolous or taken solely for the purpose of delay, it shall
6986 order the party responsible therefor to pay to the party injured by such
6987 frivolous or dilatory appeal costs or attorney's fees of not more than one
6988 thousand dollars. Such order shall be in addition to any other remedy
6989 or disciplinary action required or permitted by statute or by rules of
6990 court.

6991 (e) Within sixty days after the filing of a notice of appeal alleging
6992 violation of any right conferred by the Freedom of Information Act
6993 concerning records of the Department of Energy and Environmental
6994 Protection relating to the state's hazardous waste program under
6995 sections 22a-448 to 22a-454, inclusive, the Freedom of Information
6996 Commission shall, after notice to the parties, hear and decide the appeal.
6997 Failure by the commission to hear and decide the appeal within such
6998 sixty-day period shall constitute a final decision denying such appeal
6999 for purposes of this section and section 4-183. On appeal, the court may,

7000 in addition to any other powers conferred by law, order the disclosure
7001 of any such records withheld in violation of the Freedom of Information
7002 Act and may assess against the state reasonable attorney's fees and other
7003 litigation costs reasonably incurred in an appeal in which the
7004 complainant has prevailed against the Department of Energy and
7005 Environmental Protection.

7006 Sec. 163. (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) As used in this section, "public
7007 agency", "meeting", "executive session", "electronic equipment" and
7008 "electronic transmission" have the same meanings as provided in section
7009 1-200 of the general statutes. On and after the effective date of this
7010 section until April 30, 2022, a public agency may hold a public meeting
7011 that is accessible to the public by means of electronic equipment or by
7012 means of electronic equipment in conjunction with an in-person
7013 meeting, in accordance with the provisions of this section. Not less than
7014 forty-eight hours before any public agency, except for the General
7015 Assembly, conducts a regular meeting by means of electronic
7016 equipment, such agency shall provide direct notification in writing or
7017 by electronic transmission to each member of the public agency and post
7018 a notice that such agency intends to conduct the meeting solely or in
7019 part by means of electronic equipment (1) in the agency's regular office
7020 or place of business, (2) in the office and on the Internet web site of the
7021 Secretary of the State for any such public agency of the state or quasi-
7022 public agency, in the office of the clerk of such subdivision for any
7023 public agency of a political subdivision of the state that is not a quasi-
7024 public agency, or in the office of the clerk of each municipal member of
7025 any multitown district or agency, and (3) if the agency has an Internet
7026 web site, on such Internet web site. Not less than twenty-four hours
7027 prior to any such meeting, such agency shall post the agenda for any
7028 such meeting in the same manner as the notice of the meeting in
7029 accordance with subdivisions (1) to (3), inclusive, of this subsection.
7030 Such notice and agenda shall include instructions for the public, to
7031 attend and provide comment or otherwise participate in the meeting, by
7032 means of electronic equipment or in person, as applicable and permitted

7033 by law. Any such notice and agenda shall be posted in accordance with
7034 the provisions of section 1-225 of the general statutes.

7035 (b) Any public agency that conducts a meeting, other than an
7036 executive session or special meeting, as described in this section, solely
7037 by means of electronic equipment, shall (1) provide any member of the
7038 public (A) upon a written request submitted not less than twenty-four
7039 hours prior to such meeting, with a physical location and any electronic
7040 equipment necessary to attend such meeting in real-time, and (B) the
7041 same opportunities to provide comment or testimony and otherwise
7042 participate in such meeting that such member of the public would be
7043 accorded if such meeting were held in person, except that a public
7044 agency is not required to adjourn or postpone a meeting if a member of
7045 the public loses the ability to participate because of an interruption,
7046 failure or degradation of such person's connection to the meeting by
7047 electronic equipment; (2) ensure that such meeting is recorded or
7048 transcribed, excluding any portion of the meeting that is an executive
7049 session, and such transcription or recording is posted on the agency's
7050 Internet web site and made available to the public to view, listen to and
7051 copy in the agency's office or regular place of business not later than
7052 seven days after the meeting and for not less than forty-five days
7053 thereafter; and (3) if a quorum of the members of a public agency attend
7054 a meeting by means of electronic equipment from the same physical
7055 location, permit members of the public to attend such meeting in such
7056 physical location. Any public agency that conducts a meeting shall
7057 provide members of the public agency the opportunity to participate by
7058 means of electronic equipment, except that a public agency is not
7059 required to adjourn or postpone a meeting if a member loses the ability
7060 to participate because of an interruption, failure or degradation of that
7061 member's connection by electronic equipment, unless the member's
7062 participation is necessary to form a quorum.

7063 (c) Any public agency other than the General Assembly that conducts
7064 a special meeting shall include in the notice of such meeting whether the
7065 meeting will be conducted solely or in part by means of electronic

7066 equipment and, not less than twenty-four hours prior to such meeting,
7067 shall post such notice and an agenda of the meeting in accordance with
7068 the provisions of subsection (d) of section 1-225 of the general statutes.
7069 If such special meeting is to be conducted by means of electronic
7070 equipment, such notice and agenda shall include instructions for the
7071 public, by means of electronic equipment or in person, to attend and
7072 provide comment or otherwise participate in the meeting, as applicable
7073 and permitted by law.

7074 (d) Any vote taken at a meeting during which any member
7075 participates by means of electronic equipment shall be taken by roll call,
7076 unless the vote is unanimous. The minutes of the meeting shall record a
7077 list of members that attended such meeting in person and a list of
7078 members that attended such meeting by means of electronic equipment.

7079 (e) Any member of a public agency or the public who participates
7080 orally in a meeting of a public agency conducted by means of electronic
7081 equipment shall make a good faith effort to state such member's name
7082 and title, if applicable, at the outset of each occasion that such member
7083 participates orally during an uninterrupted dialogue or series of
7084 questions and answers.

7085 (f) Whenever a meeting being conducted by means of electronic
7086 equipment is interrupted by the failure, disconnection or, in the
7087 chairperson's determination, unacceptable degradation of the electronic
7088 means of conducting a meeting, or if a member necessary to form a
7089 quorum loses the ability to participate because of the interruption,
7090 failure or degradation of such member's connection by electronic
7091 equipment, the public agency may, not less than thirty minutes and not
7092 more than two hours from the time of the interruption or the
7093 chairperson's determination, resume the meeting (1) in person, if a
7094 quorum is present in person, or (2) if a quorum is restored by means of
7095 electronic equipment, solely or in part by such electronic equipment. In
7096 each case of resumption of such meeting, electronic access shall be
7097 restored to the public if such capability has been restored. The public

7098 agency shall, if practicable, post a notification on its Internet web site
7099 and inform attendees by electronic transmission of the expected time of
7100 resumption or of the adjournment or postponement of the meeting, as
7101 applicable, and may announce at the beginning of any meeting what
7102 preplanned procedures are in place for resumption of a meeting in the
7103 event of an interruption as described in this subsection.

7104 (g) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a public
7105 agency to offer members of the public who attend a meeting by means
7106 of electronic equipment the opportunity for public comment, testimony
7107 or other participation if the provision of such opportunity is not
7108 required by law for members of the public who attend such a meeting
7109 in person.

7110 Sec. 164. Section 1-227 of the general statutes is repealed and the
7111 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

7112 The public agency shall, where practicable, give notice by mail or
7113 electronic transmission of each regular meeting, and of any special
7114 meeting which is called, at least one week prior to the date set for the
7115 meeting, to any person who has filed a written request for such notice
7116 with such body, except that such body may give such notice as it deems
7117 practical of special meetings called less than seven days prior to the date
7118 set for the meeting. Such notice requirement shall not apply to the
7119 General Assembly, either house thereof or to any committee thereof.
7120 Any request for notice filed pursuant to this section shall be valid for
7121 one year from the date on which it is filed unless a renewal request is
7122 filed. Renewal requests for notice shall be filed within thirty days after
7123 January first of each year. Such public agency may establish a reasonable
7124 charge for sending such notice based on the estimated cost of providing
7125 such service.

7126 Sec. 165. Section 1-228 of the general statutes is repealed and the
7127 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

7128 The public agency may adjourn any regular or special meeting to a

7129 time and place specified in the order of adjournment. Less than a
7130 quorum may so adjourn from time to time. If all members are absent
7131 from any regular meeting the clerk or the secretary of such body may
7132 declare the meeting adjourned to a stated time and place and shall cause
7133 a written notice of the adjournment to be given in the same manner as
7134 provided in section 1-225, for special meetings, unless such notice is
7135 waived as provided for special meetings. A copy of the order or notice
7136 of adjournment shall be conspicuously posted on or near the door of the
7137 place where the regular or special meeting was held and on the Internet
7138 web site of the public agency, if applicable, within twenty-four hours
7139 after the time of the adjournment. When an order of adjournment of any
7140 meeting fails to state the hour at which the adjourned meeting is to be
7141 held, it shall be held at the hour specified for regular meetings, by
7142 ordinance, resolution, by law or other rule.

7143 Sec. 166. Section 7-8 of the general statutes is repealed and the
7144 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

7145 The moderator of any town meeting, and of any meeting of any
7146 society or other community lawfully assembled, may, when any
7147 disorder arises in the meeting and the offender refuses to submit to the
7148 moderator's lawful authority, order any proper officer to take the
7149 offender into custody and, if necessary, to remove the offender from
7150 such meeting until the offender conforms to order or, if need be, until
7151 such meeting is closed, and thereupon such officer shall have power to
7152 command all necessary assistance. Any person refusing to assist when
7153 commanded shall be liable to the same penalties as for refusing to assist
7154 constables in the execution of their duties; but no person commanded to
7155 assist shall be deprived of such person's right to act in the meeting, nor
7156 shall the offender be so deprived any longer than the offender refuses
7157 to conform to order. If such offender is attending such meeting by means
7158 of electronic equipment, as defined in section 1-200, the moderator may
7159 terminate such offender's attendance by electronic equipment until such
7160 time as the offender conforms to order or, if need be, until such meeting
7161 is closed.

7162 Sec. 167. Section 1-232 of the general statutes is repealed and the
7163 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

7164 In the event that any meeting of a public agency is interrupted by any
7165 person or group of persons so as to render the orderly conduct of such
7166 meeting unfeasible and order cannot be restored by the removal of
7167 individuals who are wilfully interrupting the meetings, the members of
7168 the agency conducting the meeting may order the meeting room cleared
7169 and continue in session. If such person or group of persons is attending
7170 such meeting by means of electronic equipment, as defined in section 1-
7171 200, the members of the public agency may terminate such person's or
7172 group of persons' attendance by electronic equipment until such time as
7173 such person or group of persons conforms to order or, if need be, until
7174 such meeting is closed. Only matters appearing on the agenda may be
7175 considered in such a session. Duly accredited representatives of the
7176 press or other news media, except those participating in the disturbance,
7177 shall be allowed to attend any session held pursuant to this section.
7178 Nothing in this section shall prohibit such public agency from
7179 establishing a procedure for readmitting an individual or individuals
7180 not responsible for wilfully disturbing the meeting.

7181 Sec. 168. (*Effective from passage*) The Connecticut Advisory
7182 Commission on Intergovernmental Relations established pursuant to
7183 section 2-79a of the general statutes, shall, in consultation with the
7184 Freedom of Information Commission established pursuant to section 1-
7185 205 of the general statutes, the Connecticut Association of Municipal
7186 Attorneys and the Chief Information Officer or the Chief Information
7187 Officer's designee, conduct a study concerning the implementation of
7188 the provisions of section 163 of this act, and the feasibility of remote
7189 participation and voting during meetings, including remote voting
7190 using electronic equipment such as conference call, videoconference or
7191 other technology. Not later than February 1, 2022, the commission shall
7192 submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
7193 general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General
7194 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to government

7195 administration and planning and development. Such report shall
7196 include, but need not be limited to, (1) findings, including any
7197 challenges encountered, (2) recommendations concerning best practices
7198 for the implementation of said provisions, (3) an analysis of the
7199 feasibility of remote participation and voting during meetings using
7200 electronic equipment such as conference call, videoconference or other
7201 technology, and (4) the identification of funding sources for the
7202 implementation of remote participation and voting during meetings
7203 using such electronic equipment.

7204 Sec. 169. Section 7-34a of the general statutes is amended by adding
7205 subsection (f) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

7206 (NEW) (f) Any town clerk who receives a fee pursuant to this section
7207 may permit the payment of such fee on an Internet web site designated
7208 by the clerk, in a manner prescribed by the clerk.

7209 Sec. 170. Section 7-51a of the general statutes is amended by adding
7210 subsection (e) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

7211 (NEW) (e) Any registrar of vital statistics who receives payment
7212 pursuant to this section may permit such payment to be made on an
7213 Internet web site designated by the registrar, in a manner prescribed by
7214 the registrar.

7215 Sec. 171. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2021*) For the purposes of sections
7216 7-148j, 7-148k, 7-148bb, 7-148ii and 7-152b of the general statutes,
7217 "electronic equipment" means any technology that facilitates real-time
7218 communication between two or more individuals, including, but not
7219 limited to, telephonic, video and other conferencing platforms.

7220 Sec. 172. Section 7-148j of the general statutes is repealed and the
7221 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

7222 Any board, commission, council, committee or other agency
7223 established or designated pursuant to sections 7-148i to 7-148n,

7224 inclusive, and subparagraph (B) of subdivision (9) of subsection (c) of
7225 section 7-148, may be given the following powers: (1) The power to issue
7226 subpoenas or subpoenas duces tecum, enforceable upon application to
7227 the Superior Court, to compel the attendance of persons at hearings
7228 either in person or by means of electronic equipment and the production
7229 of books, documents, records and papers; (2) the power to issue written
7230 interrogatories and require written answers under oath thereto,
7231 enforceable upon application to the Superior Court; (3) the power to
7232 hold hearings relating to any allegation of discriminatory practice which
7233 it has found reasonable cause to believe has occurred and to issue any
7234 appropriate orders including those authorized by section 46a-86; and (4)
7235 the power to petition the Superior Court for enforcement of any order
7236 issued by it upon a finding that a violation of the local code of prohibited
7237 discriminatory practices has occurred, including the power to petition
7238 the Superior Court for temporary injunctive relief upon a finding that
7239 irreparable harm to the complainant will otherwise occur or for any
7240 other relief authorized by sections 46a-89 and 46a-90a.

7241 Sec. 173. Section 7-148k of the general statutes is repealed and the
7242 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

7243 Any complaint filed pursuant to sections 7-148i to 7-148n, inclusive,
7244 and subparagraph (B) of subdivision (9) of subsection (c) of section 7-
7245 148 shall be made under oath. No finding of a violation of a local code
7246 of prohibited discriminatory practices shall be made except after a
7247 hearing conducted in person or by means of electronic equipment. The
7248 respondent at any such hearing shall be given reasonable advance
7249 written notice of the hearing, shall be entitled to be represented by
7250 counsel, and shall be permitted to testify and present and cross-examine
7251 witnesses. The decision resulting from the hearing shall be in writing
7252 and shall include written findings of the facts upon which the decision
7253 is based.

7254 Sec. 174. Section 7-148bb of the general statutes is repealed and the
7255 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

7256 Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes or any special
7257 act, municipal charter or home rule ordinance, the chief elected officials
7258 of two or more municipalities may initiate a process for such
7259 municipalities to enter into an agreement to share revenues received for
7260 payment of real and personal property taxes. The agreement shall be
7261 prepared pursuant to negotiations and shall contain all provisions on
7262 which there is mutual agreement between the municipalities, including,
7263 but not limited to, specification of the tax revenues to be shared,
7264 collection and uses of such shared revenue. The agreement shall
7265 establish procedures for amendment, termination and withdrawal. The
7266 negotiations shall include an opportunity for public participation. Such
7267 participation may take place in person, in writing or by means of
7268 electronic equipment. The agreement shall be approved by each
7269 municipality that is a party to the agreement by resolution of the
7270 legislative body. As used in this section "legislative body" means the
7271 council, commission, board, body or town meeting, by whatever name
7272 it may be known, having or exercising the general legislative powers
7273 and functions of a municipality and "municipality" means any town, city
7274 or borough, consolidated town and city or consolidated town and
7275 borough.

7276 Sec. 175. Section 7-148ii of the general statutes is repealed and the
7277 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

7278 (a) Any person who, on or after October 1, 2011, commences an action
7279 to foreclose a mortgage on residential property shall register such
7280 property with the town clerk of the municipality in which the property
7281 is located at the time and place of the recording of the notice of lis
7282 pendens as to the residential property being foreclosed in accordance
7283 with section 52-325. Such registration may be completed electronically
7284 in a manner prescribed by such clerk and shall be maintained by the
7285 municipality separate and apart from the land records.

7286 (b) Registration made pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall
7287 contain (1) the name, address, telephone number and electronic mail

7288 address of the plaintiff in the foreclosure action and, if such plaintiff is
7289 an entity or an individual who resides out-of-state, the name, address,
7290 telephone number and electronic mail address of a direct contact in the
7291 state, provided such a direct contact is available; (2) the name, address,
7292 telephone number and electronic mail address of the person, local
7293 property maintenance company or other entity serving as such
7294 plaintiff's contact with the municipality for any matters concerning the
7295 residential property; and (3) the following heading in at least ten-point
7296 boldface capital letters: NOTICE TO MUNICIPALITY: REGISTRATION
7297 OF PROPERTY BEING FORECLOSED. The plaintiff in the foreclosure
7298 action shall indicate on such registration whether it prefers to be
7299 contacted by first class mail or electronic mail and the preferred
7300 addresses for such communications. Such plaintiff shall report to the
7301 town clerk of the municipality in which the property is located, by mail,
7302 electronic mail or other form of delivery, any change in the information
7303 provided on the registration not later than thirty days following the date
7304 of the change of information. At the time of registration, such plaintiff
7305 shall pay a land record filing fee to the municipality as specified in
7306 section 7-34a.

7307 (c) Any person in whom title to a residential property has vested on
7308 or after October 1, 2011, through a foreclosure action pursuant to
7309 sections 49-16 to 49-21, inclusive, or 49-26, shall register such property,
7310 in accordance with subsection (d) of this section, with the municipality
7311 in which such property is located not later than fifteen days after
7312 absolute title vests in such person. If such person is the plaintiff in the
7313 foreclosure action, such person shall, prior to the expiration of such
7314 fifteen-day period, update the registration with any change in
7315 registration information for purposes of complying with said subsection
7316 (d). The updated registration shall include the following heading in at
7317 least ten-point boldface capital letters: NOTICE TO MUNICIPALITY:
7318 UPDATED REGISTRATION FOR PROPERTY ACQUIRED THROUGH
7319 FORECLOSURE.

7320 (d) Registration made pursuant to subsection (c) of this section shall

7321 be mailed, sent by electronic mail or delivered to the town clerk of the
7322 municipality in which the residential property is located and include (1)
7323 the name, address, telephone number and electronic mail address of the
7324 registrant and, if the registrant is an entity or an individual who resides
7325 out-of-state, the name, address, telephone number and electronic mail
7326 address of a direct contact in the state, provided such a direct contact is
7327 available; (2) the date on which absolute title vested in the registrant; (3)
7328 the name, address, telephone number and electronic mail address of the
7329 person, local property maintenance company or other entity responsible
7330 for the security and maintenance of the residential property; and (4) the
7331 following heading in at least ten-point boldface capital letters: NOTICE
7332 TO MUNICIPALITY: REGISTRATION OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED
7333 THROUGH FORECLOSURE. The registration, or updated registration,
7334 shall be accompanied by a land record filing fee payable to the
7335 municipality as specified in section 7-34a. The registrant shall report to
7336 the town clerk by mail, electronic mail or other form of delivery any
7337 change in the information provided on the registration not later than
7338 thirty days from the date of the change in information.

7339 (e) If a registrant required to register pursuant to subsection (c) of this
7340 section fails to comply with any provision of the general statutes or of
7341 any municipal ordinance concerning the repair or maintenance of real
7342 estate, including, without limitation, an ordinance relating to the
7343 prevention of housing blight pursuant to subparagraph (H)(xv) of
7344 subdivision (7) of subsection (c) of section 7-148, the maintenance of safe
7345 and sanitary housing as provided in subparagraph (A) of subdivision
7346 (7) of subsection (c) of section 7-148, or the abatement of nuisances as
7347 provided in subparagraph (E) of subdivision (7) of subsection (c) of
7348 section 7-148, the municipality may issue a notice to the registrant citing
7349 the conditions on such property that violate such provisions. Such
7350 notice shall be sent by either first class or electronic mail, or both, and
7351 shall be sent to the address or addresses of the registrant identified on
7352 the registration. A copy of such notice shall be sent by first class mail or
7353 electronic mail to the person, property maintenance company or other

7354 entity responsible for the security and maintenance of the residential
7355 property designated on the registration. Such notice shall comply with
7356 section 7-148gg.

7357 (f) The notice described in subsection (e) of this section shall provide
7358 a date, reasonable under the circumstances, by which the registrant shall
7359 remedy the condition or conditions on such registrant's property. If the
7360 registrant, registrant's contact or registrant's agent does not remedy the
7361 condition or conditions on such registrant's property before the date
7362 following the date specified in such notice, the municipality may enforce
7363 its rights under the relevant provisions of the general statutes or of any
7364 municipal ordinance.

7365 (g) A municipality shall only impose registration requirements upon
7366 registrants and plaintiffs in foreclosure actions in accordance with this
7367 section, except that any municipal registration requirements effective on
7368 or before October 1, 2009, shall remain effective.

7369 (h) Any plaintiff in a foreclosure action who fails to register in
7370 accordance with this section shall be subject to a civil penalty of one
7371 hundred dollars for each violation, up to a maximum of five thousand
7372 dollars. Each property for which there has been a failure to register shall
7373 constitute a separate violation.

7374 (i) Any person in whom title to a residential property has vested on
7375 or after October 1, 2011, through a foreclosure action pursuant to
7376 sections 49-16 to 49-21, inclusive, or 49-26, and who has not registered
7377 in accordance with subsection (c) of this section within thirty days of
7378 absolute title vesting in such owner shall be subject to a civil penalty of
7379 two hundred fifty dollars for each violation, up to a maximum of
7380 twenty-five thousand dollars. Each property for which there has been a
7381 failure to register shall constitute a separate violation.

7382 (j) An authorized official of the municipality may file a civil action in
7383 Superior Court to collect the penalties imposed pursuant to subsections
7384 (h) and (i) of this section, which penalties shall be payable to the

7385 treasurer of such municipality. Such penalties shall not create or
7386 constitute a lien against the residential property.

7387 (k) Neither the registration by a foreclosing party nor the failure to
7388 register in accordance with subsection (a) of this section shall imply or
7389 create any legal obligations on the part of the foreclosing party to repair,
7390 maintain or secure the residential property for which a registration is
7391 required prior to the time that title passes to the foreclosing party.

7392 Sec. 176. Section 7-152b of the general statutes is repealed and the
7393 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

7394 (a) Any town, city or borough may establish by ordinance a parking
7395 violation hearing procedure in accordance with this section. The
7396 Superior Court shall be authorized to enforce the assessments and
7397 judgments provided for under this section.

7398 (b) The chief executive officer of the town, city or borough shall
7399 appoint one or more parking violation hearing officers, other than
7400 policemen or persons who issue parking tickets or work in the police
7401 department, to conduct the hearings authorized by this section.

7402 (c) A town, city or borough may, at any time within two years from
7403 the expiration of the final period for the uncontested payment of fines,
7404 penalties, costs or fees for any alleged violation under any ordinance
7405 adopted pursuant to section 7-148 or sections 14-305 to 14-308, inclusive,
7406 send notice to the motor vehicle operator, if known, or the registered
7407 owner of the motor vehicle by first class mail at his address according
7408 to the registration records of the Department of Motor Vehicles or by
7409 electronic mail, if the operator or owner's electronic mail address is
7410 known. Such notice shall inform the operator or owner: (1) Of the
7411 allegations against him and the amount of the fines, penalties, costs or
7412 fees due; (2) that he may contest his liability before a parking violations
7413 hearing officer by delivering in person, by electronic mail or by mail
7414 written notice within ten days of the date thereof; (3) that if he does not
7415 demand such a hearing, an assessment and judgment shall enter against

7416 him; and (4) that such judgment may issue without further notice.
7417 Whenever a violation of such an ordinance occurs, proof of the
7418 registration number of the motor vehicle involved shall be prima facie
7419 evidence in all proceedings provided for in this section that the owner
7420 of such vehicle was the operator thereof; provided, the liability of a
7421 lessee under section 14-107 shall apply.

7422 (d) If the person who is sent notice pursuant to subsection (c) of this
7423 section wishes to admit liability for any alleged violation, such person
7424 may, without requesting a hearing, pay the full amount of the fines,
7425 penalties, costs or fees admitted to in person or by mail to an official
7426 designated by the town, city or borough. Such payment shall be
7427 inadmissible in any proceeding, civil or criminal, to establish the
7428 conduct of such person or other person making the payment. Any
7429 person who does not [deliver or mail written demand for] demand a
7430 hearing within ten days of the date of the first notice provided for in
7431 subsection (c) of this section shall be deemed to have admitted liability,
7432 and the designated town official shall certify such person's failure to
7433 respond to the hearing officer. The hearing officer shall thereupon enter
7434 and assess the fines, penalties, costs or fees provided for by the
7435 applicable ordinances and shall follow the procedures set forth in
7436 subsection (f) of this section.

7437 (e) Any person who requests a hearing shall be given written notice
7438 of the date, time and place for the hearing. Such hearing shall be held
7439 not less than fifteen days nor more than thirty days from the date of the
7440 mailing of notice, provided the hearing officer shall grant upon good
7441 cause shown any reasonable request by any interested party for
7442 postponement or continuance. An original or certified copy of the initial
7443 notice of violation issued by a policeman or other issuing officer shall be
7444 filed and retained by the town, city or borough, be deemed to be a
7445 business record within the scope of section 52-180 and be evidence of
7446 the facts contained therein. The presence of the policeman or issuing
7447 officer shall be required at the hearing if such person so requests. A
7448 person wishing to contest his liability shall appear at the hearing in

7449 person or by means of electronic equipment, and may present evidence
7450 in his behalf. A designated town official, other than the hearing officer,
7451 may present evidence on behalf of the town. If such person fails to
7452 appear, the hearing officer may enter an assessment by default against
7453 him upon a finding of proper notice and liability under the applicable
7454 statutes or ordinances. The hearing officer may accept from such person
7455 copies of police reports, Department of Motor Vehicles documents and
7456 other official documents by mail and may determine thereby that the
7457 appearance of such person is unnecessary. The hearing officer shall
7458 conduct the hearing in the order and form and with such methods of
7459 proof as he deems fair and appropriate. The rules regarding the
7460 admissibility of evidence shall not be strictly applied, but all testimony
7461 shall be given under oath or affirmation. The hearing officer shall
7462 announce his decision at the end of the hearing. If he determines that
7463 the person is not liable, he shall dismiss the matter and enter his
7464 determination in writing accordingly. If he determines that the person
7465 is liable for the violation, he shall forthwith enter and assess the fines,
7466 penalties, costs or fees against such person as provided by the applicable
7467 ordinances of that town, city or borough.

7468 (f) If such assessment is not paid on the date of its entry, the hearing
7469 officer shall send by first class mail a notice of the assessment to the
7470 person found liable and shall file, not less than thirty days or more than
7471 twelve months after such mailing, a certified copy of the notice of
7472 assessment with the clerk of a superior court facility designated by the
7473 Chief Court Administrator together with an entry fee of eight dollars.
7474 The certified copy of the notice of assessment shall constitute a record
7475 of assessment. Within such twelve-month period, assessments against
7476 the same person may be accrued and filed as one record of assessment.
7477 The clerk shall enter judgment, in the amount of such record of
7478 assessment and court costs of eight dollars, against such person in favor
7479 of the town, city or borough. Notwithstanding any provision of the
7480 general statutes, the hearing officer's assessment, when so entered as a
7481 judgment, shall have the effect of a civil money judgment and a levy of

7482 execution on such judgment may issue without further notice to such
7483 person.

7484 (g) A person against whom an assessment has been entered pursuant
7485 to this section is entitled to judicial review by way of appeal. An appeal
7486 shall be instituted within thirty days of the mailing of notice of such
7487 assessment by filing a petition to reopen assessment, together with an
7488 entry fee in an amount equal to the entry fee for a small claims case
7489 pursuant to section 52-259, at the Superior Court facility designated by
7490 the Chief Court Administrator, which shall entitle such person to a
7491 hearing in accordance with the rules of the judges of the Superior Court.

7492 Sec. 177. Section 7-245 of the general statutes is repealed and the
7493 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

7494 For the purposes of this chapter: (1) "Acquire a sewerage system"
7495 means obtain title to all or any part of a sewerage system or any interest
7496 therein by purchase, condemnation, grant, gift, lease, rental or
7497 otherwise; (2) "alternative sewage treatment system" means a sewage
7498 treatment system serving one or more buildings that utilizes a method
7499 of treatment other than a subsurface sewage disposal system and that
7500 involves a discharge to the groundwaters of the state; (3) "community
7501 sewerage system" means any sewerage system serving two or more
7502 residences in separate structures which is not connected to a municipal
7503 sewerage system or which is connected to a municipal sewerage system
7504 as a distinct and separately managed district or segment of such system;
7505 (4) "construct a sewerage system" means to acquire land, easements,
7506 rights-of-way or any other real or personal property or any interest
7507 therein, plan, construct, reconstruct, equip, extend and enlarge all or any
7508 part of a sewerage system; (5) "decentralized system" means managed
7509 subsurface sewage disposal systems, managed alternative sewage
7510 treatment systems or community sewerage systems that discharge
7511 sewage flows of less than five thousand gallons per day, are used to
7512 collect and treat domestic sewage, and involve a discharge to the
7513 groundwaters of the state from areas of a municipality; (6)

7514 "decentralized wastewater management district" means areas of a
7515 municipality designated by the municipality through a municipal
7516 ordinance when an engineering report has determined that the existing
7517 subsurface sewage disposal systems may be detrimental to public health
7518 or the environment and that decentralized systems are required and
7519 such report is approved by the Commissioner of Energy and
7520 Environmental Protection with concurring approval by the
7521 Commissioner of Public Health, after consultation with the local
7522 director of health; (7) "electronic equipment" means any technology that
7523 facilitates real-time communication between two or more individuals,
7524 including, but not limited to, telephonic, video and other conferencing
7525 platforms; (8) "municipality" means any metropolitan district, town,
7526 consolidated town and city, consolidated town and borough, city,
7527 borough, village, fire and sewer district, sewer district and each
7528 municipal organization having authority to levy and collect taxes; [(8)]
7529 (9) "operate a sewerage system" means own, use, equip, reequip, repair,
7530 maintain, supervise, manage, operate and perform any act pertinent to
7531 the collection, transportation and disposal of sewage; [(9)] (10) "person"
7532 means any person, partnership, corporation, limited liability company,
7533 association or public agency; [(10)] (11) "remediation standards" means
7534 pollutant limits, performance requirements, design parameters or
7535 technical standards for application to existing sewage discharges in a
7536 decentralized wastewater management district for the improvement of
7537 wastewater treatment to protect public health and the environment;
7538 [(11)] (12) "sewage" means any substance, liquid or solid, which may
7539 contaminate or pollute or affect the cleanliness or purity of any water;
7540 and [(12)] (13) "sewerage system" means any device, equipment,
7541 appurtenance, facility and method for collecting, transporting,
7542 receiving, treating, disposing of or discharging sewage, including, but
7543 not limited to, decentralized systems within a decentralized wastewater
7544 management district when such district is established by municipal
7545 ordinance pursuant to section 7-247.

7546 Sec. 178. Section 7-255 of the general statutes is repealed and the

7547 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

7548 (a) The water pollution control authority may establish and revise fair
7549 and reasonable charges for connection with and for the use of a
7550 sewerage system. The owner of property against which any such
7551 connection or use charge is levied shall be liable for the payment thereof.
7552 Municipally-owned and other tax-exempt property which uses the
7553 sewerage system shall be subject to such charges under the same
7554 conditions as are the owners of other property, but nothing herein shall
7555 be deemed to authorize the levying of any property tax by any
7556 municipality against any property exempt by the general statutes from
7557 property taxation. No charge for connection with or for the use of a
7558 sewerage system shall be established or revised until after a public
7559 hearing before the water pollution control authority at which the owner
7560 of property against which the charges are to be levied shall have an
7561 opportunity to be heard concerning the proposed charges. Such hearing
7562 may be conducted in person or by means of electronic equipment.
7563 Notice of the time, place and purpose of such hearing shall be published
7564 at least ten days before the date thereof in a newspaper having a general
7565 circulation in the municipality and on the Internet web site of the
7566 municipality. A copy of the proposed charges shall be on file in the office
7567 of the clerk of the municipality and available for inspection by the public
7568 for at least ten days before the date of such hearing. When the water
7569 pollution control authority has established or revised such charges, it
7570 shall file a copy thereof in the office of the clerk of the municipality and,
7571 not later than five days after such filing, shall cause the same to be
7572 published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the
7573 municipality and on the Internet web site of the municipality. Such
7574 publication shall state the date on which such charges were filed and the
7575 time and manner of paying such charges and shall state that any appeals
7576 from such charges must be taken within twenty-one days after such
7577 filing. In establishing or revising such charges the water pollution
7578 control authority may classify the property connected or to be connected
7579 with the sewer system and the users of such system, including

7580 categories of industrial users, and may give consideration to any factors
7581 relating to the kind, quality or extent of use of any such property or
7582 classification of property or users including, but not limited to, (1) the
7583 volume of water discharged to the sewerage system, (2) the type or size
7584 of building connected with the sewerage system, (3) the number of
7585 plumbing fixtures connected with the sewerage system, (4) the number
7586 of persons customarily using the property served by the sewerage
7587 system, (5) in the case of commercial or industrial property, the average
7588 number of employees and guests using the property and (6) the quality
7589 and character of the material discharged into the sewerage system. The
7590 water pollution control authority may establish minimum charges for
7591 connection with and for the use of a sewerage system. Any person
7592 aggrieved by any charge for connection with or for the use of a sewerage
7593 system may appeal to the superior court for the judicial district wherein
7594 the municipality is located and shall bring any such appeal to a return
7595 day of said court not less than twelve or more than thirty days after
7596 service thereof. The judgment of the court shall be final.

7597 (b) Any municipality may, by ordinance, provide for the payment to
7598 the water pollution control authority by such municipality of the whole
7599 or a portion of such charges for specified classifications of property or
7600 users, provided such classifications are established by the water
7601 pollution control authority in accordance with the provisions of
7602 subsection (a) of this section and meet the requirements of the federal
7603 Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972, P.L. 92-500, as
7604 amended from time to time. [amended.]

7605 (c) Any municipality may, by ordinance, provide for optional
7606 methods of payment of sewer use charges to the water pollution control
7607 authority by (1) elderly taxpayers who are eligible for tax relief under
7608 the provisions of section 12-129b, section 12-170aa or a plan of tax relief
7609 for elderly taxpayers provided by such municipality in accordance with
7610 section 12-129n or (2) any taxpayer under the age of sixty-five who is
7611 eligible for tax relief under the provisions of a plan for tax relief
7612 provided by such municipality in accordance with subdivision (2) of

7613 section 12-129n.

7614 Sec. 179. Section 7-257 of the general statutes is repealed and the
7615 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

7616 The water pollution control authority may order the owner of any
7617 building to which a sewerage system is available to connect such
7618 building with the system or order the owner to construct and connect
7619 the building to an alternative sewage treatment system. No such order
7620 shall be issued until after a public hearing with respect thereto is
7621 conducted in person or by means of electronic equipment after due
7622 notice in writing to such property owner. Any owner aggrieved by such
7623 an order may, within twenty-one days, appeal to the superior court for
7624 the judicial district wherein the municipality is located. Such appeal
7625 shall be brought to a return day of said court not less than twelve or
7626 more than thirty days after service thereof. The judgment of the court
7627 shall be final. If any owner fails to comply with an order to connect, the
7628 water pollution control authority shall cause the connection to be made
7629 and shall assess the expense thereof against such owner.

7630 Sec. 180. Section 12-111 of the general statutes is repealed and the
7631 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

7632 (a) Any person, including any lessee of real property whose lease has
7633 been recorded as provided in section 47-19 and who is bound under the
7634 terms of a lease to pay real property taxes and any person to whom title
7635 to such property has been transferred since the assessment date,
7636 claiming to be aggrieved by the doings of the assessors of such town
7637 may appeal therefrom to the board of assessment appeals. Such appeal
7638 shall be filed [.] in writing [.] or by electronic mail in a manner prescribed
7639 by such board on or before February twentieth. The [written] appeal
7640 shall include, but is not limited to, the property owner's name, name and
7641 position of the signer, description of the property which is the subject of
7642 the appeal, name, [and] mailing address and electronic mail address of
7643 the party to be sent all correspondence by the board of assessment

7644 appeals, reason for the appeal, appellant's estimate of value, signature
7645 of property owner, or duly authorized agent of the property owner, and
7646 date of signature. The board shall notify each aggrieved taxpayer who
7647 filed [a written] an appeal in the proper form and in a timely manner,
7648 no later than March first immediately following the assessment date, of
7649 the date, time and place of the appeal hearing. Such notice shall be sent
7650 no later than seven calendar days preceding the hearing date except that
7651 the board may elect not to conduct an appeal hearing for any
7652 commercial, industrial, utility or apartment property with an assessed
7653 value greater than one million dollars. The board shall, not later than
7654 March first, notify the appellant that the board has elected not to
7655 conduct an appeal hearing. An appellant whose appeal will not be heard
7656 by the board may appeal directly to the Superior Court pursuant to
7657 section 12-117a. The board shall determine all appeals for which the
7658 board conducts an appeal hearing and send written notification of the
7659 final determination of such appeals to each such person within one week
7660 after such determination has been made. Such written notification shall
7661 include information describing the property owner's right to appeal the
7662 determination of such board. Such board may equalize and adjust the
7663 grand list of such town and may increase or decrease the assessment of
7664 any taxable property or interest therein and may add an assessment for
7665 property omitted by the assessors which should be added thereto; and
7666 may add to the grand list the name of any person omitted by the
7667 assessors and owning taxable property in such town, placing therein all
7668 property liable to taxation which it has reason to believe is owned by
7669 such person, at the percentage of its actual valuation, as determined by
7670 the assessors in accordance with the provisions of sections 12-64 and 12-
7671 71, from the best information that it can obtain, and if such property
7672 should have been included in the declaration, as required by section 12-
7673 42 or 12-43, it shall add thereto twenty-five per cent of such assessment;
7674 but, before proceeding to increase the assessment of any person or to
7675 add to the grand list the name of any person so omitted, it shall mail to
7676 such person, postage paid, at least one week before making such
7677 increase or addition, a written or printed notice addressed to such

7678 person at the town in which such person resides, to appear before such
7679 board and show cause why such increase or addition should not be
7680 made. When the board increases or decreases the gross assessment of
7681 any taxable real property or interest therein, the amount of such gross
7682 assessment shall be fixed until the assessment year in which the
7683 municipality next implements a revaluation of all real property
7684 pursuant to section 12-62, unless the assessor increases or decreases the
7685 gross assessment of the property to (1) comply with an order of a court
7686 of jurisdiction, (2) reflect an addition for new construction, (3) reflect a
7687 reduction for damage or demolition, or (4) correct a factual error by
7688 issuance of a certificate of correction. Notwithstanding the provisions of
7689 this subsection, if, prior to the next revaluation, the assessor increases or
7690 decreases a gross assessment established by the board for any other
7691 reason, the assessor shall submit a written explanation to the board
7692 setting forth the reason for such increase or decrease. The assessor shall
7693 also append the written explanation to the property card for the real
7694 estate parcel whose gross assessment was increased or decreased.

7695 (b) If an extension is granted to any assessor or board of assessors
7696 pursuant to section 12-117, the date by which a taxpayer shall be
7697 required to submit a [written] request for appeal to the board of
7698 assessment appeals shall be extended to March twentieth and said
7699 board shall conduct hearings regarding such requests during the month
7700 of April. The board shall send notification to the taxpayer of the time
7701 and date of an appeal hearing at least seven calendar days preceding the
7702 hearing date, but no later than the first day of April. If the board elects
7703 not to hear an appeal for commercial, industrial, utility or apartment
7704 property described in subsection (a) of this section, the board shall
7705 notify the taxpayer of such decision no later than the first day of April.

7706 Sec. 181. Section 12-117 of the general statutes is repealed and the
7707 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

7708 (a) The period prescribed by law for the completion of the duties of
7709 any assessor, board of assessors or board of assessment appeals may, for

7710 due cause shown, be extended by the chief executive officer of the town
7711 for a period not exceeding one month, and in the case of the board of
7712 assessment appeals in any town in the assessment year in which a
7713 revaluation, pursuant to section 12-62, is required to be effective, such
7714 period shall be extended by said chief executive officer for a period not
7715 exceeding two months. Not later than two weeks after granting an
7716 extension as provided under this subsection, the chief executive officer
7717 shall send [written] notice of the extension to the Secretary of the Office
7718 of Policy and Management by mail or electronic mail in a manner
7719 prescribed by the secretary.

7720 (b) If, in the assessment year in which a revaluation is required to be
7721 effective, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management
7722 determines, on the basis of information provided [, in writing,] by the
7723 board of assessment appeals and the chief executive officer, that the
7724 number of appeals pending before such board is such as to preclude fair
7725 and equitable consideration of such appeals within the extended period
7726 of time provided under subsection (a) of this section, the secretary may
7727 authorize a postponement of the implementation of said revaluation
7728 until the assessment day next ensuing. If the secretary authorizes such
7729 postponement, the town shall not be subject to the penalty provisions of
7730 subsection (d) of section 12-62. Upon receipt of the secretary's notice of
7731 authorization, the assessor shall revise the real property grand list for
7732 the assessment year with respect to which such postponement is
7733 applicable, to reflect assessments for such property effective in the
7734 assessment year immediately preceding. The real property grand list
7735 from which such appeals are taken shall then become the real property
7736 grand list for the assessment day next ensuing, subject only to transfers
7737 of ownership, additions for new construction, reductions for
7738 demolitions and such adjustments as are authorized by the board of
7739 assessment appeals, unless the assessor revalues all real property for
7740 said assessment day in accordance with section 12-62. The secretary
7741 shall not grant an authorization to a town, pursuant to this subsection,
7742 in consecutive years.

7743 (c) During any assessment year in which the provisions of subsection
7744 (b) of this section become applicable, the assessor or board of assessors
7745 shall, not later than thirty days after the date on which the Secretary of
7746 the Office of Policy and Management authorizes the postponement of
7747 revaluation, complete the grand list as required by subsection (b) of this
7748 section. An increase notice shall be prepared in the manner prescribed
7749 by section 12-55, and, [mailed,] not later than the tenth day after the
7750 completion of said grand list, mailed or sent by electronic mail to each
7751 owner whose property valuation on said grand list increased above the
7752 valuation of such property in the last-preceding assessment year.
7753 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 12-112, any owner may
7754 appeal such increase to the board of assessment appeals not later than
7755 thirty days after the date of such notice. If the assessor or board of
7756 assessors fails to comply with the notice requirements in this subsection,
7757 any such increase shall not take effect until the next succeeding
7758 assessment date.

7759 Sec. 182. Subsection (a) of section 12-170f of the general statutes is
7760 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
7761 *1, 2021*):

7762 (a) Any renter, believing himself or herself to be entitled to a grant
7763 under section 12-170d for any calendar year, shall apply for such grant
7764 to the assessor of the municipality in which the renter resides or to the
7765 duly authorized agent of such assessor or municipality on or after April
7766 first and not later than October first of each year with respect to such
7767 grant for the calendar year preceding each such year. [.] Such
7768 application shall be made on a form prescribed and furnished by the
7769 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management [to the assessor] or
7770 electronically in a manner prescribed by the secretary. Municipalities
7771 that require notarization of a landlord verification of property rental on
7772 an application under this section (1) shall exempt a renter from the
7773 requirement if a landlord verification for the same property rental by
7774 the same renter has been previously notarized, and (2) shall not delay
7775 submission of the application of an otherwise qualified renter to the

7776 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management if the renter fails to
7777 meet the deadline for notarizing such landlord verification. A renter
7778 may apply to the secretary prior to December fifteenth of the claim year
7779 for an extension of the application period. The secretary may grant such
7780 extension in the case of extenuating circumstance due to illness or
7781 incapacitation as evidenced by a certificate signed by a physician or an
7782 advanced practice registered nurse to that extent, or if the secretary
7783 determines there is good cause for doing so. A renter making such
7784 application shall present to such assessor or agent, in substantiation of
7785 the renter's application, a copy of the renter's federal income tax return,
7786 and if not required to file a federal income tax return, such other
7787 evidence of qualifying income, receipts for money received, or cancelled
7788 checks, or copies thereof, and any other evidence the assessor or such
7789 agent may require. When the assessor or agent is satisfied that the
7790 applying renter is entitled to a grant, such assessor or agent shall issue
7791 a certificate of grant in such form as the secretary may prescribe and
7792 supply showing the amount of the grant due.

7793 Sec. 183. Section 12-170g of the general statutes is repealed and the
7794 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

7795 Any person aggrieved by the action of the assessor or agent in fixing
7796 the amount of the grant under section 12-170f, or in disapproving the
7797 claim therefor may apply to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
7798 Management in writing or electronically in a manner prescribed by the
7799 secretary, within thirty business days from the date of notice given to
7800 such person by the assessor or agent, giving notice of such grievance.
7801 The secretary shall promptly consider such notice and may grant or
7802 deny the relief requested, provided such decision shall be made not later
7803 than thirty business days after the receipt of such notice. If the relief is
7804 denied, the applicant shall be notified forthwith, and the applicant may
7805 appeal the decision of the secretary in accordance with the provisions of
7806 section 12-120b.

7807 Sec. 184. Subsection (a) of section 12-170w of the general statutes is

7808 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
7809 *1, 2021*):

7810 (a) No claim shall be accepted under section 12-170v unless the
7811 taxpayer or authorized agent of such taxpayer files an application with
7812 the assessor of the municipality in which the property is located, [in such
7813 form and manner as the assessor may prescribe,] during the period from
7814 February first to and including May fifteenth of any year in which
7815 benefits are first claimed. [, including] Such application shall be made in
7816 writing or electronically in a manner prescribed by the assessor, and
7817 shall include such information as is necessary to substantiate such claim
7818 in accordance with requirements in such application. A taxpayer may
7819 make application to the assessor in writing or electronically in a manner
7820 prescribed by the assessor prior to August fifteenth of the claim year for
7821 an extension of the application period. The assessor may grant such
7822 extension in the case of extenuating circumstance due to illness or
7823 incapacitation as evidenced by a certificate signed by a physician or an
7824 advanced practice registered nurse to that extent, or if the assessor
7825 determines there is good cause for doing so. The taxpayer shall present
7826 to the assessor a paper or electronic copy of such taxpayer's federal
7827 income tax return and the federal income tax return of such taxpayer's
7828 spouse, if filed separately, for such taxpayer's taxable year ending
7829 immediately prior to the submission of the taxpayer's application, or if
7830 not required to file a federal income tax return, such other evidence of
7831 qualifying income in respect to such taxable year as the assessor may
7832 require. Each such application, together with the federal income tax
7833 return and any other information submitted in relation thereto, shall be
7834 examined by the assessor and a determination shall be made as to
7835 whether the application is approved. Upon determination by the
7836 assessor that the applying homeowner is entitled to tax relief in
7837 accordance with the provisions of section 12-170v and this section, the
7838 assessor shall notify the homeowner and the municipal tax collector of
7839 the approval of such application. The municipal tax collector shall
7840 determine the maximum amount of the tax due with respect to such

7841 homeowner's residence and thereafter the property tax with respect to
7842 such homeowner's residence shall not exceed such amount. After a
7843 taxpayer's claim for the first year has been filed and approved such
7844 taxpayer shall file such an application biennially. In respect to such
7845 application required after the filing and approval for the first year the
7846 assessor in each municipality shall notify each such taxpayer concerning
7847 application requirements by [regular] mail, or, at the taxpayer's option,
7848 electronic mail, not later than February first of the assessment year in
7849 which such taxpayer is required to reapply, [enclosing] providing a
7850 copy of the required application form. Such taxpayer may submit such
7851 application to the assessor, [by mail,] provided it is received by the
7852 assessor not later than April fifteenth in the assessment year with
7853 respect to which such tax relief is claimed. Not later than April thirtieth
7854 of such year the assessor shall notify, by mail evidenced by a certificate
7855 of mailing, any such taxpayer for whom such application was not
7856 received by said April fifteenth concerning application requirements
7857 and such taxpayer shall submit not later than May fifteenth such
7858 application personally, or for reasonable cause, by a person acting on
7859 behalf of such taxpayer as approved by the assessor.

7860 Sec. 185. Section 12-170aa of the general statutes is repealed and the
7861 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

7862 (a) There is established, for the assessment year commencing October
7863 1, 1985, and each assessment year thereafter, a revised state program of
7864 property tax relief for certain elderly homeowners as determined in
7865 accordance with subsection (b) of this section, and additionally for the
7866 assessment year commencing October 1, 1986, and each assessment year
7867 thereafter, the property tax relief benefits of such program are made
7868 available to certain homeowners who are permanently and totally
7869 disabled as determined in accordance with said subsection (b) of this
7870 section.

7871 (b) (1) The program established by this section shall provide for a
7872 reduction in property tax, except in the case of benefits payable as a

7873 grant under certain circumstances in accordance with provisions in
7874 subsection (j) of this section, applicable to the assessed value of certain
7875 real property, determined in accordance with subsection (c) of this
7876 section, for any (A) owner of real property, including any owner of real
7877 property held in trust for such owner, provided such owner or such
7878 owner and such owner's spouse are the grantor and beneficiary of such
7879 trust, (B) tenant for life or tenant for a term of years liable for property
7880 tax under section 12-48, or (C) resident of a multiple-dwelling complex
7881 under certain contractual conditions as provided in said subsection (j)
7882 of this section, who (i) at the close of the preceding calendar year has
7883 attained age sixty-five or over, or whose spouse domiciled with such
7884 homeowner, has attained age sixty-five or over at the close of the
7885 preceding calendar year, or is fifty years of age or over and the surviving
7886 spouse of a homeowner who at the time of his death had qualified and
7887 was entitled to tax relief under this section, provided such spouse was
7888 domiciled with such homeowner at the time of his death or (ii) at the
7889 close of the preceding calendar year has not attained age sixty-five and
7890 is eligible in accordance with applicable federal regulations to receive
7891 permanent total disability benefits under Social Security, or has not been
7892 engaged in employment covered by Social Security and accordingly has
7893 not qualified for benefits thereunder but who has become qualified for
7894 permanent total disability benefits under any federal, state or local
7895 government retirement or disability plan, including the Railroad
7896 Retirement Act and any government-related teacher's retirement plan,
7897 determined by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management to
7898 contain requirements in respect to qualification for such permanent total
7899 disability benefits which are comparable to such requirements under
7900 Social Security; and in addition to qualification under (i) or (ii) above,
7901 whose taxable and nontaxable income, the total of which shall
7902 hereinafter be called "qualifying income", in the tax year of such
7903 homeowner ending immediately preceding the date of application for
7904 benefits under the program in this section, was not in excess of sixteen
7905 thousand two hundred dollars, if unmarried, or twenty thousand
7906 dollars, jointly with spouse if married, subject to adjustments in

7907 accordance with subdivision (2) of this subsection, evidence of which
7908 income shall be required in the form of a signed affidavit to be submitted
7909 to the assessor in the municipality in which application for benefits
7910 under this section is filed. Such affidavit may be filed electronically, in
7911 a manner prescribed by the assessor. The amount of any Medicaid
7912 payments made on behalf of such homeowner or the spouse of such
7913 homeowner shall not constitute income. The amount of tax reduction
7914 provided under this section, determined in accordance with and subject
7915 to the variable factors in the schedule of amounts of tax reduction in
7916 subsection (c) of this section, shall be allowed only with respect to a
7917 residential dwelling owned by such qualified homeowner and used as
7918 such homeowner's primary place of residence. If title to real property or
7919 a tenancy interest liable for real property taxes is recorded in the name
7920 of such qualified homeowner or his spouse making a claim and
7921 qualifying under this section and any other person or persons, the
7922 claimant hereunder shall be entitled to pay his fractional share of the tax
7923 on such property calculated in accordance with the provisions of this
7924 section, and such other person or persons shall pay his or their fractional
7925 share of the tax without regard for the provisions of this section, unless
7926 also qualified hereunder. For the purposes of this section, a "mobile
7927 manufactured home", as defined in section 12-63a, or a dwelling on
7928 leased land, including but not limited to a modular home, shall be
7929 deemed to be real property and the word "taxes" shall not include
7930 special assessments, interest and lien fees.

7931 (2) The amounts of qualifying income as provided in this section shall
7932 be adjusted annually in a uniform manner to reflect the annual inflation
7933 adjustment in Social Security income, with each such adjustment of
7934 qualifying income determined to the nearest one hundred dollars. Each
7935 such adjustment of qualifying income shall be prepared by the Secretary
7936 of the Office of Policy and Management in relation to the annual
7937 inflation adjustment in Social Security, if any, becoming effective at any
7938 time during the twelve-month period immediately preceding the first
7939 day of October each year and the amount of such adjustment shall be

7940 distributed to the assessors in each municipality not later than the thirty-
7941 first day of December next following.

7942 (3) For purposes of determining qualifying income under subdivision
7943 (1) of this subsection with respect to a married homeowner who submits
7944 an application for tax reduction in accordance with this section, the
7945 Social Security income of the spouse of such homeowner shall not be
7946 included in the qualifying income of such homeowner, for purposes of
7947 determining eligibility for benefits under this section, if such spouse is
7948 a resident of a health care or nursing home facility in this state receiving
7949 payment related to such spouse under the Title XIX Medicaid program.
7950 An applicant who is legally separated pursuant to the provisions of
7951 section 46b-40, as of the thirty-first day of December preceding the date
7952 on which such person files an application for a grant in accordance with
7953 subsection (a) of this section, may apply as an unmarried person and
7954 shall be regarded as such for purposes of determining qualifying income
7955 under said subsection.

7956 (c) The amount of reduction in property tax provided under this
7957 section shall, subject to the provisions of subsection (d) of this section,
7958 be determined in accordance with the following schedule:

T29	Qualifying Income		Tax Reduction	Tax Reduction	
T30			As Percentage	For Any Year	
T31	Over	Not Exceeding	Of Property Tax		
T32	Married Homeowners			Maximum	Minimum
T33	\$ 0	\$11,700	50%	\$1,250	\$400
T34	11,700	15,900	40	1,000	350
T35	15,900	19,700	30	750	250
T36	19,700	23,600	20	500	150
T37	23,600	28,900	10	250	150
T38	28,900		None		
T39	Unmarried Homeowners				

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T40	\$ 0	\$11,700	40%	\$1,000	\$350
T41	11,700	15,900	30	750	250
T42	15,900	19,700	20	500	150
T43	19,700	23,600	10	250	150
T44	23,600		None		

7959 (d) Any homeowner qualified for tax reduction in accordance with
7960 subsection (b) of this section in an amount to be determined under the
7961 schedule of such tax reduction in subsection (c) of this section, shall in
7962 no event receive less in tax reduction than the minimum amount of such
7963 reduction applicable to the qualifying income of such homeowner
7964 according to the schedule in said subsection (c).

7965 (e) Any claim for tax reduction under this section shall be submitted
7966 for approval, on the application form prepared for such purpose by the
7967 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, in the first year claim
7968 for such tax relief is filed and biennially thereafter. Such application
7969 form may be submitted by mail or electronic mail, in a manner
7970 prescribed by the secretary. The amount of tax reduction approved shall
7971 be applied to the real property tax payable by the homeowner for the
7972 assessment year in which such application is submitted and approved.
7973 If any such homeowner has qualified for tax reduction under this
7974 section, the tax reduction determined shall, when possible, be applied
7975 and prorated uniformly over the number of installments in which the
7976 real property tax is due and payable to the municipality in which he
7977 resides. In the case of any homeowner who is eligible for tax reduction
7978 under this section as a result of increases in qualifying income, effective
7979 with respect to the assessment year commencing October 1, 1987, under
7980 the schedule of qualifying income and tax reduction in subsection (c) of
7981 this section, exclusive of any such increases related to social security
7982 adjustments in accordance with subsection (b) of this section, the total
7983 amount of tax reduction to which such homeowner is entitled shall be
7984 credited and uniformly prorated against property tax installment
7985 payments applicable to such homeowner's residence which become due

7986 after such homeowner's application for tax reduction under this section
7987 is accepted. In the event that a homeowner has paid in full the amount
7988 of property tax applicable to such homeowner's residence, regardless of
7989 whether the municipality requires the payment of property taxes in one
7990 or more installments, such municipality shall make payment to such
7991 homeowner in the amount of the tax reduction allowed. The
7992 municipality shall be reimbursed for the amount of such payment in
7993 accordance with subsection (g) of this section. In respect to such
7994 application required biennially after the filing and approval for the first
7995 year, the tax assessor in each municipality shall notify each such
7996 homeowner concerning application requirements by [regular] mail or,
7997 at such homeowner's option, electronic mail, not later than February
7998 first, annually enclosing a copy of the required application form. Such
7999 homeowner may submit such application to the assessor by mail or
8000 electronic mail, in a manner prescribed by the assessor, provided it is
8001 received by the assessor not later than April fifteenth in the assessment
8002 year with respect to which such tax reduction is claimed. Not later than
8003 April thirtieth of such year the assessor shall notify, by mail evidenced
8004 by a certificate of mailing, any such homeowner for whom such
8005 application was not received by said April fifteenth concerning
8006 application requirements and such homeowner shall be required not
8007 later than May fifteenth to submit such application personally or by
8008 electronic mail, in a manner prescribed by the assessor, or, for
8009 reasonable cause, by a person acting on behalf of such taxpayer as
8010 approved by the assessor. In the year immediately following any year
8011 in which such homeowner has submitted application and qualified for
8012 tax reduction in accordance with this section, such homeowner shall be
8013 presumed, without filing application therefor, to be qualified for tax
8014 reduction in accordance with the schedule in subsection (c) of this
8015 section in the same percentage of property tax as allowed in the year
8016 immediately preceding. If any homeowner has qualified and received
8017 tax reduction under this section and subsequently in any calendar year
8018 has qualifying income in excess of the maximum described in this
8019 section, such homeowner shall notify the tax assessor by mail or

8020 electronic mail, in a manner prescribed by the assessor, on or before the
8021 next filing date and shall be denied tax reduction under this section for
8022 the assessment year and any subsequent year or until such homeowner
8023 has reapplied and again qualified for benefits under this section. Any
8024 such person who fails to so notify the tax assessor of his disqualification
8025 shall refund all amounts of tax reduction improperly taken and be fined
8026 not more than five hundred dollars.

8027 (f) Any homeowner, believing such homeowner is entitled to tax
8028 reduction benefits under this section for any assessment year, shall
8029 make application as required in subsection (e) of this section, to the
8030 assessor of the municipality in which the homeowner resides, for such
8031 tax reduction at any time from February first to and including May
8032 fifteenth of the year in which tax reduction is claimed. A homeowner
8033 may make application to the secretary prior to August fifteenth of the
8034 claim year for an extension of the application period. The secretary may
8035 grant such extension in the case of extenuating circumstance due to
8036 illness or incapacitation as evidenced by a certificate signed by a
8037 physician or an advanced practice registered nurse to that extent, or if
8038 the secretary determines there is good cause for doing so. Such
8039 application for tax reduction benefits shall be submitted on a form
8040 prescribed and furnished by the secretary to the assessor. In making
8041 application the homeowner shall present to such assessor, in
8042 substantiation of such homeowner's application, a copy of such
8043 homeowner's federal income tax return, including a copy of the Social
8044 Security statement of earnings for such homeowner, and that of such
8045 homeowner's spouse, if filed separately, for such homeowner's taxable
8046 year ending immediately prior to the submission of such application, or
8047 if not required to file a return, such other evidence of qualifying income
8048 in respect to such taxable year as may be required by the assessor. When
8049 the assessor is satisfied that the applying homeowner is entitled to tax
8050 reduction in accordance with this section, such assessor shall issue a
8051 certificate of credit, in such form as the secretary may prescribe and
8052 supply showing the amount of tax reduction allowed. A duplicate of

8053 such certificate shall be delivered to the applicant and the tax collector
8054 of the municipality and the assessor shall keep the fourth copy of such
8055 certificate and a copy of the application. Any homeowner who, for the
8056 purpose of obtaining a tax reduction under this section, wilfully fails to
8057 disclose all matters related thereto or with intent to defraud makes false
8058 statement shall refund all property tax credits improperly taken and
8059 shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars. Applications filed
8060 under this section shall not be open for public inspection.

8061 (g) On or before July first, annually, each municipality shall submit
8062 to the secretary a claim for the tax reductions approved under this
8063 section in relation to the assessment list of October first immediately
8064 preceding. On or after December 1, 1987, any municipality that neglects
8065 to transmit to the secretary the claim as required by this section shall
8066 forfeit two hundred fifty dollars to the state, except that the secretary
8067 may waive such forfeiture in accordance with procedures and standards
8068 established by regulations adopted in accordance with chapter 54.
8069 Subject to procedures for review and approval of such data pursuant to
8070 section 12-120b, said secretary shall, on or before December fifteenth
8071 next following, certify to the Comptroller the amount due each
8072 municipality as reimbursement for loss of property tax revenue related
8073 to the tax reductions allowed under this section, except that the
8074 secretary may reduce the amount due as reimbursement under this
8075 section by up to one hundred per cent for any municipality that is not
8076 eligible for a grant under section 32-9s. The Comptroller shall draw an
8077 order on the Treasurer on or before the fifth business day following
8078 December fifteenth and the Treasurer shall pay the amount due each
8079 municipality not later than the thirty-first day of December. Any
8080 claimant aggrieved by the results of the secretary's review shall have the
8081 rights of appeal as set forth in section 12-120b. The amount of the grant
8082 payable to each municipality in any year in accordance with this section
8083 shall be reduced proportionately in the event that the total of such grants
8084 in such year exceeds the amount appropriated for the purposes of this
8085 section with respect to such year.

8086 (h) Any person who is the owner of a residential dwelling on leased
8087 land, including any such person who is a sublessee under terms of the
8088 lease agreement applicable to such land, shall be entitled to claim tax
8089 relief under the provisions of this section, subject to all requirements
8090 therein except as provided in this subdivision, with respect to property
8091 taxes paid by such person on the assessed value of such dwelling,
8092 provided (1) the dwelling is such person's principal place of residence,
8093 (2) such lease or sublease requires that such person as the lessee or
8094 sublessee, whichever is applicable, pay all property taxes related to the
8095 dwelling and (3) such lease or sublease is recorded in the land records
8096 of the town.

8097 (i) If any person with respect to whom a claim for tax reduction in
8098 accordance with this section has been approved for any assessment year
8099 transfers, assigns, grants or otherwise conveys on or after the first day
8100 of October but prior to the first day of August in such assessment year
8101 the interest in real property to which such claim for tax credit is related,
8102 regardless of whether such transfer, assignment, grant or conveyance is
8103 voluntary or involuntary, the amount of such tax credit shall be a pro
8104 rata portion of the amount otherwise applicable in such assessment year
8105 to be determined by a fraction the numerator of which shall be the
8106 number of full months from the first day of October in such assessment
8107 year to the date of such conveyance and the denominator of which shall
8108 be twelve. If such conveyance occurs in the month of October the
8109 grantor shall be disqualified for tax credit in such assessment year. The
8110 grantee shall be required within a period not exceeding ten days
8111 immediately following the date of such conveyance to notify the
8112 assessor thereof by mail or electronic mail, in a manner prescribed by
8113 the assessor, or in the absence of such notice, upon determination by the
8114 assessor that such transfer, assignment, grant or conveyance has
8115 occurred, the assessor shall (1) determine the amount of tax reduction to
8116 which the grantor is entitled for such assessment year with respect to
8117 the interest in real property conveyed and notify the tax collector of the
8118 reduced amount of tax reduction applicable to such interest and (2)

8119 notify the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management on or before
8120 the October first immediately following the end of the assessment year
8121 in which such conveyance occurs of the reduction in such tax reduction
8122 for purposes of a corresponding adjustment in the amount of state
8123 payment to the municipality next following as reimbursement for the
8124 revenue loss related to such tax reductions. On or after December 1,
8125 1987, any municipality which neglects to transmit to the Secretary of the
8126 Office of Policy and Management the claim as required by this section
8127 shall forfeit two hundred fifty dollars to the state provided the secretary
8128 may waive such forfeiture in accordance with procedures and standards
8129 established by regulations adopted in accordance with chapter 54. Upon
8130 receipt of such notice from the assessor, the tax collector shall, if such
8131 notice is received after the tax due date in the municipality, within ten
8132 days thereafter mail, [or] hand or deliver by electronic mail, at the
8133 grantee's option, a bill to the grantee stating the additional amount of
8134 tax due as determined by the assessor. Such tax shall be due and payable
8135 and collectible as other property taxes and subject to the same liens and
8136 processes of collection, provided such tax shall be due and payable in
8137 an initial or single installment not sooner than thirty days after the date
8138 such bill is mailed or handed to the grantee and in equal amounts in any
8139 remaining, regular installments as the same are due and payable.

8140 (j) (1) Notwithstanding the intent in subsections (a) to (i), inclusive,
8141 of this section to provide for benefits in the form of property tax
8142 reduction applicable to persons liable for payment of such property tax
8143 and qualified in accordance with requirements related to age and
8144 income as provided in subsection (b) of this section, a certain annual
8145 benefit, determined in amount under the provisions of subsections (c)
8146 and (d) of this section but payable in a manner as prescribed in this
8147 subsection, shall be provided with respect to any person who (A) is
8148 qualified in accordance with said requirements related to age and
8149 income as provided in subsection (b) of this section, including
8150 provisions concerning such person's spouse, and (B) is a resident of a
8151 dwelling unit within a multiple-dwelling complex containing dwelling

8152 units for occupancy by certain elderly persons under terms of a contract
8153 between such resident and the owner of such complex, in accordance
8154 with which contract such resident occupies a certain dwelling unit
8155 subject to the express provision that such resident has no legal title,
8156 interest or leasehold estate in the real or personal property of such
8157 complex, and under the terms of which contract such resident agrees to
8158 pay the owner of the complex a fee, as a condition precedent to
8159 occupancy and a monthly or other such periodic fee thereafter as a
8160 condition of continued occupancy. In no event shall any such resident
8161 be qualified for benefits payable in accordance with this subsection if, as
8162 determined by the assessor in the municipality in which such complex
8163 is situated, such resident's contract with the owner of such complex, or
8164 occupancy by such resident (i) confers upon such resident any
8165 ownership interest in the dwelling unit occupied or in such complex, or
8166 (ii) establishes a contract of lease of any type for the dwelling unit
8167 occupied by such resident.

8168 (2) The amount of annual benefit payable in accordance with this
8169 subsection to any such resident, qualified as provided in subdivision (1)
8170 of this subsection, shall be determined in relation to an assumed amount
8171 of property tax liability applicable to the assessed value for the dwelling
8172 unit which such resident occupies, as determined by the assessor in the
8173 municipality in which such complex is situated. Annually, not later than
8174 the first day of June, the assessor in such municipality, upon receipt of
8175 an application for such benefit submitted in accordance with this
8176 subsection by mail or electronic mail, in a manner prescribed by the
8177 assessor, by any such resident, shall determine, with respect to the
8178 assessment list in such municipality for the assessment year
8179 commencing October first immediately preceding, the portion of the
8180 assessed value of the entire complex, as included in such assessment list,
8181 attributable to the dwelling unit occupied by such resident. The
8182 assumed property tax liability for purposes of this subsection shall be
8183 the product of such assessed value and the mill rate in such municipality
8184 as determined for purposes of property tax imposed on said assessment

8185 list for the assessment year commencing October first immediately
8186 preceding. The amount of benefit to which such resident shall be
8187 entitled for such assessment year shall be equivalent to the amount of
8188 tax reduction for which such resident would qualify, considering such
8189 assumed property tax liability to be the actual property tax applicable
8190 to such resident's dwelling unit and such resident as liable for the
8191 payment of such tax, in accordance with the schedule of qualifying
8192 income and tax reduction as provided in subsection (c) of this section,
8193 subject to provisions concerning maximum allowable benefit for any
8194 assessment year under subsections (c) and (d) of this section. The
8195 amount of benefit as determined for such resident in respect to any
8196 assessment year shall be payable by the state as a grant to such resident
8197 equivalent to the amount of property tax reduction to which such
8198 resident would be entitled under subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this
8199 section if such resident were the owner of such dwelling unit and
8200 qualified for tax reduction benefits under said subsections (a) to (i),
8201 inclusive.

8202 (3) Any such resident entitled to a grant as provided in subdivision
8203 (2) of this subsection shall be required to submit an application to the
8204 assessor in the municipality in which such resident resides for such
8205 grant [to] by mail or electronic mail, in a manner prescribed by the
8206 assessor, [in the municipality in which such resident resides] at any time
8207 from February first to and including the fifteenth day of May in the year
8208 in which such grant is claimed, on a form prescribed and furnished for
8209 such purpose by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management.
8210 Any such resident submitting an application for such grant shall be
8211 required to present to the assessor, in substantiation of such application,
8212 a copy of such resident's federal income tax return, and if not required
8213 to file a federal income tax return, such other evidence of qualifying
8214 income, receipts for money received or cancelled checks, or copies
8215 thereof, and any other evidence the assessor may require. Not later than
8216 the first day of July in such year, the assessor shall submit to the
8217 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management (A) a copy of the

8218 application prepared by such resident, together with such resident's
8219 federal income tax return, if required to file such a return, and any other
8220 information submitted in relation thereto, (B) determinations of the
8221 assessor concerning the assessed value of the dwelling unit in such
8222 complex occupied by such resident, and (C) the amount of such grant
8223 approved by the assessor. Said secretary, upon approving such grant,
8224 shall certify the amount thereof and not later than the fifteenth day of
8225 September immediately following submit approval for payment of such
8226 grant to the State Comptroller. Not later than five business days
8227 immediately following receipt of such approval for payment, the State
8228 Comptroller shall draw his or her order upon the State Treasurer and
8229 the Treasurer shall pay the amount of the grant to such resident not later
8230 than the first day of October immediately following.

8231 (k) If the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management makes any
8232 adjustments to the grants for tax reductions or assumed amounts of
8233 property tax liability claimed under this section subsequent to the
8234 Comptroller the payment of said grants in any year, the amount of such
8235 adjustment shall be reflected in the next payment the Treasurer shall
8236 make to such municipality pursuant to this section.

8237 Sec. 186. Section 12-170cc of the general statutes is repealed and the
8238 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

8239 Any person aggrieved by the action of the assessor or assessors in
8240 fixing the amount of a credit under subsection (f) of section 12-170aa, or
8241 in disapproving the claim therefor may appeal to the Secretary of the
8242 Office of Policy and Management, in writing or by electronic mail, in a
8243 manner prescribed by the secretary, within thirty business days from
8244 the date of notice given to such person by the assessor or assessors,
8245 giving notice of such grievance. The secretary shall promptly consider
8246 such notice and may grant or deny the relief requested, provided such
8247 decision shall be made not later than thirty business days after the
8248 receipt of such notice. If the relief is denied, the applicant shall be
8249 notified forthwith and may appeal the decision of the secretary in

8250 accordance with the provisions of section 12-120b.

8251 Sec. 187. Subsection (a) of section 29-263 of the general statutes is
8252 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
8253 *1, 2021*):

8254 (a) Except as provided in subsection (h) of section 29-252a and the
8255 State Building Code adopted pursuant to subsection (a) of section 29-
8256 252, after October 1, 1970, no building or structure shall be constructed
8257 or altered until an application has been filed with the building official
8258 and a permit issued. Such application shall be filed in person, by mail or
8259 electronic mail, in a manner prescribed by the building official. Such
8260 permit shall be issued or refused, in whole or in part, within thirty days
8261 after the date of an application. No permit shall be issued except upon
8262 application of the owner of the premises affected or the owner's
8263 authorized agent. No permit shall be issued to a contractor who is
8264 required to be registered pursuant to chapter 400, for work to be
8265 performed by such contractor, unless the name, business address and
8266 Department of Consumer Protection registration number of such
8267 contractor is clearly marked on the application for the permit, and the
8268 contractor has presented such contractor's certificate of registration as a
8269 home improvement contractor. Prior to the issuance of a permit and
8270 within said thirty-day period, the building official shall review the plans
8271 of buildings or structures to be constructed or altered, including, but not
8272 limited to, plans prepared by an architect licensed pursuant to chapter
8273 390, a professional engineer licensed pursuant to chapter 391 or an
8274 interior designer registered pursuant to chapter 396a acting within the
8275 scope of such license or registration, to determine their compliance with
8276 the requirements of the State Building Code and, where applicable, the
8277 local fire marshal shall review such plans to determine their compliance
8278 with the Fire Safety Code. Such plans submitted for review shall be in
8279 substantial compliance with the provisions of the State Building Code
8280 and, where applicable, with the provisions of the Fire Safety Code.

8281 Sec. 188. Section 29-264 of the general statutes is repealed and the

8282 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

8283 The State Building Inspector may, upon application by a builder
8284 setting forth that a set of plans and specifications will be utilized in more
8285 than one municipality to acquire building permits, review and approve
8286 any set of plans and specifications for the construction or erection of any
8287 building or structure designed to provide dwelling space for not more
8288 than two families if such set of plans and specifications meet the
8289 requirements of the State Building Code. Any building official shall
8290 issue a building permit upon application by a builder and presentation
8291 to him of such a set of plans and specifications bearing the approval of
8292 the State Building Inspector if all other local ordinances are complied
8293 with. Such application may be delivered in person, by mail or electronic
8294 mail, in a manner prescribed by the building official.

8295 Sec. 189. Section 29-266 of the general statutes is repealed and the
8296 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

8297 (a) A board of appeals shall be appointed by each municipality. Such
8298 board shall consist of five members, all of whom shall meet the
8299 qualifications set forth in the State Building Code. A member of a board
8300 of appeals of one municipality may also be a member of the board of
8301 appeals of another municipality.

8302 (b) When the building official rejects or refuses to approve the mode
8303 or manner of construction proposed to be followed or the materials to
8304 be used in the erection or alteration of a building or structure, or when
8305 it is claimed that the provisions of the code do not apply or that an
8306 equally good or more desirable form of construction can be employed
8307 in a specific case, or when it is claimed that the true intent and meaning
8308 of the code and regulations have been misconstrued or wrongly
8309 interpreted, or when the building official issues a written order under
8310 subsection (c) of section 29-261, the owner of such building or structure,
8311 whether already erected or to be erected, or his authorized agent may
8312 appeal in writing or by electronic mail, in a manner prescribed by the

8313 board of appeals, from the decision of the building official to the board
8314 of appeals. When a person other than such owner claims to be aggrieved
8315 by any decision of the building official, such person or his authorized
8316 agent may appeal, in writing or by electronic mail, in a manner
8317 prescribed by the board of appeals, from the decision of the building
8318 official to the board of appeals, and before determining the merits of
8319 such appeal the board of appeals shall first determine whether such
8320 person has a right to appeal. Upon receipt of an appeal from an owner
8321 or his representative or approval of an appeal by a person other than the
8322 owner, the chairman of the board of appeals shall appoint a panel of not
8323 less than three members of such board to hear such appeal. Such appeal
8324 shall be heard in the municipality for which the building official serves
8325 within five days, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays,
8326 after the date of receipt of such appeal. Such panel shall render a
8327 decision upon the appeal and file the same with the building official
8328 from whom such appeal has been taken not later than five days,
8329 exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, following the day
8330 of the hearing thereon. A copy of such decision shall be mailed, prior to
8331 such filing, to the party taking such appeal. Any person aggrieved by
8332 the decision of a panel may appeal to the Codes and Standards
8333 Committee within fourteen days after the filing of the decision with the
8334 building official. Any determination made by the local panel shall be
8335 subject to review de novo by said committee.

8336 (c) If, at the time that a building official makes a decision under
8337 subsection (b) of this section, there is no board of appeals for the
8338 municipality in which the building official serves, a person who claims
8339 to be aggrieved by such decision may submit an appeal [, in writing,] to
8340 the chief executive officer of such municipality. Such appeal may be
8341 made in writing or by electronic mail, in a manner prescribed by the
8342 chief executive officer. If, within five days, exclusive of Saturdays,
8343 Sundays and legal holidays, after the date of receipt of such appeal by
8344 such officer, the municipality fails to appoint a board of appeals from
8345 among either its own residents or residents of other municipalities, such

8346 officer shall file a notice of such failure with the building official from
8347 whom the appeal has been taken and, prior to such filing, mail a copy
8348 of the notice to the person taking the appeal. Such person may appeal
8349 the decision of the building official to the Codes and Standards
8350 Committee within fourteen days after the filing of such notice with the
8351 building official. If the municipality succeeds in appointing a board of
8352 appeals, the chief executive officer of the municipality shall immediately
8353 transmit the written appeal to such board, which shall review the appeal
8354 in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) of this section.

8355 (d) Any person aggrieved by any ruling of the Codes and Standards
8356 Committee may appeal to the superior court for the judicial district
8357 where such building or structure has been or is being erected.

8358 Sec. 190. Section 4-124n of the general statutes is repealed and the
8359 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

8360 A regional council of governments shall adopt bylaws for the conduct
8361 of its business and shall annually elect from among the representatives
8362 to the council a chairman, a vice-chairman, a secretary, a treasurer [, who
8363 shall be bonded,] and such other officers as may be designated or
8364 permitted in the bylaws. The bylaws may provide for alternate
8365 representatives of the council to attend and vote at any meeting in place
8366 of absent representatives and may provide for the organization of a
8367 regional planning commission. [No representative shall be eligible to
8368 serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.] The bylaws
8369 [shall] may provide for an executive committee of the council and [an
8370 executive committee of the regional planning commission and may
8371 provide] for additional committees including nonvoting advisory
8372 committees. Meetings of the council shall be called [by the chairman or
8373 as the bylaws shall otherwise provide] pursuant to the bylaws and
8374 minutes of all meetings of the council, its committees and other official
8375 actions shall be filed in the office of the council and shall be of public
8376 record.

8377 Sec. 191. Section 4-124s of the general statutes is repealed and the
8378 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

8379 (a) For purposes of this section:

8380 (1) "Regional council of governments" means any such council
8381 organized under the provisions of sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive;

8382 (2) "Municipality" means a town, city or consolidated town and
8383 borough;

8384 (3) "Legislative body" means the board of selectmen, town council,
8385 city council, board of alderman, board of directors, board of
8386 representatives or board of the warden and burgesses of a municipality;

8387 (4) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
8388 Management or the designee of the secretary; [and]

8389 (5) "Regional educational service center" has the same meaning as
8390 provided in section 10-282; [.] and

8391 (6) "Employee organization" means any lawful association, labor
8392 organization, federation or council having as a primary purpose the
8393 improvement of wages, hours and other conditions of employment.

8394 (b) There is established a regional performance incentive program
8395 that shall be administered by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
8396 Management. [On or before December 31, 2011, and annually thereafter,
8397 any] Any regional council of governments, [any two or more
8398 municipalities acting through a regional council of governments, any
8399 economic development district, any] regional educational service center
8400 or [any] a combination thereof may submit a proposal to the secretary
8401 for: (1) The [joint] provision of any service that one or more participating
8402 municipalities of such council [.] or local or regional board of education
8403 of such regional educational service center [or agency] currently provide
8404 but which is not provided on a regional basis, (2) [a planning study
8405 regarding the joint provision of any service on a regional basis, or (3)

8406 shared information technology services] the redistribution of grants
8407 awarded pursuant to sections 4-66g, 4-66h, 4-66m and 7-536, according
8408 to regional priorities, or (3) regional revenue sharing among such
8409 participating municipalities pursuant to section 7-148bb. A copy of said
8410 proposal shall be sent to the legislators representing said participating
8411 municipalities or local or regional boards of education. Any [local or
8412 regional board of education or] regional educational service center
8413 serving a population greater than one hundred thousand may submit a
8414 proposal to the secretary for a regional special education initiative.

8415 (c) (1) A regional council of governments [, an economic development
8416 district, a] or regional educational service center [or a local or regional
8417 board of education] shall submit each proposal in the form and manner
8418 the secretary prescribes and shall, at a minimum, provide the following
8419 information for each proposal: (A) Service or initiative description; (B)
8420 the explanation of the need for such service or initiative; (C) the method
8421 of delivering such service or initiative on a regional basis; (D) the
8422 organization that would be responsible for regional service or initiative
8423 delivery; (E) a description of the population that would be served; (F)
8424 the manner in which the proposed regional service or initiative delivery
8425 will achieve economies of scale for participating municipalities or
8426 boards of education; (G) the amount by which participating
8427 municipalities will reduce their mill rates as a result of savings realized;
8428 (H) a cost benefit analysis for the provision of the service or initiative by
8429 each participating municipality and by the entity or board of education
8430 submitting the proposal; (I) a plan of implementation for delivery of the
8431 service or initiative on a regional basis; (J) a resolution endorsing such
8432 proposal approved by the [legislative] governing body of [each
8433 participating municipality; and (K)] the council or center, which shall
8434 include a statement that not less than twenty-five per cent of the cost of
8435 such proposal shall be funded by the council or center in the first year
8436 of operation, and that by the fourth year of operation the council or
8437 center shall fund one hundred per cent of such cost; (K) a resolution
8438 endorsing such proposal approved by the governing body of the council

8439 of each planning region in which the service or initiative is to be
8440 provided; (L) an acknowledgment from any employee organization that
8441 may be impacted by such proposal that they have been informed of and
8442 consulted about the proposal; and (M) an explanation of the potential
8443 legal obstacles, if any, to the regional provision of the service or
8444 initiative, and how such obstacles will be resolved.

8445 (2) The secretary shall review each proposal and shall award grants
8446 for proposals the secretary determines best [meet the requirements of
8447 this section. In awarding such grants, the secretary shall give priority to
8448 a proposal submitted by (A) any entity specified in subsection (a) of this
8449 section that includes participation of all of the member municipalities of
8450 such entity, and which may increase the purchasing power of
8451 participating municipalities or provide a cost savings initiative resulting
8452 in a decrease in expenses of such municipalities, allowing such
8453 municipalities to lower property taxes, (B) any economic development
8454 district, and (C) any local or regional board of education] satisfy the
8455 following criteria: (A) The proposed service or initiative will be
8456 available to or benefit all participating members of the regional council
8457 of governments or regional educational service center regardless of such
8458 members' participation in the grant application process; (B) when
8459 compared to the existing delivery of services by participating members
8460 of the council or center, the proposal demonstrates (i) a positive cost
8461 benefit to such members, (ii) increased efficiency and capacity in the
8462 delivery of services, (iii) a diminished need for state funding, and (iv)
8463 increased cost savings; (C) the proposed service or initiative promotes
8464 cooperation among participating members that may lead to a reduction
8465 in economic or social inequality; (D) the proposal has been approved by
8466 a majority of the members of the council or center and, pursuant to
8467 subsection (c) of this section, contains a statement that not less than
8468 twenty-five per cent of the cost of such proposal shall be funded by the
8469 council or center in the first year of operation, and that by the fourth
8470 year of operation the council or center shall fund one hundred per cent
8471 of such cost; and (E) any employee organizations that may be impacted

8472 by such proposal have been informed of and consulted about such
8473 proposal, pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

8474 (d) [On or before December 31, 2013, and annually thereafter until
8475 December 31, 2018, in addition to any proposal submitted pursuant to
8476 this section, any municipality or regional council of governments may
8477 apply to the secretary for a grant to fund: (1) Operating costs associated
8478 with connecting to the state-wide high speed, flexible network
8479 developed pursuant to section 4d-80, including the costs to connect at
8480 the same rate as other government entities served by such network; and
8481 (2) capital cost associated with connecting to such network, including
8482 expenses associated with building out the internal fiber network
8483 connections required to connect to such network, provided the secretary
8484 shall make any such grant available in accordance with the two-year
8485 schedule by which the Bureau of Enterprise Systems and Technology
8486 recommends connecting each municipality and regional council of
8487 governments to such network. Any municipality or regional council of
8488 governments shall submit each application in the form and manner the
8489 secretary prescribes.] Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 7-339a
8490 to 7-339l, inclusive, or any other provision of the general statutes, no
8491 regional council of governments or regional educational service center
8492 or any member municipalities or local or regional boards of education
8493 of such councils or centers shall be required to execute an interlocal
8494 agreement to implement a proposal submitted pursuant to subsection
8495 (c) of this section.

8496 (e) Any board of education awarded a grant for a proposal submitted
8497 pursuant to subsection (c) of this section may deposit any cost savings
8498 realized as a result of the implementation of the proposed service or
8499 initiative into a nonlapsing account pursuant to section 10-248a.

8500 [(e)] (f) The secretary shall submit to the Governor and the joint
8501 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
8502 matters relating to finance, revenue and bonding a report on the grants
8503 provided pursuant to this section. Each such report shall (1) include

8504 information on the amount of each grant [,] and the potential of each
8505 grant for leveraging other public and private investments, and (2)
8506 describe any property tax reductions and improved services achieved
8507 by means of the program established pursuant to this section. The
8508 secretary shall submit a report for the fiscal year commencing July 1,
8509 2011, not later than February 1, 2012, and shall submit a report for each
8510 subsequent fiscal year not later than the first day of March in such fiscal
8511 year. [Such reports shall include the property tax reductions achieved
8512 by means of the program established pursuant to this section.]

8513 Sec. 192. Subsection (b) of section 8-31b of the general statutes is
8514 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
8515 *passage*):

8516 (b) A regional council of governments may accept or participate in
8517 any grant, donation or program available to any political subdivision of
8518 the state and may also accept or participate in any grant, donation or
8519 program made available to counties by any other governmental or
8520 private entity. Notwithstanding the provisions of any special or public
8521 act, any political subdivision of the state may enter into an agreement
8522 with a regional council of governments to perform jointly or to provide,
8523 alone or in cooperation with any other entity, any service, activity or
8524 undertaking that the political subdivision is authorized by law to
8525 perform. A regional council of governments established pursuant to this
8526 section may administer and provide regional services to municipalities
8527 by affirmative vote of the member municipalities of such council, and
8528 may delegate such authority to subregional groups of such
8529 municipalities. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 7-339a to 7-
8530 339l, inclusive, the administration and provision of such services shall
8531 not require the execution of any interlocal agreement. Regional services
8532 provided to member municipalities shall be determined by each
8533 regional council of governments, except as provided in subsection (b) of
8534 section 9-229 and section 9-229b, and may include, without limitation,
8535 the following services: (1) Engineering; (2) inspectional and planning;
8536 (3) economic development; (4) public safety; (5) emergency

8537 management; (6) animal control; (7) land use management; (8) tourism
8538 promotion; (9) social; (10) health; (11) education; (12) data management;
8539 (13) regional sewerage; (14) housing; (15) computerized mapping; (16)
8540 household hazardous waste collection; (17) recycling; (18) public facility
8541 siting; (19) coordination of master planning; (20) vocational training and
8542 development; (21) solid waste disposal; (22) fire protection; (23) regional
8543 resource protection; (24) regional impact studies; and (25)
8544 transportation.

8545 Sec. 193. Section 4-66k of the general statutes is repealed and the
8546 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

8547 (a) There is established an account to be known as the "regional
8548 planning incentive account" which shall be a separate, nonlapsing
8549 account within the General Fund. The account shall contain any moneys
8550 required by law to be deposited in the account. Except as provided in
8551 subsection [(d)] (e) of this section, moneys [,] in the account shall be
8552 expended by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management [in
8553 accordance with subsection (b) of this section] for the purposes of first
8554 providing funding to regional planning organizations in accordance
8555 with the provisions of subsections (b),₁ [and] (c) and (d) of this section
8556 and then to providing grants under the regional performance incentive
8557 program established pursuant to section 4-124s.

8558 (b) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, funds from the regional
8559 planning incentive account shall be distributed to each regional
8560 planning organization, as defined in section 4-124i, revision of 1958,
8561 revised to January 1, 2013, in the amount of one hundred twenty-five
8562 thousand dollars. Any regional council of governments that is
8563 comprised of any two or more regional planning organizations that
8564 voluntarily consolidate on or before December 31, 2013, shall receive an
8565 additional payment in an amount equal to the amount the regional
8566 planning organizations would have received if such regional planning
8567 organizations had not voluntarily consolidated.

8568 (c) [Beginning in the fiscal year] For the fiscal years ending June 30,
8569 2015, [and annually thereafter] to June 30, 2021, inclusive, funds from
8570 the regional planning incentive account shall be distributed to each
8571 regional council of governments formed pursuant to section 4-124j, in
8572 the amount of one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars plus fifty cents
8573 per capita, using population information from the most recent federal
8574 decennial census. Any regional council of governments that is
8575 comprised of any two or more regional planning organizations, as
8576 defined in section 4-124i, revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2013,
8577 that voluntarily consolidated on or before December 31, 2013, shall
8578 receive a payment in the amount of one hundred twenty-five thousand
8579 dollars for each such regional planning organization that voluntarily
8580 consolidated on or before said date.

8581 (d) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, and each fiscal year
8582 thereafter, funds from the regional planning incentive account shall be
8583 distributed to each regional council of governments formed pursuant to
8584 section 4-124j, in the amount of one hundred eighty-five thousand five
8585 hundred dollars plus sixty-eight cents per capita, using population
8586 information from the most recent federal decennial census.

8587 (2) Not later than July 1, 2021, and annually thereafter, each regional
8588 council of governments shall submit to the secretary a proposal for
8589 expenditure of the funds described in subdivision (1) of this subsection.
8590 Such proposal may include, but need not be limited to, a description of
8591 (A) functions, activities or services currently performed by the state or
8592 municipalities that may be provided in a more efficient, cost-effective,
8593 responsive or higher quality manner by such council, a regional
8594 educational service center or similar regional entity; (B) anticipated cost
8595 savings relating to the sharing of government services, including, but
8596 not limited to, joint purchasing; (C) the standardization and alignment
8597 of various regions of the state; or (D) any other initiatives that may
8598 facilitate the delivery of services to the public in a more efficient, cost-
8599 effective, responsive or higher quality manner.

8600 [(d)] (e) There is established a regionalization subaccount within the
8601 regional planning incentive account. If the Connecticut Lottery
8602 Corporation offers online its existing lottery draw games through the
8603 corporation's Internet web site, online service or mobile application, the
8604 revenue from such online offering that exceeds an amount equivalent to
8605 the costs of the debt-free community college program under section 10a-
8606 174 shall be deposited in the subaccount, or, if such online offering is not
8607 established, the amount provided under subsection (b) of section 364 of
8608 public act 19-117 for regionalization initiatives shall be deposited in the
8609 subaccount. Moneys in the subaccount shall be expended only for the
8610 purposes recommended by the task force established under section 4-
8611 66s.

8612 Sec. 194. Section 4-66r of the general statutes is repealed and the
8613 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

8614 (a) For the fiscal [year] years ending June 30, 2018, [and each fiscal
8615 year thereafter] and June 30, 2019, each regional council of governments
8616 shall, within available appropriations, receive a grant-in-aid to be
8617 known as a regional services grant, the amount of which shall be based
8618 on a formula to be determined by the Secretary of the Office of Policy
8619 and Management. No such council shall receive a grant for the fiscal
8620 year ending June 30, 2018, unless the secretary approves a spending plan
8621 for such grant moneys submitted by such council to the secretary on or
8622 before November 1, 2017. No such council shall receive a grant for the
8623 fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, [or any fiscal year thereafter,] unless the
8624 secretary approves a spending plan for such grant moneys submitted by
8625 such council to the secretary on or before July 1, 2018. [, and annually
8626 thereafter.]

8627 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 29 of public act 19-117,
8628 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, and each fiscal year thereafter,
8629 each regional council of governments shall receive a grant-in-aid to be
8630 known as a regional services grant, the amount of which shall be
8631 determined pursuant to section 4-66k. No such council shall receive a

8632 grant for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, or any fiscal year
8633 thereafter, unless the secretary approves a spending plan for such grant
8634 moneys submitted by such council to the secretary on or before July 1,
8635 2019, and annually thereafter. The secretary may provide biennial
8636 spending plan approval process guidelines at the secretary's discretion.

8637 (c) Each regional council of governments shall use such grant funds
8638 for planning purposes and to achieve efficiencies in the delivery of
8639 municipal services, without diminishing the quality of such services. On
8640 or before October 1, 2018, and annually thereafter, each regional council
8641 of governments shall submit a report, in accordance with section 11-4a,
8642 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
8643 cognizance of matters relating to planning and development and
8644 finance, revenue and bonding, and to the secretary. Such report shall (1)
8645 summarize the expenditure of such grant funds in the prior fiscal year,
8646 (2) describe any regional program, project or initiative currently
8647 provided or planned by the council, (3) review the performance of any
8648 existing regional program, project or initiative relative to its initial goals
8649 and objectives, (4) analyze the existing services provided by member
8650 municipalities or by the state that, in the opinion of the council, could
8651 be more effectively or efficiently provided on a regional basis, and (5)
8652 provide recommendations for legislative action concerning potential
8653 impediments to the regionalization of services.

8654 Sec. 195. Section 4-66l of the general statutes is repealed and the
8655 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

8656 (a) For the purposes of this section:

8657 (1) "FY 15 mill rate" means the mill rate a municipality used during
8658 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015;

8659 (2) "Mill rate" means, unless otherwise specified, the mill rate a
8660 municipality uses to calculate tax bills for motor vehicles;

8661 (3) "Municipality" means any town, city, consolidated town and city

8662 or consolidated town and borough. "Municipality" includes a district for
8663 the purposes of subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of this section;

8664 (4) "Municipal spending" means:

T45	Municipal	Municipal	
T46	spending for	spending for	
T47	the fiscal year	the fiscal year	
T48	prior to the	- two years	
T49	current fiscal	prior to the	
T50	year	current year	Municipal
T51	_____		X 100 spending;
T52	Municipal spending for the fiscal		
T53	year two years prior to the		
T54	current year		

8665 (5) "Per capita distribution" means:

T55	Municipal population	
T56	_____	X Sales tax revenue = Per capita distribution
T57	Total state population	

8666 (6) "Pro rata distribution" means:

T58	Municipal weighted	
T59	mill rate calculation	
T60	_____	X Sales tax revenue = Pro rata distribution;
T61	Sum of all municipal	
T62	weighted mill rate	
T63	calculations combined	

8667 (7) "Regional council of governments" means any such council
8668 organized under the provisions of sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive;

8669 (8) "Municipal population" means the number of persons in a

8670 municipality according to the most recent estimate of the Department of
8671 Public Health;

8672 (9) "Total state population" means the number of persons in this state
8673 according to the most recent estimate published by the Department of
8674 Public Health;

8675 (10) "Weighted mill rate" means a municipality's FY 15 mill rate
8676 divided by the average of all municipalities' FY 15 mill rate;

8677 (11) "Weighted mill rate calculation" means per capita distribution
8678 multiplied by a municipality's weighted mill rate;

8679 (12) "Sales tax revenue" means the moneys in the account remaining
8680 for distribution pursuant to subdivision [(7)] (6) of subsection (b) of this
8681 section;

8682 (13) "District" means any district, as defined in section 7-324; and

8683 (14) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
8684 Management.

8685 (b) There is established an account to be known as the "municipal
8686 revenue sharing account" which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account
8687 within the General Fund. The account shall contain any moneys
8688 required by law to be deposited in the account. The secretary shall set
8689 aside and ensure availability of moneys in the account in the following
8690 order of priority and shall transfer or disburse such moneys as follows:

8691 (1) Ten million dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, shall
8692 be transferred not later than April fifteenth for the purposes of grants
8693 under section 10-262h;

8694 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, and each fiscal year
8695 thereafter, moneys sufficient to make motor vehicle property tax grants
8696 payable to municipalities pursuant to subsection (c) of this section shall
8697 be expended not later than August first annually by the secretary;

8698 (3) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, and each fiscal year
8699 thereafter, moneys sufficient to make the grants payable from the select
8700 payment in lieu of taxes grant account established pursuant to section
8701 12-18c shall annually be transferred to the select payment in lieu of taxes
8702 account in the Office of Policy and Management;

8703 (4) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2018, and June 30, 2019,
8704 moneys sufficient to make the municipal revenue sharing grants
8705 payable to municipalities pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (d)
8706 of this section shall be expended not later than October thirty-first
8707 annually by the secretary;

8708 [(5) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, and each fiscal year
8709 thereafter, seven million dollars shall be expended for the purposes of
8710 the regional services grants pursuant to subsection (e) of this section to
8711 the regional councils of governments;]

8712 [(6)] (5) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, and each fiscal year
8713 thereafter, moneys may be expended for the purpose of supplemental
8714 motor vehicle property tax grants pursuant to subsection (c) of this
8715 section; and

8716 [(7)] (6) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, and each fiscal year
8717 thereafter, moneys in the account remaining shall be expended annually
8718 by the secretary for the purposes of the municipal revenue sharing
8719 grants established pursuant to subsection [(f)] (d) of this section. Any
8720 such moneys deposited in the account for municipal revenue sharing
8721 grants between October first and June thirtieth shall be distributed to
8722 municipalities on the following October first and any such moneys
8723 deposited in the account between July first and September thirtieth shall
8724 be distributed to municipalities on the following January thirty-first.
8725 Any municipality may apply to the Office of Policy and Management
8726 on or after July first for early disbursement of a portion of such grant.
8727 The Office of Policy and Management may approve such an application
8728 if it finds that early disbursement is required in order for a municipality

8729 to meet its cash flow needs. No early disbursement approved by said
8730 office may be issued later than September thirtieth.

8731 (c) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, motor vehicle property
8732 tax grants to municipalities that impose mill rates on real property and
8733 personal property other than motor vehicles greater than 39 mills or
8734 that, when combined with the mill rate of any district located within the
8735 municipality, impose mill rates greater than 39 mills, shall be made in
8736 an amount equal to the difference between the amount of property taxes
8737 levied by the municipality and any district located within the
8738 municipality on motor vehicles for the assessment year commencing
8739 October 1, 2013, and the amount such levy would have been if the mill
8740 rate on motor vehicles for said assessment year was 39 mills.

8741 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, and each fiscal year
8742 thereafter, motor vehicle property tax grants to municipalities that
8743 impose mill rates on real property and personal property other than
8744 motor vehicles greater than 45 mills or that, when combined with the
8745 mill rate of any district located within the municipality, impose mill
8746 rates greater than 45 mills, shall be made in an amount equal to the
8747 difference between the amount of property taxes levied by the
8748 municipality and any district located within the municipality on motor
8749 vehicles for the assessment year commencing October 1, 2016, and the
8750 amount such levy would have been if the mill rate on motor vehicles for
8751 said assessment year was 45 mills.

8752 (3) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, any municipality that
8753 imposed a mill rate for real and personal property of more than 39 mills
8754 during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, and effected a revaluation of
8755 real property for the 2014 or 2015 assessment year that resulted in an
8756 increase of 4 or more mills over the prior mill rate, may apply to the
8757 Office of Policy and Management for a supplemental motor vehicle
8758 property tax grant. The Office of Policy and Management may approve
8759 such an application, within available funds, provided such
8760 supplemental grant does not reduce any amount payable to any other

8761 municipality.

8762 (4) Not later than fifteen calendar days after receiving a property tax
8763 grant pursuant to this section, the municipality shall disburse to any
8764 district located within the municipality the amount of any such property
8765 tax grant that is attributable to the district.

8766 [(d) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, each municipality
8767 shall receive a municipal revenue sharing grant, which shall be payable
8768 August 1, 2016, from the Municipal Revenue Sharing Fund established
8769 in section 4-66p. The total amount of the grant payable is as follows:

T64	Municipality	Grant Amount
T65	Andover	66,705
T66	Ansonia	605,442
T67	Ashford	87,248
T68	Avon	374,711
T69	Barkhamsted	76,324
T70	Beacon Falls	123,341
T71	Berlin	843,048
T72	Bethany	114,329
T73	Bethel	392,605
T74	Bethlehem	42,762
T75	Bloomfield	438,458
T76	Bolton	106,449
T77	Bozrah	53,783
T78	Branford	570,402
T79	Bridgeport	14,476,283
T80	Bridgewater	15,670
T81	Bristol	1,276,119
T82	Brookfield	343,611
T83	Brooklyn	103,910
T84	Burlington	193,490
T85	Canaan	14,793
T86	Canterbury	58,684

		<i>Bill No.</i>
T87	Canton	211,078
T88	Chaplin	48,563
T89	Cheshire	594,084
T90	Chester	57,736
T91	Clinton	268,611
T92	Colchester	330,363
T93	Colebrook	29,694
T94	Columbia	111,276
T95	Cornwall	11,269
T96	Coventry	252,939
T97	Cromwell	288,951
T98	Danbury	2,079,675
T99	Darien	171,485
T100	Deep River	93,525
T101	Derby	462,718
T102	Durham	150,019
T103	East Granby	106,222
T104	East Haddam	186,418
T105	East Hampton	263,149
T106	East Hartford	3,877,281
T107	East Haven	593,493
T108	East Lyme	243,736
T109	East Windsor	232,457
T110	Eastford	23,060
T111	Easton	155,216
T112	Ellington	321,722
T113	Enfield	911,974
T114	Essex	74,572
T115	Fairfield	795,318
T116	Farmington	335,287
T117	Franklin	26,309
T118	Glastonbury	754,546
T119	Goshen	30,286
T120	Granby	244,839

	<i>Bill No.</i>
T121	Greenwich 366,588
T122	Griswold 243,727
T123	Groton 433,177
T124	Guilford 456,863
T125	Haddam 170,440
T126	Hamden 4,491,337
T127	Hampton 38,070
T128	Hartford 13,908,437
T129	Hartland 27,964
T130	Harwinton 113,987
T131	Hebron 208,666
T132	Kent 26,808
T133	Killingly 351,213
T134	Killingworth 85,270
T135	Lebanon 149,163
T136	Ledyard 307,619
T137	Lisbon 45,413
T138	Litchfield 169,828
T139	Lyme 21,862
T140	Madison 372,897
T141	Manchester 1,972,491
T142	Mansfield 525,280
T143	Marlborough 131,065
T144	Meriden 1,315,347
T145	Middlebury 154,299
T146	Middlefield 91,372
T147	Middletown 964,657
T148	Milford 1,880,830
T149	Monroe 404,221
T150	Montville 401,756
T151	Morris 28,110
T152	Naugatuck 2,405,660
T153	New Britain 5,781,991
T154	New Canaan 168,106

		<i>Bill No.</i>
T155	New Fairfield	288,278
T156	New Hartford	140,338
T157	New Haven	2,118,290
T158	New London	750,249
T159	New Milford	565,898
T160	Newington	651,000
T161	Newtown	572,949
T162	Norfolk	20,141
T163	North Branford	292,517
T164	North Canaan	66,052
T165	North Haven	487,882
T166	North Stonington	107,832
T167	Norwalk	3,401,590
T168	Norwich	1,309,943
T169	Old Lyme	79,946
T170	Old Saybrook	101,527
T171	Orange	284,365
T172	Oxford	171,492
T173	Plainfield	310,350
T174	Plainville	363,176
T175	Plymouth	255,581
T176	Pomfret	54,257
T177	Portland	192,715
T178	Preston	58,934
T179	Prospect	197,097
T180	Putnam	76,399
T181	Redding	189,781
T182	Ridgefield	512,848
T183	Rocky Hill	405,872
T184	Roxbury	15,998
T185	Salem	85,617
T186	Salisbury	20,769
T187	Scotland	36,200
T188	Seymour	343,388

		<i>Bill No.</i>
T189	Sharon	19,467
T190	Shelton	706,038
T191	Sherman	39,000
T192	Simsbury	567,460
T193	Somers	141,697
T194	South Windsor	558,715
T195	Southbury	404,731
T196	Southington	889,821
T197	Sprague	89,456
T198	Stafford	243,095
T199	Stamford	2,372,358
T200	Sterling	77,037
T201	Stonington	202,888
T202	Stratford	1,130,316
T203	Suffield	321,763
T204	Thomaston	158,888
T205	Thompson	114,582
T206	Tolland	303,971
T207	Torrington	2,435,109
T208	Trumbull	745,325
T209	Union	17,283
T210	Vernon	641,027
T211	Voluntown	33,914
T212	Wallingford	919,984
T213	Warren	11,006
T214	Washington	25,496
T215	Waterbury	13,438,542
T216	Waterford	259,091
T217	Watertown	453,012
T218	West Hartford	1,614,320
T219	West Haven	1,121,850
T220	Westbrook	80,601
T221	Weston	211,384
T222	Westport	262,402

		<i>Bill No.</i>
T223	Wethersfield	940,267
T224	Willington	121,568
T225	Wilton	380,234
T226	Winchester	224,447
T227	Windham	513,847
T228	Windsor	593,921
T229	Windsor Locks	256,241
T230	Wolcott	340,859
T231	Woodbridge	247,758
T232	Woodbury	200,175
T233	Woodstock	97,708
T234	Borough of Danielson	-
T235	Borough of Litchfield	-
T236	Bloomfield, Blue Hills FD	92,961
T237	Enfield Thompsonville FD #2	354,311
T238	Manchester - Eighth Utility District	436,718
T239	Middletown - City Fire	910,442
T240	Middletown So Fire	413,961
T241	Norwich CCD	552,565
T242	Norwich TCD	62,849
T243	Simsbury FD	221,536
T244	Plainfield Fire District	-
T245	Windham, Special Service District #2	640,000
T246	Windham 1st Taxing District	-
T247	Windham First	
T248	West Haven First Center (D1)	1,039,843
T249	West Haven: Allingtown FD (D3)	483,505
T250	West Haven: West Shore FD (D2)	654,640

8770 (2) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2018, and June 30, 2019, each
8771 municipality shall receive a municipal sharing grant payable not later
8772 than October thirty-first of each year. The total amount of the grant
8773 payable is as follows:

		<i>Bill No.</i>
T251	Municipality	Grant Amount
T252	Andover	96,020
T253	Ansonia	643,519
T254	Ashford	125,591
T255	Avon	539,387
T256	Barkhamsted	109,867
T257	Beacon Falls	177,547
T258	Berlin	1,213,548
T259	Bethany	164,574
T260	Bethel	565,146
T261	Bethlehem	61,554
T262	Bloomfield	631,150
T263	Bolton	153,231
T264	Bozrah	77,420
T265	Branford	821,080
T266	Bridgeport	9,758,441
T267	Bridgewater	22,557
T268	Bristol	1,836,944
T269	Brookfield	494,620
T270	Brooklyn	149,576
T271	Burlington	278,524
T272	Canaan	21,294
T273	Canterbury	84,475
T274	Canton	303,842
T275	Chaplin	69,906
T276	Cheshire	855,170
T277	Chester	83,109
T278	Clinton	386,660
T279	Colchester	475,551
T280	Colebrook	42,744
T281	Columbia	160,179
T282	Cornwall	16,221
T283	Coventry	364,100
T284	Cromwell	415,938

	<i>Bill No.</i>
T285 Danbury	2,993,644
T286 Darien	246,849
T287 Deep River	134,627
T288 Derby	400,912
T289 Durham	215,949
T290 East Granby	152,904
T291 East Haddam	268,344
T292 East Hampton	378,798
T293 East Hartford	2,036,894
T294 East Haven	854,319
T295 East Lyme	350,852
T296 East Windsor	334,616
T297 Eastford	33,194
T298 Easton	223,430
T299 Ellington	463,112
T300 Enfield	1,312,766
T301 Essex	107,345
T302 Fairfield	1,144,842
T303 Farmington	482,637
T304 Franklin	37,871
T305 Glastonbury	1,086,151
T306 Goshen	43,596
T307 Granby	352,440
T308 Greenwich	527,695
T309 Griswold	350,840
T310 Groton	623,548
T311 Guilford	657,644
T312 Haddam	245,344
T313 Hamden	2,155,661
T314 Hampton	54,801
T315 Hartford	1,498,643
T316 Hartland	40,254
T317 Harwinton	164,081
T318 Hebron	300,369

		<i>Bill No.</i>
T319	Kent	38,590
T320	Killingly	505,562
T321	Killingworth	122,744
T322	Lebanon	214,717
T323	Ledyard	442,811
T324	Lisbon	65,371
T325	Litchfield	244,464
T326	Lyme	31,470
T327	Madison	536,777
T328	Manchester	1,971,540
T329	Mansfield	756,128
T330	Marlborough	188,665
T331	Meriden	1,893,412
T332	Middlebury	222,109
T333	Middlefield	131,529
T334	Middletown	1,388,602
T335	Milford	2,707,412
T336	Monroe	581,867
T337	Montville	578,318
T338	Morris	40,463
T339	Naugatuck	1,251,980
T340	New Britain	3,131,893
T341	New Canaan	241,985
T342	New Fairfield	414,970
T343	New Hartford	202,014
T344	New Haven	114,863
T345	New London	917,228
T346	New Milford	814,597
T347	Newington	937,100
T348	Newtown	824,747
T349	Norfolk	28,993
T350	North Branford	421,072
T351	North Canaan	95,081
T352	North Haven	702,295

	<i>Bill No.</i>
T353 North Stonington	155,222
T354 Norwalk	4,896,511
T355 Norwich	1,362,971
T356 Old Lyme	115,080
T357 Old Saybrook	146,146
T358 Orange	409,337
T359 Oxford	246,859
T360 Plainfield	446,742
T361 Plainville	522,783
T362 Plymouth	367,902
T363 Pomfret	78,101
T364 Portland	277,409
T365 Preston	84,835
T366 Prospect	283,717
T367 Putnam	109,975
T368 Redding	273,185
T369 Ridgefield	738,233
T370 Rocky Hill	584,244
T371 Roxbury	23,029
T372 Salem	123,244
T373 Salisbury	29,897
T374 Scotland	52,109
T375 Seymour	494,298
T376 Sharon	28,022
T377 Shelton	1,016,326
T378 Sherman	56,139
T379 Simsbury	775,368
T380 Somers	203,969
T381 South Windsor	804,258
T382 Southbury	582,601
T383 Southington	1,280,877
T384 Sprague	128,769
T385 Stafford	349,930
T386 Stamford	3,414,955

		<i>Bill No.</i>
T387	Sterling	110,893
T388	Stonington	292,053
T389	Stratford	1,627,064
T390	Suffield	463,170
T391	Thomaston	228,716
T392	Thompson	164,939
T393	Tolland	437,559
T394	Torrington	1,133,394
T395	Trumbull	1,072,878
T396	Union	24,878
T397	Vernon	922,743
T398	Voluntown	48,818
T399	Wallingford	1,324,296
T400	Warren	15,842
T401	Washington	36,701
T402	Waterbury	5,595,448
T403	Waterford	372,956
T404	Watertown	652,100
T405	West Hartford	2,075,223
T406	West Haven	1,614,877
T407	Westbrook	116,023
T408	Weston	304,282
T409	Westport	377,722
T410	Wethersfield	1,353,493
T411	Willington	174,995
T412	Wilton	547,338
T413	Winchester	323,087
T414	Windham	739,671
T415	Windsor	854,935
T416	Windsor Locks	368,853
T417	Wolcott	490,659
T418	Woodbridge	274,418
T419	Woodbury	288,147
T420	Woodstock	140,648

8774 (e) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, and each fiscal year
8775 thereafter, each regional council of governments shall receive a regional
8776 services grant, the amount of which will be based on a formula to be
8777 determined by the secretary, except that, for the fiscal year ending June
8778 30, 2018, and each fiscal year thereafter, thirty-five per cent of such grant
8779 moneys shall be awarded to regional councils of governments for the
8780 purpose of assisting regional education service centers in merging their
8781 human resource, finance or technology services with such services
8782 provided by municipalities within the region. For the fiscal year ending
8783 June 30, 2017, three million dollars shall be expended by the secretary
8784 from the Municipal Revenue Sharing Fund established in section 4-66p
8785 for the purpose of the regional services grant. No such council shall
8786 receive a grant for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, or any fiscal year
8787 thereafter, unless the secretary approves a spending plan for such grant
8788 moneys submitted by such council to the secretary on or before July 1,
8789 2017, and annually thereafter. The regional councils of governments
8790 shall use such grants for planning purposes and to achieve efficiencies
8791 in the delivery of municipal services by regionalizing such services,
8792 including, but not limited to, region-wide consolidation of such services.
8793 Such efficiencies shall not diminish the quality of such services. A
8794 unanimous vote of the representatives of such council shall be required
8795 for approval of any expenditure from such grant. On or before October
8796 1, 2017, and biennially thereafter, each such council shall submit a
8797 report, in accordance with section 11-4a, to the joint standing
8798 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
8799 relating to planning and development and finance, revenue and
8800 bonding. Such report shall summarize the expenditure of such grants
8801 and provide recommendations concerning the expansion, reduction or
8802 modification of such grants.]

8803 [(f)] (d) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, and each fiscal year
8804 thereafter, each municipality shall receive a municipal revenue sharing
8805 grant as follows:

8806 (1) (A) A municipality having a mill rate at or above twenty-five shall
8807 receive the per capita distribution or pro rata distribution, whichever is
8808 higher for such municipality.

8809 (B) Such grants shall be increased by a percentage calculated as
8810 follows:

T421 Sum of per capita distribution amount
T422 for all municipalities having a mill rate
T423 below twenty-five – pro rata distribution
T424 amount for all municipalities
T425 having a mill rate below twenty-five

T426 _____
T427 Sum of all grants to municipalities
T428 calculated pursuant to subparagraph (A)
T429 of subdivision (1) of this subsection.

8811 (C) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraphs (A) and (B) of
8812 this subdivision, Hartford shall receive not more than 5.2 per cent of the
8813 municipal revenue sharing grants distributed pursuant to this
8814 subsection; Bridgeport shall receive not more than 4.5 per cent of the
8815 municipal revenue sharing grants distributed pursuant to this
8816 subsection; New Haven shall receive not more than 2.0 per cent of the
8817 municipal revenue sharing grants distributed pursuant to this
8818 subsection and Stamford shall receive not more than 2.8 per cent of the
8819 equalization grants distributed pursuant to this subsection. Any excess
8820 funds remaining after such reductions in payments to Hartford,
8821 Bridgeport, New Haven and Stamford shall be distributed to all other
8822 municipalities having a mill rate at or above twenty-five on a pro rata
8823 basis according to the payment they receive pursuant to this
8824 subdivision; and

8825 (2) A municipality having a mill rate below twenty-five shall receive
8826 the per capita distribution or pro rata distribution, whichever is less for

8827 such municipality.

8828 (3) For the purposes of this subsection, "mill rate" means the mill rate
8829 for real property and personal property other than motor vehicles.

8830 ~~[(g)]~~ (e) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, a
8831 municipality may disburse any municipal revenue sharing grant funds
8832 to a district within such municipality.

8833 ~~[(h)]~~ (f) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection,
8834 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, and each fiscal year thereafter,
8835 the amount of the grant payable to a municipality in any year in
8836 accordance with subsection (d) ~~[or (f)]~~ of this section shall be reduced if
8837 such municipality increases its adopted budget expenditures for such
8838 fiscal year above a cap equal to the amount of adopted budget
8839 expenditures authorized for the previous fiscal year by 2.5 per cent or
8840 more or the rate of inflation, whichever is greater. Such reduction shall
8841 be in an amount equal to fifty cents for every dollar expended over the
8842 cap set forth in this subsection. For the purposes of this section, (A)
8843 "municipal spending" does not include expenditures for debt service,
8844 special education, implementation of court orders or arbitration awards,
8845 expenditures associated with a major disaster or emergency declaration
8846 by the President of the United States, a disaster emergency declaration
8847 issued by the Governor pursuant to chapter 517 or any disbursement
8848 made to a district pursuant to subsection (c) or ~~[(g)]~~ (e) of this section,
8849 budgeting for an audited deficit, nonrecurring grants, capital
8850 expenditures or payments on unfunded pension liabilities, (B) "adopted
8851 budget expenditures" includes expenditures from a municipality's
8852 general fund and expenditures from any nonbudgeted funds, and (C)
8853 "capital expenditure" means a nonrecurring capital expenditure of one
8854 hundred thousand dollars or more. Each municipality shall annually
8855 certify to the secretary, on a form prescribed by said secretary, whether
8856 such municipality has exceeded the cap set forth in this subsection and
8857 if so the amount by which the cap was exceeded.

8858 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, and each fiscal year
8859 thereafter, the amount of the grant payable to a municipality in any year
8860 in accordance with subsection (d) or [(f)] (e) of this section shall not be
8861 reduced in the case of a municipality whose adopted budget
8862 expenditures exceed the cap set forth in subdivision (1) of this
8863 subsection by an amount proportionate to any increase to its municipal
8864 population from the previous fiscal year, as determined by the secretary.

8865 [(i)] (g) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, and each fiscal year
8866 thereafter, the amount of the grant payable to a municipality in any year
8867 in accordance with subsection [(f)] (d) of this section shall be reduced
8868 proportionately in the event that the total of such grants in such year
8869 exceeds the amount available for such grants in the municipal revenue
8870 sharing account established pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

8871 Sec. 196. (NEW) (*Effective April 1, 2022*) (a) For the purposes of this
8872 section, "beverage" includes alcoholic liquor or an alcoholic beverage, as
8873 defined in section 30-1 of the general statutes, "food establishment"
8874 means a food establishment that is licensed or permitted to operate
8875 pursuant to section 19a-36i of the general statutes, and "municipality"
8876 has the same meaning as provided in section 8-1a of the general statutes.

8877 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, special act,
8878 municipal charter or ordinance, the zoning commission of each
8879 municipality shall allow any licensee or permittee of a food
8880 establishment operating in such municipality to engage in outdoor food
8881 and beverage service as an accessory use of such food establishment's
8882 permitted use. Such accessory use shall be allowed as of right, subject
8883 only to any required administrative site plan review to determine
8884 conformance with zoning requirements not contemplated by this
8885 section, provided such accessory use would not result in the expansion
8886 of a nonconforming use.

8887 (c) Any such licensee or permittee may engage in outdoor food and
8888 beverage service (1) on public sidewalks and other pedestrian pathways

8889 abutting the area permitted for principal use and on which vehicular
8890 access is not allowed, (A) provided a pathway (i) is constructed in
8891 compliance with physical accessibility guidelines, as applicable, under
8892 the federal Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 USC 12101, et seq., as
8893 amended from time to time, and (ii) such pathway extends for the length
8894 of the lot upon which the area permitted for principal use is located, and
8895 not less than four feet in width, not including any area on a street or
8896 highway, shall remain unobstructed for pedestrian use, and (B) subject
8897 to reasonable conditions imposed by the municipal official or agency
8898 that issues right-of-way or obstruction permits; (2) on off-street parking
8899 spaces associated with the permitted use, notwithstanding any
8900 municipal ordinance or zoning regulation establishing minimum
8901 requirements for off-street parking; (3) on any lot, yard, court or open
8902 space abutting the area permitted for principal use, provided (A) such
8903 lot, yard, court or open space is located in a zoning district where the
8904 operation of food establishments is permitted, (B) such use is in
8905 compliance with any applicable requirements for access or pathways
8906 pursuant to physical accessibility guidelines under the federal
8907 Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 USC 12101, et seq., as amended from
8908 time to time, and (C) the licensee or permittee obtains written
8909 authorization to engage in such service from the owner of such lot, yard,
8910 court or open space and provides a copy of such authorization to the
8911 zoning commission; and (4) until 9 o'clock p.m., or a time established by
8912 the zoning commission of the municipality, whichever is later.

8913 Sec. 197. Section 22a-201c of the general statutes is repealed and the
8914 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

8915 (a) For each registration of a new motor vehicle with the
8916 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles pursuant to chapter 246, the person
8917 registering such vehicle shall pay to the commissioner a fee of [ten]
8918 fifteen dollars, in addition to any other fees required for registration, [for
8919 registration for a biennial period] for the following registration types:
8920 Passenger, motor home, combination or antique. [Any person who is
8921 sixty-five years or older and who obtains a one-year registration for a

8922 new motor vehicle under section 14-49 for such registration type shall
8923 pay five dollars for the annual registration period.]

8924 (b) For each new registration or renewal of registration of any motor
8925 vehicle, except a new motor vehicle, with the Commissioner of Motor
8926 Vehicles pursuant to chapter 246, the person registering such vehicle
8927 shall pay to the commissioner a fee of seven dollars and fifty cents for
8928 registration for a triennial period and five dollars for registration for a
8929 biennial period for the following registration types: Passenger, motor
8930 home, combination or antique. Any person who is sixty-five years or
8931 older and who obtains a [one-year registration or] one-year registration
8932 renewal for any motor vehicle [, except a new motor vehicle,] under
8933 section 14-49 for such registration type shall pay two dollars and fifty
8934 cents for the annual registration period.

8935 (c) The fee imposed by this subsection may be identified as the
8936 "greenhouse gas reduction fee" on any registration form, or combined
8937 with the fee specified by subdivision (3) of subsection (k) of section 14-
8938 164c on any registration form. The first three million dollars received
8939 from the payment of such fee shall be deposited into the Connecticut
8940 hydrogen and electric automobile purchase rebate program account,
8941 established pursuant to subsection (c) of section 22a-202. Any revenue
8942 from such fee in excess of the first three million dollars in each fiscal year
8943 shall be deposited into the General Fund. No part of the greenhouse gas
8944 reduction fee shall be subject to a refund under subsection [(aa)] (z) of
8945 section 14-49.

8946 Sec. 198. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of
8947 section 7-190 of the general statutes, any other provision of the general
8948 statutes, special act, charter or ordinance, the initiation of the charter
8949 revision process and the appointment and composition of the members
8950 of the charter revision commission as approved by motion and vote of
8951 the board of selectmen of the town of Columbia on September 1, 2020,
8952 is validated. All acts, votes and proceedings of the officers and officials
8953 of the town of Columbia pertaining to or taken in reliance on said

8954 motion and vote, including the acts of said charter revision commission,
8955 are validated and effective as of the date taken.

8956 Sec. 199. Subsection (a) of section 10-29a of the general statutes is
8957 amended by adding subdivisions (98) to (103), inclusive, as follows
8958 (*Effective from passage*):

8959 (NEW) (98) The Governor shall proclaim the second Sunday of June
8960 annually to be Connecticut Race Amity Day, to reflect and affirm the
8961 dignity of the diverse racial, cultural and religious backgrounds of the
8962 residents of the state. Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol
8963 and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the day.

8964 (NEW) (99) The Governor shall proclaim the month of September
8965 annually to be Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month, to raise public
8966 awareness of the associated presentation and available treatments for
8967 brain aneurysms. Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol and
8968 elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the month.

8969 (NEW) (100) The Governor shall proclaim May thirteenth of each
8970 year to be Xeroderma Pigmentosum Awareness Day, to raise awareness
8971 of this genetic disorder characterized by an extreme sensitivity to
8972 ultraviolet rays. Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol and
8973 elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the day.

8974 (NEW) (101) The Governor shall proclaim the second week of
8975 February of each year to be Kindness Week, to promote acts of kindness
8976 among the residents of the state. Suitable exercises may be held in the
8977 State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the
8978 observance of the week.

8979 (NEW) (102) The Governor shall proclaim the last week of June of
8980 each year to be Social Media Safety and Awareness Week, to raise
8981 awareness of social media usage's potential effect on mental health and
8982 social media safety. Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol
8983 and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the

8984 week.

8985 (NEW) (103) The Governor shall proclaim the month of March to be
8986 Peace Corps Month, in recognition of the service provided by the
8987 volunteers of the Peace Corps in supporting the global community.
8988 Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the
8989 Governor designates for the observance of the month.

8990 Sec. 200. Subdivision (96) of subsection (a) of section 10-29a of the
8991 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
8992 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

8993 (96) The Governor shall proclaim the week of April sixteenth of each
8994 year to be Advance Directive Awareness [Day] Week, to raise public
8995 awareness of the importance of planning ahead for health care decisions
8996 and to encourage the use of advance directives. Suitable exercises may
8997 be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates
8998 for the observance of the [day] week.

8999 Sec. 201. Section 525 of substitute house bill 6484 of the 2021 regular
9000 session, as amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and "B", is
9001 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
9002 *passage*):

9003 A portion of Connecticut Route 21 from the intersection of
9004 [Connecticut] United States Route 44 in the town of Putnam to the
9005 [Putnam-Thompson town line] intersection of Connecticut Route 193 in
9006 the town of [Putnam] Thompson shall be designated the ["Calvin
9007 William Heath Silver Star Recipient Memorial Highway"] "Silver Star
9008 Recipient Calvin William Heath Memorial Highway".

9009 Sec. 202. Section 526 of substitute house bill 6484 of the 2021 regular
9010 session, as amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and "B", is
9011 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
9012 *passage*):

9013 A portion of Connecticut Route 193 from the intersection of
9014 Connecticut Route 200 (Quaddick Road) to Chase Road in the town of
9015 Thompson shall be designated as the ["John J. Lindley Memorial
9016 Highway"] "Joseph J. Lindley Memorial Highway".

9017 Sec. 203. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force to
9018 study the state workforce and retiring employees. Such study shall
9019 include, but need not be limited to, an examination of adequate
9020 succession planning for state employees in order to recruit and maintain
9021 the best talent in the state workforce, as well as a review of barriers to
9022 managerial recruitment.

9023 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

9024 (1) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
9025 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
9026 relating to labor and public employees;

9027 (2) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
9028 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
9029 relating to government administration and elections;

9030 (3) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

9031 (4) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

9032 (5) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
9033 Representatives;

9034 (6) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

9035 (7) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
9036 Representatives;

9037 (8) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; and

9038 (9) Four appointed by the chairpersons of the task force, one of whom
9039 shall be an executive branch employee in the MP pay plan, one of whom

9040 shall be a judicial employee in the MP pay plan, one of whom shall be a
9041 higher education employee in the MP pay plan and one of whom shall
9042 represent an organization that advocates for the rights of managerial
9043 employees in the state.

9044 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (3),
9045 (4), (5), (6), (7) or (8) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
9046 of the General Assembly.

9047 (d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later
9048 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall
9049 be filled by the appointing authority.

9050 (e) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General
9051 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor and public
9052 employees shall be the chairpersons of the task force. Such chairpersons
9053 shall schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not
9054 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

9055 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
9056 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor and
9057 public employees shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

9058 (g) (1) Not later than January 1, 2022, the task force shall submit a
9059 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
9060 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
9061 relating to labor and public employees and government administration
9062 and elections, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
9063 general statutes.

9064 (2) The report submitted pursuant to subdivision (1) of this
9065 subsection shall include, but not be limited to, a review of: (A) The
9066 number of managerial and exempt employees who are eligible to retire
9067 from the convening of the task force through the end of calendar year
9068 2022, (B) succession planning of executive branch agencies in
9069 preparation for retirements, and (C) barriers to recruitment into the

9070 managerial and exempt workforce including, but not limited to, (i)
9071 parity in pay structure compared to employees in collective bargaining
9072 units, (ii) parity in health care insurance contributions compared to
9073 employees in collective bargaining units, (iii) salary compression and
9074 inversion among managerial employees and employees in collective
9075 bargaining units, and (iv) opportunities for professional development
9076 and continuing education.

9077 (3) The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such
9078 report or January 1, 2022, whichever is later.

9079 Sec. 204. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section, (1)
9080 "personal protective equipment" means specialized clothing or
9081 equipment worn for protection against infectious disease, including, but
9082 not limited to, protective equipment for the eyes, face, head and
9083 extremities, protective clothing and protective shields and barriers, (2)
9084 "COVID-19" means the respiratory disease designated by the World
9085 Health Organization on February 11, 2020, as coronavirus 2019, and any
9086 related mutation thereof recognized by the World Health Organization
9087 as a communicable respiratory disease, and (3) "state agency" means any
9088 office, department, board, council, commission, institution, constituent
9089 unit of the state system of higher education, technical education and
9090 career school or other agency in the executive, legislative or judicial
9091 branch of state government.

9092 (b) Not later than October 1, 2021, the Commissioner of
9093 Administrative Services shall (1) compile, and thereafter periodically
9094 update, a list of companies domiciled in this state that during the public
9095 health and civil preparedness emergencies declared by the Governor on
9096 March 10, 2020, under sections 19a-131a and 28-9 of the general statutes
9097 due to COVID-19 and any extension of such declarations, changed the
9098 company's business model to produce personal protective equipment to
9099 respond to COVID-19, and (2) post such list on the Internet web site of
9100 the Department of Administrative Services. Notwithstanding any
9101 provision of the general statutes, on and after August 1, 2021, any state

9102 agency purchasing personal protective equipment shall make
9103 reasonable efforts to purchase not less than twenty-five per cent of such
9104 personal protective equipment from companies on such list. The
9105 provisions of this subsection shall not apply if such equipment is not
9106 available for purchase from a company on such list or does not meet the
9107 requirements of the purchasing state agency.

9108 (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to (1) require the
9109 purchase of personal protective equipment that is expired or that does
9110 not otherwise meet recognized industry standards, or (2) waive any
9111 applicable competitive bidding requirements for purchases of personal
9112 protective equipment.

9113 (d) Not later than July 31, 2021, and annually thereafter, the
9114 Commissioner of Administrative Services shall submit a report, in
9115 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
9116 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
9117 cognizance of matters relating to commerce and appropriations and the
9118 budgets of state agencies. Such report shall include, but need not be
9119 limited to, the most recent list compiled under subsection (b) of this
9120 section.

9121 Sec. 205. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) The Banking Commissioner
9122 may, by order, establish a process to permit individuals engaging in an
9123 activity pursuant to a license or registration issued by the commissioner
9124 under title 36a of the general statutes to conduct such activity from a
9125 location other than an office location licensed on the system, as defined
9126 in section 36a-2 of the general statutes.

9127 Sec. 206. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) The aggregate principal
9128 amount of energy consumption and environmental impact lease
9129 financings that are in effect on or after July 1, 2021, shall not exceed
9130 fifteen million dollars for such lease financings that are: (1) Entered into
9131 by the state directly or through a state agency for improvements in state-
9132 owned buildings, (2) for the purpose of reducing energy consumption

9133 or environmental impacts, and (3) not otherwise exempt from such
9134 fifteen-million-dollar aggregate amount pursuant to a provision of a
9135 public or special act.

9136 (b) For the purposes of this section, "state agency" means any office,
9137 department, board, council, commission, institution, constituent unit of
9138 the state system of higher education, technical education and career
9139 school or other agency in the executive, legislative or judicial branch of
9140 state government.

9141 Sec. 207. Section 8-169oo of the general statutes is repealed and the
9142 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

9143 (a) The board of directors of the Connecticut Municipal
9144 Redevelopment Authority is authorized from time to time to issue its
9145 bonds, notes and other obligations in such principal amounts as in the
9146 opinion of the board shall be necessary to provide sufficient funds for
9147 carrying out the purposes set forth in section 8-169jj, including the
9148 payment, funding or refunding of the principal of, or interest or
9149 redemption premiums on, any bonds, notes and other obligations
9150 issued by it, whether the bonds, notes or other obligations or interest to
9151 be funded or refunded have or have not become due, the establishment
9152 of reserves to secure such bonds, notes and other obligations, loans
9153 made by the authority and all other expenditures of the authority
9154 incident to and necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes set
9155 forth in section 8-169jj.

9156 (b) Every issue of bonds, notes or other obligations shall be a general
9157 obligation of the authority payable out of any moneys or revenues of the
9158 authority and subject only to any agreements with the holders of
9159 particular bonds, notes or other obligations pledging any particular
9160 moneys or revenues. Any such bonds, notes or other obligations may be
9161 additionally secured by any grant or contributions from any
9162 department, agency or instrumentality of the United States or person or
9163 a pledge of any moneys, income or revenues of the authority from any

9164 source whatsoever.

9165 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of any law, any bonds, notes
9166 or other obligations issued by the authority pursuant to this section shall
9167 be fully negotiable within the meaning and for all purposes of title 42a.
9168 Any such bonds, notes or other obligations shall be legal investments
9169 for all trust companies, banks, investment companies, savings banks,
9170 building and loan associations, executors, administrators, guardians,
9171 conservators, trustees and other fiduciaries and pension, profit-sharing
9172 and retirement funds.

9173 (d) Bonds, notes or other obligations of the authority shall be
9174 authorized by resolution of the board of directors of the authority and
9175 may be issued in one or more series and shall bear such date or dates,
9176 mature at such time or times, in the case of any such note, or any renewal
9177 thereof, not exceeding the term of years as the board shall determine
9178 from the date of the original issue of such notes, and, in the case of
9179 bonds, not exceeding thirty years from the date thereof, bear interest at
9180 such rate or rates, be in such denomination or denominations, be in such
9181 form, either coupon or registered, carry such conversion or registration
9182 privileges, have such rank or priority, be executed in such manner, be
9183 payable from such sources in such medium of payment at such place or
9184 places within or without this state, and be subject to such terms of
9185 redemption, with or without premium, as such resolution or resolutions
9186 may provide.

9187 (e) Bonds, notes or other obligations of the authority may be sold at
9188 public or private sale at such price or prices as the board shall determine.

9189 (f) Bonds, notes or other obligations of the authority may be refunded
9190 and renewed from time to time as may be determined by resolution of
9191 the board, provided any such refunding or renewal shall be in
9192 conformity with any rights of the holders of such bonds, notes or other
9193 obligations.

9194 (g) [Except as provided in section 8-169qq, bonds] Bonds, notes or

9195 other obligations of the authority issued under the provisions of this
9196 section shall not be deemed to constitute a debt or liability of the state
9197 or of any political subdivision thereof other than the authority, or a
9198 pledge of the faith and credit of the state or of any such political
9199 subdivision other than the authority, and shall not constitute bonds or
9200 notes issued or guaranteed by the state within the meaning of section 3-
9201 21, but shall be payable solely from the funds as provided in this section.
9202 All such bonds, notes or other obligations shall contain on the face
9203 thereof a statement to the effect that, unless otherwise provided by law,
9204 neither the state of Connecticut nor any political subdivision thereof
9205 other than the authority shall be obligated to pay the same or the interest
9206 thereof except from revenues or other funds of the authority and that
9207 neither the faith and credit nor the taxing power of the state of
9208 Connecticut or of any political subdivision thereof other than the
9209 authority is pledged to the payment of the principal of, or the interest
9210 on, such bonds, notes or other obligations.

9211 (h) Any resolution or resolutions authorizing the issuance of bonds,
9212 notes or other obligations may contain provisions, except as limited by
9213 existing agreements with the holders of bonds, notes or other
9214 obligations, which shall be a part of the contract with the holders
9215 thereof, as to the following: (1) The pledging of all or any part of the
9216 moneys received by the authority to secure the payment of the principal
9217 of and interest on any bonds, notes or other obligations or of any issue
9218 thereof; (2) the pledging of all or part of the assets of the authority to
9219 secure the payment of the principal and interest on any bonds, notes or
9220 other obligations or of any issue thereof; (3) the establishment of
9221 reserves or sinking funds, the making of charges and fees to provide for
9222 the same, and the regulation and disposition thereof; (4) limitations on
9223 the purpose to which the proceeds of sale of bonds, notes or other
9224 obligations may be applied and pledging such proceeds to secure the
9225 payment of the bonds, notes or other obligations, or of any issues
9226 thereof; (5) limitations on the issuance of additional bonds, notes or
9227 other obligations, the terms upon which additional bonds, bond

9228 anticipation notes or other obligations may be issued and secured, the
9229 refunding or purchase of outstanding bonds, notes or other obligations
9230 of the authority; (6) the procedure, if any, by which the terms of any
9231 contract with the holders of any bonds, notes or other obligations of the
9232 authority may be amended or abrogated, the amount of bonds, notes or
9233 other obligations the holders of which must consent thereto and the
9234 manner in which such consent may be given; (7) limitations on the
9235 amount of moneys to be expended by the authority for operating,
9236 administrative or other expenses of the authority; (8) the vesting in a
9237 trustee or trustees of such property, rights, powers and duties in trust as
9238 the authority may determine, which may include any or all of the rights,
9239 powers and duties of any trustee appointed by the holders of any bonds,
9240 notes or other obligations and limiting or abrogating the right of the
9241 holders of any bonds, notes or other obligations of the authority to
9242 appoint a trustee or limiting the rights, powers and duties of such
9243 trustee; (9) provision for a trust agreement by and between the authority
9244 and a corporate trustee which may be any trust company or bank having
9245 the powers of a trust company within or without the state, which
9246 agreement may provide for the pledging or assigning of any assets or
9247 income from assets to which or in which the authority has any rights or
9248 interest, and may further provide for such other rights and remedies
9249 exercisable by the trustee as may be proper for the protection of the
9250 holders of any bonds, notes or other obligations of the authority and not
9251 otherwise in violation of law. Such agreement may provide for the
9252 restriction of the rights of any individual holder of bonds, notes or other
9253 obligations of the authority. All expenses incurred in carrying out the
9254 provisions of such trust agreement may be treated as a part of the cost
9255 of operation of the authority. The trust agreement may contain any
9256 further provisions which are reasonable to delineate further the
9257 respective rights, duties, safeguards, responsibilities and liabilities of
9258 the authority, individual and collective holders of bonds, notes and
9259 other obligations of the authority and the trustees; (10) covenants to do
9260 or refrain from doing such acts and things as may be necessary or
9261 convenient or desirable in order to better secure any bonds, notes or

9262 other obligations of the authority, or which, in the discretion of the
9263 authority, will tend to make any bonds, notes or other obligations to be
9264 issued more marketable, notwithstanding that such covenants, acts or
9265 things may not be enumerated herein; and (11) any other matters of like
9266 or different character, which in any way affect the security or protection
9267 of the bonds, notes or other obligations.

9268 (i) Any pledge made by the authority of income, revenues or other
9269 property shall be valid and binding from the time the pledge is made.
9270 The income, revenue, such state taxes as the authority shall be entitled
9271 to receive or other property so pledged and thereafter received by the
9272 authority shall immediately be subject to the lien of such pledge without
9273 any physical delivery thereof or further act, and the lien of any such
9274 pledge shall be valid and binding as against all parties having claims of
9275 any kind in tort, contract or otherwise against the authority, irrespective
9276 of whether such parties have notice thereof.

9277 (j) The board of directors of the authority is authorized and
9278 empowered to obtain from any department, agency or instrumentality
9279 of the United States any insurance or guarantee as to, or of or for the
9280 payment or repayment of, interest or principal or both, or any part
9281 thereof, on any bonds, notes or other obligations issued by the authority
9282 pursuant to the provisions of this section and, notwithstanding any
9283 other provisions of sections 8-169ii to 8-169ss, inclusive, to enter into any
9284 agreement, contract or any other instrument whatsoever with respect to
9285 any such insurance or guarantee except to the extent that such action
9286 would in any way impair or interfere with the authority's ability to
9287 perform and fulfill the terms of any agreement made with the holders
9288 of the bonds, bond anticipation notes or other obligations of the
9289 authority.

9290 [(k) Neither the members of the board of directors of the authority
9291 nor any person executing bonds, notes or other obligations of the
9292 authority issued pursuant to this section shall be liable personally on
9293 such bonds, notes or other obligations or be subject to any personal

9294 liability or accountability by reason of the issuance thereof, nor shall any
9295 director, officer or employee of the authority be personally liable for
9296 damage or injury caused in the performance of such director, officer or
9297 employee's duties and within the scope of employment or appointment
9298 as such director, officer or employee, provided the conduct of such
9299 director, officer or employee was found not to have been wanton,
9300 reckless, wilful or malicious. The authority shall protect, save harmless
9301 and indemnify its directors, officers or employees from financial loss
9302 and expense, including legal fees and costs, if any, arising out of any
9303 claim, demand, suit or judgment by reason of alleged negligence or
9304 alleged deprivation of any person's civil rights or any other act or
9305 omission resulting in damage or injury, if the director, officer or
9306 employee is found to have been acting in the discharge of his or her
9307 duties or within the scope of his or her employment and such act or
9308 omission is found not to have been wanton, reckless, wilful or
9309 malicious.]

9310 [(l)] (k) The board of directors of the authority [shall have power to]
9311 may purchase bonds, notes or other obligations of the authority out of
9312 any funds available for such purpose. The authority may hold, cancel or
9313 resell such bonds, notes or other obligations subject to and in accordance
9314 with agreements with holders of its bonds, notes and other obligations.

9315 [(m)] (l) All moneys received pursuant to the authority of this section,
9316 whether as proceeds from the sale of bonds or as revenues, shall be
9317 deemed to be trust funds to be held and applied solely as provided in
9318 this section. Any officer with whom, or any bank or trust company with
9319 which, such moneys shall be deposited shall act as trustee of such
9320 moneys and shall hold and apply the same for the purposes of section
9321 8-169jj, and the resolution authorizing the bonds of any issue or the trust
9322 agreement securing such bonds may provide.

9323 [(n)] (m) Any holder of bonds, notes or other obligations issued under
9324 the provisions of this section, and the trustee or trustees under any trust
9325 agreement, except to the extent the rights [herein] given in this section

9326 may be restricted by any resolution authorizing the issuance of or any
9327 such trust agreement securing such bonds, may, either at law or in
9328 equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and
9329 enforce any and all rights under the laws of the state or granted under
9330 this section or under such resolution or trust agreement and may
9331 enforce and compel the performance of all duties required by this
9332 section or by such resolution or trust agreement to be performed by the
9333 authority or by any officer, employee or agent of the authority,
9334 including the fixing, charging and collecting of the rates, rents, fees and
9335 charges [herein] authorized by this section and required by the
9336 provisions of such resolution or trust agreement to be fixed, established
9337 and collected.

9338 [(o)] (n) The authority may make representations and agreements for
9339 the benefit of the holders of any bonds, notes or other obligations of the
9340 state which are necessary or appropriate to ensure the exclusion from
9341 gross income for federal income tax purposes of interest on bonds, notes
9342 or other obligations of the state from taxation under the Internal
9343 Revenue Code of 1986 or any subsequent corresponding internal
9344 revenue code of the United States, as amended from time to time,
9345 including agreement to pay rebates to the federal government of
9346 investment earnings derived from the investment of the proceeds of the
9347 bonds, notes or other obligations of the authority. Any such agreement
9348 may include: (1) A covenant to pay rebates to the federal government of
9349 investment earnings derived from the investment of the proceeds of the
9350 bonds, notes or other obligations of the authority; (2) a covenant that the
9351 authority will not limit or alter its rebate obligations until its obligations
9352 to the holders or owners of such bonds, notes or other obligations are
9353 finally met and discharged; and (3) provisions to (A) establish trust and
9354 other accounts which may be appropriate to carry out such
9355 representations and agreements, (B) retain fiscal agents as depositories
9356 for such funds and accounts, and (C) provide that such fiscal agents may
9357 act as trustee of such funds and accounts.

9358 Sec. 208. Section 8-169qq of the general statutes is repealed and the

9359 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

9360 [(a) The state shall protect, save harmless and indemnify the
9361 directors, officers and employees of the Connecticut Municipal
9362 Redevelopment Authority from financial loss and expenses, including
9363 legal fees and costs, if any, arising out of any claim, demand, suit or
9364 judgment based upon any alleged act or omission of any such director,
9365 officer or employee in connection with, or any other legal challenge to,
9366 authority development projects within a Connecticut Municipal
9367 Redevelopment Authority development district, provided any such
9368 director, officer or employee is found to have been acting in the
9369 discharge of such director, officer or employee's duties or within the
9370 scope of such director, officer or employee's employment and any such
9371 act or omission is found not to have been wanton, reckless, wilful or
9372 malicious.

9373 (b) In the event any bond, note or other obligation of the authority
9374 cannot be paid by the authority, the state shall assume the liability of
9375 and make payment on such debt.]

9376 (a) For the purposes of this section, "required minimum capital
9377 reserve" means the maximum amount permitted to be deposited in a
9378 special capital reserve fund by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or
9379 any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United
9380 States, as amended from time to time, to permit the interest on such
9381 bonds to be excluded from gross income for federal tax purposes and
9382 secured by such special capital reserve fund.

9383 (b) In connection with the issuance of bonds or to refund bonds
9384 previously issued by the authority, or in connection with the issuance of
9385 bonds to effect a refinancing or other restructuring with respect to one
9386 or more projects, the authority may create and establish one or more
9387 reserve funds to be known as special capital reserve funds, and may pay
9388 into such special capital reserve funds (1) any moneys appropriated and
9389 made available by the state for the purposes of such special capital

9390 reserve funds, (2) any proceeds of the sale of notes or bonds, to the extent
9391 provided in the resolution of said authority authorizing the issuance
9392 thereof, and (3) any other moneys which may be made available to the
9393 authority for the purpose of such special capital reserve funds from any
9394 other source or sources.

9395 (c) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the moneys held in
9396 or credited to any special capital reserve fund established under this
9397 section shall be used for (1) the payment of the principal of and interest,
9398 when due, whether at maturity or by mandatory sinking fund
9399 installments, on bonds of the authority secured by such special capital
9400 reserve fund as such payments become due, or (2) the purchase of such
9401 bonds of the authority and the payment of any redemption premium
9402 required to be paid when such bonds are redeemed prior to maturity,
9403 including reimbursement of a provider of bond insurance or of a credit
9404 or liquidity facility that has paid such redemption premiums. The
9405 authority may prohibit the withdrawal of moneys in any such special
9406 capital reserve fund in an amount that would result in the balance of
9407 such fund being less than (A) the maximum amount of principal and
9408 interest becoming due by reasons of maturity or a required sinking fund
9409 installment in the then current or any succeeding calendar year on the
9410 bonds of said authority then outstanding, or (B) the required minimum
9411 capital reserve, except for the purpose of paying such principal of,
9412 redemption premium and interest on such bonds of the authority
9413 secured by such special capital reserve becoming due and for the
9414 payment of which other moneys of said authority are not available. The
9415 authority may provide that it shall not issue bonds secured by a special
9416 capital reserve fund at any time if the required minimum capital reserve
9417 on the bonds outstanding and the bonds then to be issued and secured
9418 by the same special capital reserve fund at the time of issuance exceeds
9419 the moneys in the special capital reserve fund, unless the authority, at
9420 the time of the issuance of such bonds, deposits in such special capital
9421 reserve fund from the proceeds of the bonds so to be issued, or from
9422 other sources, an amount which, together with the amount then in such

9423 special capital reserve fund, will be not less than the required minimum
9424 capital reserve.

9425 (d) Prior to December first, annually, the authority shall deposit into
9426 any special capital reserve fund, the balance of which has fallen below
9427 the required minimum capital reserve of such fund, the full amount
9428 required to meet the minimum capital reserve of such fund, as available
9429 to the authority from any resources of the authority not otherwise
9430 pledged or dedicated to another purpose. On or before December first,
9431 annually, but after the authority has made such required deposit, there
9432 is deemed to be appropriated from the General Fund such sums, if any,
9433 as shall be certified by the chairperson or vice-chairperson of the
9434 authority to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, the
9435 State Treasurer and the joint standing committees of the General
9436 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to finance, revenue and
9437 bonding and planning and development, as necessary to restore each
9438 such special capital reserve fund to the amount equal to the required
9439 minimum capital reserve of such fund, and such amounts shall be
9440 allotted and paid to the authority. For the purpose of evaluation of any
9441 such special capital reserve fund, obligations acquired as an investment
9442 for any such special capital reserve fund shall be valued at amortized
9443 cost.

9444 (e) Nothing contained in this section shall preclude the authority
9445 from establishing and creating other debt service reserve funds in
9446 connection with the issuance of bonds or notes of the authority which
9447 are not special capital reserve funds. Subject to any agreement or
9448 agreements with holders of outstanding notes and bonds of the
9449 authority, any amount or amounts allotted and paid to the authority
9450 pursuant to subsection (d) of this section shall be repaid to the state from
9451 moneys of the authority at such time as such moneys are not required
9452 for any other of the authority's corporate purposes, and in any event
9453 shall be repaid to the state on the date one year after all bonds and notes
9454 of the authority theretofore issued on the date or dates such amount or
9455 amounts are allotted and paid to the authority or thereafter issued,

9456 together with interest on such bonds and notes, with interest on any
9457 unpaid installments of interest and all costs and expenses in connection
9458 with any action or proceeding by or on behalf of the holders thereof, are
9459 fully met and discharged.

9460 (f) No bonds secured by a special capital reserve fund shall be issued
9461 to pay project costs unless the authority has obtained the required
9462 approvals under subsection (g) of this section and determines that the
9463 revenues from the project shall be sufficient to (1) pay the principal of
9464 and interest on the bonds issued to finance the project, (2) establish,
9465 increase and maintain any reserves deemed by the authority to be
9466 advisable to secure the payment of the principal of and interest on such
9467 bonds, (3) pay the cost of maintaining the project in good repair and
9468 keeping it properly insured, and (4) pay such other costs of the project
9469 as may be required.

9470 (g) No bonds secured by a special capital reserve fund shall be issued
9471 by the authority until and unless such issuance has been approved by
9472 the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management or his or her
9473 deputy. Any such approval by the secretary pursuant to this subsection
9474 shall be in addition to (1) the otherwise required opinion of sufficiency
9475 by the authority set forth in subsection (f) of this section, and (2) the
9476 approval of the State Treasurer or the Deputy State Treasurer and the
9477 documentation by the authority otherwise required under subsection
9478 (a) of section 1-124. Such approval may provide for the waiver or
9479 modification of such other requirements of this section as the secretary
9480 determines to be necessary or appropriate in order to effectuate such
9481 issuance, subject to all applicable tax covenants of the authority and the
9482 state.

9483 (h) Notwithstanding any other provision contained in this section,
9484 the aggregate amount of bonds secured by such special capital reserve
9485 fund authorized to be established under this section shall not exceed
9486 fifty million dollars.

9487 Sec. 209. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Before any state officer,
9488 state employee, state agency, state board or state commission, or any
9489 agent thereof, for any purpose, (1) shall incur any financial obligation of
9490 the state, or (2) shall enter into any agreement to covenants, events of
9491 default, remedies, priority rights or other similar terms in connection
9492 with a financial obligation of the state, where such financial obligation
9493 is (A) in excess of one million dollars, or (B) encumbers property or
9494 rights of the state material to the operations of the state, such officer,
9495 employee, agency, board or commission, or any agent thereof, shall
9496 notify the State Treasurer of such proposed obligation or agreement and
9497 receive a written acknowledgment under this section. Upon receipt of
9498 such notification, the State Treasurer shall determine whether the
9499 information provided is adequate for the State Treasurer to meet timely
9500 required disclosure obligations under federal securities law. Once the
9501 State Treasurer has determined that adequate disclosure information
9502 has been received concerning the financial obligation, including any
9503 document pursuant to which such financial obligation is to be incurred
9504 and such additional information as may be requested by the State
9505 Treasurer, the State Treasurer, or his or her designee, shall provide
9506 written acknowledgment of such determination to the state officer, state
9507 employee, state agency, state board or state commission, or any agent
9508 thereof. The State Treasurer may establish, and revise from time to time,
9509 exemptions from such filing requirements as the State Treasurer
9510 determines are consistent with the state's obligations under the federal
9511 securities laws.

9512 (b) For the purposes of this section, (1) "state officer, state employee,
9513 state agency, state board or state commission, or any agent thereof"
9514 includes the John Dempsey Hospital Finance Corporation or any similar
9515 organization; and (2) "financial obligation" means (A) a debt obligation,
9516 (B) a derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged
9517 as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt
9518 obligation, (C) a guarantee of subparagraph (A) or (B) of this
9519 subdivision, or (D) any other financial obligation, as defined in 17 CFR

9520 240.15c2-12, as amended from time to time.

9521 Sec. 210. Subsection (a) of section 3-37 of the general statutes is
9522 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
9523 *2021*):

9524 (a) The Treasurer shall, annually, on or before December thirty-first,
9525 submit a final audited report to the Governor and a copy of such report
9526 to the Investment Advisory Council, which shall include the following
9527 information concerning the activities of the office of the State Treasurer
9528 for the immediately preceding fiscal year ending June thirtieth: (1)
9529 Complete financial statements and accompanying footnotes for the
9530 combined investment funds prepared in accordance with generally
9531 accepted accounting principles, which financial statements shall be
9532 audited in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and
9533 supplementary schedules depicting the interests of the component
9534 retirement plans and trust funds; (2) complete financial statements and
9535 accompanying footnotes for the Short Term Investment Fund prepared
9536 in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and
9537 supplementary schedules listing all assets held by the Short Term
9538 Investment Fund; (3) a discussion and review of the performance of the
9539 combined investment funds and Short Term Investment Fund for such
9540 fiscal year in accordance with recognized and appropriate performance
9541 presentation and disclosure, including an analysis of the return earned
9542 by the portfolio and each combined investment fund as well as the risk
9543 profile of the portfolio and each combined investment fund according
9544 to investment industry standards; (4) the activities and transactions in
9545 such reasonable detail as is appropriate of the cash management
9546 division including information on the state's cash receipts and
9547 disbursements for the fiscal year, and the debt management division;
9548 [including the financial statements of the tax-exempt proceeds fund
9549 prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;]
9550 (5) financial statements and accompanying footnotes as well as a
9551 summary of operating results for the Second Injury Fund for such fiscal
9552 year; (6) a financial summary and report on the activities of the state's

9553 unclaimed property program for such fiscal year; (7) a listing of the
9554 companies from which state funds were divested based upon such
9555 companies' business in Sudan, pursuant to the provisions of section 3-
9556 21e, and any companies identified by the Treasurer as companies from
9557 which investment of state funds has been declared impermissible by the
9558 Treasurer, pursuant to the provisions of section 3-21e; and (8) such other
9559 information as the Treasurer deems of interest to the public.

9560 Sec. 211. Subsection (q) of section 3-62h of the general statutes is
9561 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
9562 *2021*):

9563 (q) Any moneys held by the Treasurer or by a trustee pursuant to an
9564 indenture of trust with respect to abandoned property fund bonds
9565 including pledged revenues, other pledged receipts, funds or moneys
9566 and proceeds from the sale of such abandoned property fund bonds,
9567 may, pending the use or application of the proceeds thereof for an
9568 authorized purpose, be (1) invested and reinvested in such obligations,
9569 securities and investments as are set forth in subsection (f) of section 3-
9570 20 [.] and in participation certificates in the Short Term Investment
9571 Funds created under sections 3-27a and 3-27f, [and in participation
9572 certificates or securities of the Tax-Exempt Proceeds Fund created under
9573 section 3-24a] or (2) deposited or redeposited in such bank or banks as
9574 shall be provided in the proceedings. Unless the proceedings provide
9575 otherwise, proceeds from investments authorized by this subsection,
9576 less amounts required under the proceedings authorizing the issuance
9577 of abandoned property fund bonds for the payment of Special
9578 Abandoned Property Fund financing costs relating to such abandoned
9579 property fund bonds, shall be credited to the Special Abandoned
9580 Property Fund.

9581 Sec. 212. Subsection (d) of section 7-406n of the general statutes is
9582 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
9583 *2021*):

9584 (d) Any moneys held by the Treasurer or by a trustee pursuant to an
9585 indenture of trust with respect to municipal pension solvency account
9586 bonds including pledged revenues, other pledged receipts, funds or
9587 moneys and proceeds from the sale of such municipal pension solvency
9588 account bonds, may, pending the use or application of such proceeds
9589 for an authorized purpose, be (1) invested and reinvested in such
9590 obligations, securities and investments as are set forth in subsection (f)
9591 of section 3-20 [.] and in participation certificates in the Short Term
9592 Investment Funds created under sections 3-27a and 3-27f, [and in
9593 participation certificates or securities of the Tax-Exempt Proceeds Fund
9594 created under section 3-24a,] or (2) deposited or redeposited in such
9595 bank or banks as shall be provided in the proceedings authorizing the
9596 issuance of municipal pension solvency account bonds. Unless the
9597 proceedings provide otherwise, proceeds from investments authorized
9598 by this subsection, less amounts required under the proceedings for the
9599 payment of municipal pension solvency loan costs relating to such
9600 municipal pension solvency account bonds, shall be credited to the
9601 municipal pension solvency account.

9602 Sec. 213. Subdivision (9) of subsection (b) of section 8-169jj of the
9603 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
9604 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

9605 (9) Invest any funds not needed for immediate use or disbursement
9606 in obligations issued or guaranteed by the United States or the state,
9607 including the Short Term Investment Fund, [and the Tax-Exempt
9608 Proceeds Fund,] and in other obligations that are legal investments for
9609 savings banks in this state, and in-time deposits or certificates of deposit
9610 or other similar banking arrangements secured in such manner as the
9611 authority determines;

9612 Sec. 214. Subsection (b) of section 8-336o of the general statutes is
9613 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
9614 *2021*):

9615 (b) Any moneys held in the Housing Trust Fund may, pending the
9616 use or application of the proceeds thereof for an authorized purpose, be
9617 (1) invested and reinvested in such obligations, securities and
9618 investments as are set forth in subsection (f) of section 3-20, in
9619 participation certificates in the Short Term Investment Fund created
9620 under sections 3-27a and 3-27f, [and in participation certificates or
9621 securities of the Tax-Exempt Proceeds Fund created under section 3-
9622 24a,] (2) deposited or redeposited in such bank or banks at the direction
9623 of the Treasurer, or (3) invested in participation units in the combined
9624 investment funds, as defined in section 3-31b. Unless otherwise
9625 provided pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, proceeds from
9626 investments authorized by this subsection shall be credited to the
9627 Housing Trust Fund.

9628 Sec. 215. Subsection (b) of section 32-7o of the general statutes is
9629 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
9630 *2021*):

9631 (b) Any moneys held in the Connecticut Manufacturing Innovation
9632 Fund may, pending the use or application of the proceeds thereof for an
9633 authorized purpose, be (1) invested and reinvested in such obligations,
9634 securities and investments as are set forth in subsection (f) of section 3-
9635 20, in participation certificates in the Short Term Investment Fund
9636 created under sections 3-27a and 3-27f, [and in participation certificates
9637 or securities of the Tax-Exempt Proceeds Fund created under section 3-
9638 24a,] (2) deposited or redeposited in any bank or banks, at the direction
9639 of the Treasurer, or (3) invested in participation units in the combined
9640 investment funds, as defined in section 3-31b. Proceeds from
9641 investments authorized by this subsection shall be credited to the
9642 Connecticut Manufacturing Innovation Fund.

9643 Sec. 216. Subsection (b) of section 32-602 of the general statutes is
9644 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
9645 *2021*):

9646 (b) For these purposes, the authority shall have the following powers:
9647 (1) To have perpetual succession as a body corporate and to adopt
9648 procedures for the regulation of its affairs and the conduct of its business
9649 as provided in subsection (f) of section 32-601, to adopt a corporate seal
9650 and alter the same at its pleasure, and to maintain an office at such place
9651 or places within the city of Hartford as it may designate; (2) to sue and
9652 be sued, to contract and be contracted with; (3) to employ such
9653 assistants, agents and other employees as may be necessary or desirable
9654 to carry out its purposes, which employees shall be exempt from the
9655 classified service and shall not be employees, as defined in subsection
9656 (b) of section 5-270, to fix their compensation, to establish and modify
9657 personnel procedures as may be necessary from time to time and to
9658 negotiate and enter into collective bargaining agreements with labor
9659 unions; (4) to acquire, lease, hold and dispose of personal property for
9660 the purposes set forth in this section; (5) to procure insurance against
9661 any liability or loss in connection with its property and other assets, in
9662 such amounts and from such insurers as it deems desirable and to
9663 procure insurance for employees; (6) to invest any funds not needed for
9664 immediate use or disbursement in obligations issued or guaranteed by
9665 the United States of America or the state of Connecticut, including the
9666 Short Term Investment Fund, [and the Tax-Exempt Proceeds Fund,] and
9667 in other obligations which are legal investments for savings banks in
9668 this state and in time deposits or certificates of deposit or other similar
9669 banking arrangements secured in such manner as the authority
9670 determines; (7) notwithstanding any other provision of the general
9671 statutes, upon request of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
9672 Management, to enter into an agreement for funding to facilitate the
9673 relocation of state offices within the capital city economic development
9674 district; (8) to enter into such memoranda of understanding as the
9675 authority deems appropriate to carry out its responsibilities under this
9676 chapter; and (9) to do all acts and things necessary or convenient to carry
9677 out the purposes of and the powers expressly granted by this section.

9678 Sec. 217. Subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 10-283 of the

9679 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
9680 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

9681 (3) (A) All final calculations completed by the Department of
9682 Administrative Services for school building projects shall include a
9683 computation of the state grant for the school building project amortized
9684 on a straight line basis over a twenty-year period for school building
9685 projects with costs equal to or greater than two million dollars and over
9686 a ten-year period for school building projects with costs less than two
9687 million dollars. Any town or regional school district which abandons,
9688 sells, leases, demolishes or otherwise redirects the use of such a school
9689 building project to other than a public school use during such
9690 amortization period shall refund to the state the unamortized balance of
9691 the state grant remaining as of the date the abandonment, sale, lease,
9692 demolition or redirection occurs. The amortization period for a project
9693 shall begin on the date the project was accepted as complete by the local
9694 or regional board of education. A town or regional school district
9695 required to make a refund to the state pursuant to this subdivision may
9696 request forgiveness of such refund if the building is redirected for public
9697 use. The Department of Administrative Services shall include as an
9698 addendum to the annual school construction priority list all those towns
9699 requesting forgiveness. General Assembly approval of the priority list
9700 containing such request shall constitute approval of such request. This
9701 subdivision shall not apply to projects to correct safety, health and other
9702 code violations or to remedy certified school indoor air quality
9703 emergencies approved pursuant to subsection (b) of this section or
9704 projects subject to the provisions of section 10-285c.

9705 (B) If the board of governors for an independent institution of higher
9706 education, as defined in subsection (a) of section 10a-173, or the
9707 equivalent of such a board, on behalf of the independent institution of
9708 higher education, that operates an interdistrict magnet school makes
9709 private use of any portion of a school building in which such operator
9710 received a school building project grant pursuant to this chapter, such
9711 operator shall annually submit a report to the Commissioner of

9712 Education that demonstrates that such operator provides an equal to or
9713 greater than in-kind or supplemental benefit of such institution's
9714 facilities to students enrolled in such interdistrict magnet school that
9715 outweighs the private use of such school building. If the commissioner
9716 finds that the private use of such school building exceeds the in-kind or
9717 supplemental benefit to magnet school students, the commissioner may
9718 require such institution to refund to the state the unamortized balance
9719 of the state grant.

9720 [(C) Any moneys refunded to the state pursuant to subparagraphs
9721 (A) and (B) of this subdivision shall be deposited in the state's tax-
9722 exempt proceeds fund and used not later than sixty days after
9723 repayment to pay debt service on, including redemption, defeasance or
9724 purchase of, outstanding bonds of the state the interest on which is not
9725 included in gross income pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal
9726 Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal
9727 revenue code of the United States, as from time to time amended.]

9728 Sec. 218. Subsection (x) of section 3-20 of the general statutes is
9729 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
9730 *2021*):

9731 (x) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, public acts
9732 or special acts, [upon] any sale, lease or other disposition to or use by a
9733 nongovernmental entity of all or a portion of any project financed with
9734 proceeds of bonds of the state the interest on which is not included in
9735 gross income pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of
9736 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the
9737 United States, as from time to time amended, that would otherwise
9738 cause such bonds to be treated as private activity bonds within the
9739 meaning of Section 141 of said internal revenue code [,] shall be subject
9740 to the prior approval of the Treasurer, and the Treasurer is authorized
9741 to transfer all or a portion of the proceeds received with respect to and
9742 at the time of such disposition or use, in an amount not less than the
9743 amount required by said internal revenue code to preserve the exclusion

9744 from gross income of interest on such bonds, (1) to the General Fund to
9745 pay debt service on, including redemption, defeasance or purchase of,
9746 outstanding bonds of the state the interest on which is not included in
9747 gross income pursuant to Section 103 of said internal revenue code, (2)
9748 with the approval of the State Bond Commission, in lieu of the issuance
9749 of bonds, to the appropriate account or fund for any projects or purposes
9750 authorized by the State Bond Commission pursuant to a bond act and
9751 with the same force and effect as bond proceeds, thereby reducing the
9752 authority to issue bonds by such dollar amount, provided in any event
9753 that any such transfer does not cause the interest on the subject bonds
9754 to become included in gross income pursuant to Section 103 of said
9755 internal revenue code.

9756 Sec. 219. Subsection (b) of section 22a-260a of the general statutes is
9757 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
9758 *2021*):

9759 (b) Wherever the words "Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority"
9760 are used in any public or special act of 2014 or in the following sections
9761 of the general statutes, the words "Materials Innovation and Recycling
9762 Authority" shall be substituted in lieu thereof: 1-79, 1-120, 1-124, 1-125,
9763 [3-24d, 3-24f,] 7-329a, 12-412, 12-459, 16-1, 16-245, 16-245b, 22a-208a, 22a-
9764 208v, 22a-209h, 22a-219b, 22a-220, 22a-241, 22a-260, 22a-261, 22a-263a,
9765 22a-263b, 22a-268a, 22a-268b, 22a-270a, 22a-272a, 22a-282, 22a-283, 22a-
9766 284, 32-1e and 32-658.

9767 Sec. 220. Subsection (a) of section 32-11f of the general statutes is
9768 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
9769 *2021*):

9770 (a) (1) Wherever the term "Connecticut Development Authority" is
9771 used in the following sections of the general statutes, the term
9772 "Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated" shall be substituted in lieu
9773 thereof: [3-24d, 3-24f,] 3-99d, 8-134, 8-134a, 8-192, 8-192a, 8-240m, 13b-
9774 79w, 16-243v, 22a-134, 22a-173, 22a-259, 22a-264, 25-33a, 32-1l, 32-3, 32-

9775 4l, 32-6j, 32-9c, 32-9n, 32-9qq, 32-22b, 32-23l, 32-23o, 32-23q, 32-23r, 32-
9776 23s, 32-23t, 32-23v, 32-23x, 32-23z, 32-23aa, 32-23qq, 32-23ss, 32-23tt, 32-
9777 31a, 32-61, 32-68a, 32-141, 32-222, 32-223, 32-227, 32-244, 32-244a, 32-262,
9778 32-263, 32-265, 32-266, 32-285, 32-341, 32-477, 32-500, 32-503, 32-609, 32-
9779 761, 32-763 and 32-768.

9780 (2) Wherever the term "authority" is used in the following sections of
9781 the general statutes, the term "corporation" shall be substituted in lieu
9782 thereof: 32-14, 32-15, 32-16, 32-16a, 32-17a, 32-18, 32-19, 32-22, 32-22a, 32-
9783 23a, 32-23j, 32-23o, 32-23p, 32-23q, 32-23r, 32-23s, 32-23v, 32-23x, 32-23y,
9784 32-23z, 32-23bb, 32-23ii, 32-23jj, 32-23kk, 32-23ll, 32-23qq, 32-23ss, 32-
9785 23tt, 32-23uu, 32-23vv, 32-31a, 32-61, 32-62, 32-63, 32-64, 32-65, 32-67, 32-
9786 68a, 32-262, 32-263, 32-265, 32-267, 32-269, 32-270, 32-271, 32-272, 32-280,
9787 32-282, 32-285, 32-341, 32-356, 32-500, 32-503, 32-717 and 32-718.

9788 Sec. 221. Section 4-8 of the general statutes is repealed and the
9789 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

9790 (a) Each department head shall be qualified by training and
9791 experience for the duties of his or her office. Each department head shall
9792 act as the executive officer of the Governor for accomplishing the
9793 purposes of his or her department. [He] Each department head shall (1)
9794 conduct comprehensive planning with respect to the functions of his or
9795 her department and coordinate the activities and programs of the state
9796 agencies [therein. He shall] in such department, (2) cause the
9797 administrative organization of [said] such department to be examined
9798 with a view to promoting economy and efficiency, [He shall] and (3)
9799 organize the department and any agency [therein] in such department
9800 into such divisions, bureaus or other units as [he] the department head
9801 deems necessary for the efficient conduct of the business of the
9802 department. [and] Each department head may from time to time
9803 abolish, transfer or consolidate within the department or any agency
9804 [therein] in such department any division, bureau or other unit as may
9805 be necessary for the efficient conduct of the business of the department,
9806 provided such organization shall include any division, bureau or other

9807 unit which is specifically required by the general statutes.

9808 **(b)** Each department head may appoint such deputies as may be
9809 necessary for the efficient conduct of the business of the department.
9810 Each department head shall designate one deputy who shall in the
9811 absence or disqualification of the department head or on his or her
9812 death, exercise the powers and duties of the department head until [he]
9813 the department head resumes his or her duties or the vacancy is filled.
9814 Such deputies shall serve at the pleasure of the department head. Such
9815 appointees shall devote their full time to their duties with the
9816 department or agency and shall engage in no other gainful employment.
9817 Subject to the provisions of chapter 67, each department head shall
9818 appoint such other employees as may be necessary for the discharge of
9819 his or her duties. [He is empowered to make]

9820 **(c)** Each department head may adopt regulations, in accordance with
9821 the provisions of chapter 54, for the conduct of [his] the department.
9822 Each department head may enter into [such] contractual agreements,
9823 including, but not limited to, contractual agreements with other states,
9824 in accordance with established procedures, as may be necessary for the
9825 discharge of [his] the department head's duties. Subject to the provisions
9826 of section 4-32, and unless otherwise provided by law, each department
9827 head is authorized to receive any money, revenue or services from the
9828 federal government, corporations, associations or individuals,
9829 including payments from the sale of printed matter or any other
9830 material or services. Each department head may create such advisory
9831 boards as he or she deems necessary.

9832 Sec. 222. Subsection (b) of section 16a-38k of the general statutes is
9833 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
9834 *2021*):

9835 **(b)** Not later than January 1, [2020] 2022, the Commissioner of Energy
9836 and Environmental Protection, in consultation with the Commissioner
9837 of Administrative Services, shall adopt regulations, in accordance with

9838 the provisions of chapter 54, to adopt state building construction
9839 standards that (1) [are based on] adopt by reference a nationally
9840 recognized model for sustainable construction codes that promotes the
9841 construction of high performance green buildings that have reduced
9842 emissions, have enhanced building occupant health and comfort, are
9843 designed to conserve water resources, are designed to promote
9844 sustainable and regenerative materials cycles and provide enhanced
9845 resilience to natural, technological and human-caused hazards, and (2)
9846 include a standard for inclusion of electric vehicle charging stations, and
9847 thereafter update such regulations as the Commissioner of Energy and
9848 Environmental Protection deems necessary. Said regulations shall adopt
9849 by reference the nationally recognized model for sustainable
9850 construction codes referenced in this subsection. Any amendment to
9851 said state building construction standards shall be limited to
9852 administrative matters, geotechnical and weather-related portions of
9853 said state building construction standards, amendments to said state
9854 building construction standards necessitated by a provision of the
9855 general statutes and any other matter which, based on substantial
9856 evidence, necessitates an amendment to said state building construction
9857 standards.

9858 Sec. 223. Subsection (p) of section 5-200 of the general statutes is
9859 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
9860 *2021*):

9861 (p) When such authority is not otherwise conferred by statute, the
9862 commissioner [may] shall issue orders to provide that (1) executive or
9863 judicial department employees exempt from the classified service or not
9864 included in any prevailing bargaining unit contract, except unclassified
9865 employees of any board of trustees of the constituent units of higher
9866 education, be granted rights and benefits not less than those granted to
9867 employees in the classified service or covered under such contracts, or
9868 (2) retirement benefits for state employees exempt from the classified
9869 service or not included in any prevailing bargaining unit contract be
9870 adjusted to provide retirement benefits for such employees which are

9871 the same as those most frequently provided under the terms of
9872 approved bargaining unit contracts in effect at the time of such
9873 adjustment. When such authority is not otherwise conferred by statute,
9874 the board of trustees of any constituent unit of the state system of higher
9875 education may issue orders to provide that the unclassified employees
9876 of such board be granted rights and benefits not less than those granted
9877 to employees of the board who are covered under a prevailing
9878 bargaining unit contract. Where there is a conflict between an order
9879 granting such rights and benefits and any provision of the general
9880 statutes, such order shall prevail. Such orders shall be subject to the
9881 approval of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management. If the
9882 secretary approves such order, and such order is in conflict with any
9883 provision of the general statutes, the secretary shall forward a copy of
9884 such order to the joint committee of the General Assembly having
9885 cognizance of labor matters.

9886 Sec. 224. Section 2-36 of the general statutes is repealed and the
9887 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

9888 [(a) On or before the twenty-fifth day of each month, the Secretary of
9889 the Office of Policy and Management shall submit to the Governor, the
9890 Comptroller and the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
9891 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets
9892 of state agencies, through the Legislative Office of Fiscal Analysis, a list
9893 of appropriation accounts in which a potential deficiency exists. Such
9894 list shall be accompanied by a statement which explains the reasons for
9895 each such potential deficiency.]

9896 [(b)] On the day the Governor submits a budget document to the
9897 General Assembly, or a report on the status of the budget enacted in the
9898 previous year, pursuant to section 4-71, the Secretary of the Office of
9899 Policy and Management shall submit to the Treasurer and said joint
9900 standing committee, through the Office of Fiscal Analysis, any items to
9901 be included in a deficiency bill, which may be passed by the General
9902 Assembly to pay expenses of the current fiscal year of the biennium.

9903 Each such item shall be accompanied by a statement which explains the
9904 need for a deficiency appropriation. Any agency which has an item to
9905 be included in the deficiency bill shall, on such day, submit a report to
9906 said joint standing committee, through the Office of Fiscal Analysis,
9907 concerning any steps taken by the agency to reduce or eliminate the
9908 deficiency.

9909 Sec. 225. Section 15-1 of the general statutes is repealed and the
9910 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

9911 (a) The Governor shall appoint a harbor master, and may appoint a
9912 deputy harbor master, for each of the harbors of New Haven, Norwich,
9913 Bridgeport, Stamford, Norwalk, Stonington, New London and
9914 Branford. [and] The Governor may appoint a suitable number of
9915 harbor masters and deputy harbor masters in any town in this state
9916 which has navigable waters within its limits, provided the appointment
9917 of a harbor master or deputy harbor master for the harbor of any
9918 municipality which has adopted a harbor management plan, pursuant
9919 to chapter 444a, shall be made by the Governor from a list of not less
9920 than three nominees submitted by the municipality's harbor
9921 management commission, except that if a harbor management
9922 commission does not submit at least three nominees, the Governor may
9923 appoint as harbor master or deputy harbor master any of the nominees
9924 submitted by the harbor management commission or any other person
9925 the Governor deems qualified. Appointments shall be for terms of three
9926 years from July first in the year of the appointment and until a successor
9927 is appointed and qualified, except the term of office of any person
9928 appointed before or after July first in any year to a newly created office
9929 of harbor master or deputy harbor master shall begin on the day of the
9930 appointment and expire on July first next succeeding the completion of
9931 the person's third full year in office. Any appointment to fill a vacancy
9932 shall be for the remainder of the term of the original appointee and until
9933 a successor is appointed and qualified.

9934 (b) Harbor masters shall have the general care and supervision of the

9935 harbors and navigable waterways over which they have jurisdiction,
9936 subject to the direction and control of the Commissioner of Energy and
9937 Environmental Protection, and shall be responsible to the commissioner
9938 for the safe and efficient operation of such harbors and navigable
9939 waterways in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. The harbor
9940 masters or deputy harbor masters shall exercise their duties in a manner
9941 consistent with any harbor management plan adopted pursuant to
9942 section 22a-113m for a harbor over which they have jurisdiction. The
9943 commissioner may delegate any of his powers and duties under this
9944 chapter to such harbor masters or to any existing board of harbor
9945 commissioners, but shall at all times be vested with responsibility for
9946 the overall supervision of the harbors and navigable waterways of the
9947 state.

9948 Sec. 226. Subsection (b) of section 9-211 of the general statutes is
9949 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
9950 *passage*):

9951 (b) The Governor shall cause writs of election issued pursuant to
9952 subsection (a) of this section to be (1) conveyed to a state marshal, who
9953 shall forthwith transmit an attested copy thereof to such clerks or
9954 assistant clerks, or (2) delivered electronically to such clerks or assistant
9955 clerks. Such clerks or assistant clerks, on receiving such writs, shall warn
9956 elections to be held on the day appointed therein in the same manner as
9957 state elections are warned, which elections shall be organized and
9958 conducted as are state elections, and the vote shall be declared, certified,
9959 directed, deposited, returned and transmitted in the same manner as at
9960 a state election.

9961 Sec. 227. Subsection (b) of section 9-212 of the general statutes is
9962 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
9963 *passage*):

9964 (b) The Governor shall cause writs of election issued pursuant to
9965 subsection (a) of this section to be (1) conveyed to a state marshal, who

9966 shall forthwith transmit an attested copy thereof to such clerks or
9967 assistant clerks, or (2) delivered electronically to such clerks or assistant
9968 clerks. Such clerks or assistant clerks, on receiving such writs, shall warn
9969 elections to be held on the day appointed therein in the same manner as
9970 state elections are warned, which elections shall be organized and
9971 conducted as are state elections, and the vote shall be declared, certified,
9972 directed, deposited, returned and transmitted in the same manner as at
9973 a state election.

9974 Sec. 228. Subsection (b) of section 9-215 of the general statutes is
9975 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
9976 *passage*):

9977 (b) When any such vacancy occurs, except as provided in this section,
9978 the Governor shall, within ten days after its occurrence, issue writs of
9979 election, directed to the town clerks or assistant town clerks in the
9980 several towns in the district in which the vacancy exists, ordering an
9981 election to be held therein on the forty-sixth day after the issue of such
9982 writs to fill such vacancy, and cause them to be (1) conveyed to such
9983 town clerks or assistant town clerks, [No such election shall be held on
9984 a Saturday or Sunday] or (2) delivered electronically or by any other
9985 means the Governor deems necessary to ensure such writs are received
9986 by such town clerks or assistant town clerks on the day such writs are
9987 issued, provided no such election shall be held on a Saturday or Sunday.
9988 If such a vacancy occurs between the one hundred twenty-fifth day and
9989 the forty-ninth day before the day of a regular state or municipal
9990 election in November of any year, the Governor shall so issue such writs
9991 on the forty-sixth day before the day of such regular election, ordering
9992 an election to be held on the day of such regular election. If such a
9993 vacancy occurs after the forty-ninth day before the day of a regular state
9994 election but before the Wednesday following the first Monday of
9995 January of the next-succeeding year, the Governor shall not issue such
9996 writs and no election shall be held under this section, unless the position
9997 vacated is that of member-elect, in which case the Governor shall issue
9998 such writs and an election shall be held as provided in this section.

9999 Sec. 229. Section 9-218 of the general statutes is repealed and the
10000 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

10001 When there is no election of probate judge in any district by reason
10002 of two or more having an equal and the highest number of votes, or
10003 when a new probate district is created and no provision made for the
10004 election of a judge thereof, or whenever it is shown to the Governor that
10005 a vacancy is about to exist in said office by reason of the resignation of
10006 the incumbent to take effect at a future time or by reason of
10007 constitutional limitation, or when there is a vacancy in said office, the
10008 Governor may issue writs of election directed to the town clerk or clerks
10009 or assistant town clerk or clerks within such district [,] ordering an
10010 election to be held on a day named therein, other than a Saturday or
10011 Sunday, to fill such vacancy or impending vacancy, and (1) transmit the
10012 same to a state marshal [. Such state marshal] who shall forthwith
10013 transmit them to such clerk or clerks, [who] or (2) deliver electronically
10014 the same to such clerk or clerks. Such clerk or clerks, on receiving the
10015 same, shall warn elections to be held on the day appointed in such writs,
10016 in the same manner as state elections are warned. Such elections shall
10017 be organized and conducted, and the vote shall be declared and returns
10018 made, certified, directed, deposited and transmitted, in the same
10019 manner as at a state election. The Secretary of the State, Treasurer and
10020 Comptroller shall, within thirty days after any such election, count and
10021 declare the votes so returned, and notice shall be given to the person
10022 declared elected, in the same manner as is provided in the election of
10023 probate judges at state elections. The Secretary of the State shall enter
10024 the returns in tabular form in books kept by [him] the Secretary for that
10025 purpose and present a copy of the same, with the name of, and the total
10026 number of votes received by, each of the candidates for said office, to
10027 the Governor within ten days thereafter. The Probate Court
10028 Administrator shall cite a probate judge to act as a judge in the district
10029 during any vacancy in said office in accordance with section 45a-120.

10030 Sec. 230. Subsection (a) of section 10a-55i of the general statutes is
10031 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*

10032 *passage*):

10033 (a) There is established a Higher Education Consolidation Committee
10034 which shall be convened by the chairpersons of the joint standing
10035 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
10036 relating to higher education or such chairpersons' designee, who shall
10037 be a member of such joint standing committee. The membership of the
10038 Higher Education Consolidation Committee shall consist of the higher
10039 education subcommittee on appropriations and the chairpersons, vice
10040 chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committees of
10041 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher
10042 education and appropriations. The Higher Education Consolidation
10043 Committee shall establish a meeting and public hearing schedule for
10044 purposes of receiving updates from (1) the Board of Regents for Higher
10045 Education on the progress of the consolidation of the state system of
10046 higher education pursuant to this section, section 4-9c, subsection (g) of
10047 section 5-160, section 5-199d, subsection (a) of section 7-323k, subsection
10048 (a) of section 7-608, subsection (a) of section 10-9, section 10-155d,
10049 subdivision (14) of section 10-183b, sections 10a-1a to 10a-1d, inclusive,
10050 10a-3 and 10a-3a, [subsection (a) of section 10a-6a, sections 10a-6b,] 10a-
10051 8, 10a-10a to 10a-11a, inclusive, 10a-17d and 10a-22a, subsections (f) and
10052 (h) of section 10a-22b, subsections (c) and (d) of section 10a-22d, sections
10053 10a-22h and 10a-22k, subsection (a) of section 10a-22n, sections 10a-22r,
10054 10a-22s, 10a-22u, 10a-22v, 10a-22x and 10a-34 to 10a-35a, inclusive,
10055 subsection (a) of section 10a-48a, sections 10a-71 and 10a-72, subsections
10056 (c) and (f) of section 10a-77, section 10a-88, subsection (a) of section 10a-
10057 89, subsection (c) of section 10a-99 and sections 10a-102, 10a-104, 10a-
10058 105, 10a-109e, 10a-143 and 10a-168a, and (2) the Board of Regents for
10059 Higher Education and The University of Connecticut on the program
10060 approval process for the constituent units. The Higher Education
10061 Consolidation Committee shall convene its first meeting on or before
10062 September 15, 2011, and meet not less than once every two months.

10063 Sec. 231. Subdivision (1) of subsection (f) of section 10a-11b of the
10064 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu

10065 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

10066 (1) One standing subcommittee shall focus on data, metrics and
10067 accountability, and build upon the work of the [Higher Education
10068 Coordinating Council and] Preschool through 20 and Workforce
10069 Information Network in its measures and data. Such measures shall be
10070 used to assess the progress of each public institution of higher education
10071 toward meeting the commission's goals. The subcommittee shall
10072 collaborate with the Labor Department to (A) produce periodic reports,
10073 capable of being sorted by student age, on the employment status, job
10074 retention and earnings of students enrolled in academic and noncredit
10075 vocational courses and programs, both prior to enrollment and after
10076 completion of such courses and programs, who leave the constituent
10077 units upon graduation or otherwise, and (B) develop an annual
10078 affordability index for public higher education that is based on state-
10079 wide median family income. The subcommittee shall submit annual
10080 reports to the commission and the constituent units.

10081 Sec. 232. Subsection (c) of section 10a-173 of the general statutes is
10082 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
10083 *2021*):

10084 (c) Within available appropriations, the Roberta B. Willis Scholarship
10085 program shall include a need and merit-based grant, a need-based grant
10086 and a Charter Oak grant. The need and merit-based grant shall be
10087 funded at not less than twenty per cent but not more than thirty per cent
10088 of available appropriations. The need-based grant shall be funded at up
10089 to eighty per cent of available appropriations. The Charter Oak grant
10090 shall be not less than one hundred thousand dollars of available
10091 appropriations. There shall be an administrative allowance based on
10092 one-quarter of one per cent of the available appropriations, but (1) for
10093 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, not less than three hundred fifty
10094 thousand dollars, and (2) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, and
10095 each fiscal year thereafter, not less than one hundred thousand dollars.
10096 In addition to the amount of the annual appropriation allocated to the

10097 regional community-technical colleges under subsection (e) of this
10098 section, and to regional community-technical college students under
10099 subsection (d) of this section, not less than two and one-half per cent of
10100 the annual appropriation shall be allocated to the regional community-
10101 technical colleges to be used for financial aid purposes.

10102 Sec. 233. Subsection (b) of section 93 of house bill 6666 of the 2021
10103 regular session, as amended by House Amendment Schedule "A" is
10104 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
10105 *2021*):

10106 Each person holding a license as a physician assistant shall, annually,
10107 during the month of such person's birth, register with the Department
10108 of Public Health, upon payment of a fee of one hundred [fifty] fifty-five
10109 dollars, on blanks to be furnished by the department for such purpose,
10110 giving such person's name in full, such person's residence and business
10111 address and such other information as the department requests. No
10112 such license shall be renewed unless the department is satisfied that the
10113 practitioner (1) has met the mandatory continuing medical education
10114 requirements of the National Commission on Certification of Physician
10115 Assistants or a successor organization for the certification or
10116 recertification of physician assistants that may be approved by the
10117 department; (2) has passed any examination or continued competency
10118 assessment the passage of which may be required by said commission
10119 for maintenance of current certification by said commission; (3) has
10120 completed not less than one contact hour of training or education in
10121 prescribing controlled substances and pain management in the
10122 preceding two-year period; and (4) for registration periods beginning
10123 on or before January 1, 2022, during the first renewal period and not less
10124 than once every six years thereafter, earn not less than two contact hours
10125 of training or education screening for post-traumatic stress disorder,
10126 risk of suicide, depression and grief and suicide prevention training
10127 administered by the American Association of Physician Assistants, a
10128 hospital or other licensed health care institution or a regionally
10129 accredited institution of higher education.

10130 Sec. 234. Section 19a-12d of the general statutes is repealed and the
10131 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

10132 On or before the last day of January, April, July and October in each
10133 year, the Commissioner of Public Health shall certify the amount of
10134 revenue received as a result of any fee increase in the amount of five
10135 dollars that (1) took effect October 1, 2015, pursuant to sections 19a-88,
10136 19a-515, 20-65k, 20-74bb, 20-74h, 20-74s, 20-149, 20-162o, 20-162bb, 20-
10137 191a, 20-195c, 20-195o, 20-195cc, 20-201, 20-206b, 20-206n, 20-206r, 20-
10138 206bb, 20-206ll, 20-222a, 20-275, 20-395d, 20-398 and 20-412, and (2) that
10139 took effect July 1, 2021, pursuant to section 233 of this act, and transfer
10140 such amount to the professional assistance program account established
10141 in section 19a-12c.

10142 Sec. 235. (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) The sum of \$449,124 of the funds
10143 appropriated in section 1 of house bill 6689 of the 2021 regular session,
10144 as amended by House Amendment Schedule "A", to the Office of
10145 Governmental Accountability, for Contracting Standards Board, for the
10146 fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, shall lapse on July 1, 2021.

10147 (b) The sum of \$454,355 of the funds appropriated in section 1 of
10148 house bill 6689 of the 2021 regular session, as amended by House
10149 Amendment Schedule "A", to the Office of Governmental
10150 Accountability, for Contracting Standards Board, for the fiscal year
10151 ending June 30, 2023, shall lapse on July 1, 2022.

10152 Sec. 236. (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) The amounts made available for
10153 grants from the Judicial Department to Valley Save Our Youth pursuant
10154 to section 31 of house bill 6689 of the 2021 regular session, as amended
10155 by House Amendment Schedule "A", shall be awarded to such
10156 organization via TEAM, Inc.

10157 (b) The amounts made available for grants from the Judicial
10158 Department to CCSU pursuant to section 31 of house bill 6689 of the
10159 2021 regular session, as amended by House Amendment Schedule "A",
10160 shall instead be awarded to The University of Connecticut, for the

10161 Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy.

10162 Sec. 237. Section 4-124w of the general statutes is repealed and the
10163 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

10164 (a) There is established an Office of Workforce Strategy. The office
10165 shall be within the [Labor Department an Office of Workforce
10166 Competitiveness] Office of the Governor, for administrative purposes
10167 only.

10168 (b) The department head of the Office of Workforce Strategy shall be
10169 the Chief Workforce Officer, who shall be appointed by the Governor in
10170 accordance with the provisions of sections 4-5 to 4-8, inclusive, with the
10171 powers and duties therein prescribed. The Chief Workforce Officer shall
10172 be qualified by training and experience to perform the duties of the
10173 office as set forth in this section and shall have knowledge of publicly
10174 funded workforce training programs. The [Labor Commissioner shall,
10175 with the assistance of the Office of Workforce Competitiveness] Chief
10176 Workforce Officer shall:

10177 (1) Be the [Governor's principal workforce development policy
10178 advisor;] principal advisor for workforce development policy, strategy
10179 and coordination to the Governor;

10180 (2) Be the lead state official for the development of employment and
10181 training strategies and initiatives;

10182 (3) Be the chairperson of the Workforce Cabinet, which shall consist
10183 of agencies involved with employment and training, as designated by
10184 the Governor pursuant to section 31-3m. The Workforce Cabinet shall
10185 meet at the direction of the Governor or the Chief Workforce Officer;

10186 [(2)] (4) Be the liaison between the Governor, the Governor's
10187 Workforce Council, established pursuant to section 31-3h and any local,
10188 regional, state or federal organizations and entities with respect to
10189 workforce development [matters] policy, strategy and coordination,

10190 including, but not limited to, implementation of the Workforce
10191 Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as [from time to
10192 time] amended from time to time;

10193 [(3) Coordinate the workforce development activities of all state
10194 agencies;]

10195 (5) Develop, and update as necessary, a state workforce strategy in
10196 consultation with the Governor's Workforce Council and the Workforce
10197 Cabinet and subject to the approval of the Governor. The Chief
10198 Workforce Officer shall submit, in accordance with the provisions of
10199 section 11-4a, the state workforce strategy to the joint standing
10200 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
10201 relating to appropriations, commerce, education, higher education and
10202 employment advancement, and labor and public employees at least
10203 thirty days before submitting such state workforce strategy to the
10204 Governor for his or her approval;

10205 [(4)] (6) Coordinate [the state's implementation of the federal
10206 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as
10207 from time to time amended, and advise and assist the Governor with
10208 matters related to said act;] workforce development activities (A)
10209 funded through state resources, (B) funded through funds received
10210 pursuant to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L.
10211 113-128, as amended from time to time, or (C) administered in
10212 collaboration with any state agency for the purpose of furthering the
10213 goals and outcomes of the state workforce strategy approved by the
10214 Governor pursuant to subdivision (5) of this subsection and the
10215 workforce development plan developed by the Governor's Workforce
10216 Council pursuant to the provisions of section 31-11p;

10217 (7) Collaborate with the regional workforce development boards to
10218 adapt the best practices for workforce development established by such
10219 boards for state-wide implementation, if possible;

10220 (8) Coordinate measurement and evaluation of outcomes across

10221 education and workforce development programs, in conjunction with
10222 state agencies, including, but not limited to, the Labor Department, the
10223 Department of Education and the Office of Policy and Management;

10224 (9) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, review any
10225 state plan for each program set forth in Section 103(b) of the Workforce
10226 Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as amended from
10227 time to time, before such plan is submitted to the Governor;

10228 [(5)] (10) Establish methods and procedures to ensure the maximum
10229 involvement of members of the public, the legislature and local officials
10230 in workforce development [matters, including implementation of the
10231 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as
10232 from time to time amended] policy, strategy and coordination;

10233 [(6) Enter] (11) In conjunction with one or more state agencies enter
10234 into such contractual agreements, in accordance with established
10235 procedures and the approval of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
10236 Management, as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this
10237 section. The Chief Workforce Officer may enter into agreements with
10238 other state agencies for the purpose of performing the duties of the
10239 Office of Workforce Strategy, including, but not limited to,
10240 administrative, human resources, finance and information technology
10241 functions;

10242 (12) Market and communicate the state workforce strategy to ensure
10243 maximum engagement with students, trainees, job seekers and
10244 businesses while effectively elevating the state's workforce profile
10245 nationally;

10246 (13) For the purposes of subsection (a) of section 10-21c identify
10247 subject areas, courses, curriculum, content and programs that may be
10248 offered to students in elementary and high school in order to improve
10249 student outcomes and meet the workforce needs of the state;

10250 (14) Issue guidance to state agencies, the Governor's Workforce

10251 Council and regional workforce development boards in furtherance of
10252 the state workforce strategy and the workforce development plan
10253 developed by the Governor's Workforce Council pursuant to the
10254 provisions of section 31-11p. Such guidance shall be approved by the
10255 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, allow for a reasonable
10256 period for implementation and take effect not less than thirty days from
10257 such approval. The Chief Workforce Officer shall consult on the
10258 development and implementation of any guidance with the agency,
10259 council or board impacted by such guidance;

10260 (15) Coordinate, in consultation with the Labor Department and
10261 regional workforce development boards to ensure compliance with
10262 state and federal laws for the purpose of furthering the service
10263 capabilities of programs offered pursuant to the Workforce Innovation
10264 and Opportunity Act, P.L. 113-128, as amended from time to time, and
10265 the United States Department of Labor's American Job Center system;

10266 [(7)] (16) Coordinate, in consultation with the Department of Social
10267 Services, with community action agencies to further the state workforce
10268 strategy; and

10269 (17) Take any other action necessary to carry out the provisions of this
10270 section. [; and]

10271 [(8) Not later than October 1, 2012, and annually thereafter, submit a
10272 report, with the assistance of the Labor Department, to the Governor
10273 and the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
10274 cognizance of matters relating to education, economic development,
10275 labor and higher education and employment advancement specifying a
10276 forecasted assessment by the Labor Department of workforce shortages
10277 in occupations in this state for the succeeding two and five-year periods.
10278 The report shall also include recommendations concerning (A) methods
10279 to generate a sufficient number of workers to meet identified workforce
10280 needs, including, but not limited to, scholarship, school-to-career and
10281 internship programs, and (B) methods secondary and higher education

10282 and private industry can use to address identified workforce needs.

10283 (c) The Labor Department shall be the lead state agency for the
10284 development of employment and training strategies and initiatives
10285 required to support the state's position in the knowledge economy.]

10286 (c) The [Labor Commissioner, with the assistance of the Office of
10287 Workforce Competitiveness,] Chief Workforce Officer may call upon
10288 any office, department, board, commission, public institution of higher
10289 education or other agency of the state to supply such reports,
10290 information, data and assistance as may be reasonable, necessary [or]
10291 and appropriate in order to carry out [its] the Chief Workforce Officer's
10292 or the Office of Workforce Strategy's duties and requirements. Each
10293 officer or employee of such office, department, board, commission,
10294 public institution of higher education or other agency of the state [is
10295 authorized and directed to cooperate with the Labor Commissioner and
10296 to] shall furnish such reports, information, data and assistance as
10297 requested by the Chief Workforce Officer, to the extent permitted under
10298 state and federal law. Any request for data from a participating agency
10299 in CP20 WIN, established pursuant to section 10a-57g, shall be
10300 submitted through CP20 WIN in accordance with the policies and
10301 procedures established by CP20 WIN.

10302 (d) The Office of Workforce Strategy shall provide staff to the
10303 Governor's Workforce Council and such other resources as the Chief
10304 Workforce Officer can make available, and shall coordinate all necessary
10305 support that other state agencies make available, as needed by the
10306 Governor's Workforce Council.

10307 (e) The Chief Workforce Officer, on behalf of the Governor and the
10308 Governor's Workforce Council and in consultation with the Labor
10309 Commissioner, shall coordinate the state's role in the implementation of
10310 the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, P.L. 113-128, as
10311 amended from time to time, and may issue guidance to this effect. The
10312 Labor Commissioner shall offer such resources as the commissioner can

10313 make available for such purpose.

10314 (f) Not later than October 1, 2022, and annually thereafter, the Chief
10315 Workforce Officer shall submit to the Governor and, in accordance with
10316 the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the
10317 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
10318 appropriations, higher education and employment advancement,
10319 education, commerce, and labor and public employees, a report
10320 regarding workforce development in the state. Such report shall include
10321 but not be limited to, any programs undertaken by the Office of
10322 Workforce Strategy, information on the number of individuals served
10323 by such programs, demographic information about such individuals
10324 and outcomes of such individuals after completion of a workforce
10325 development program.

10326 Sec. 238. (*Effective July 1, 2021*) Not later than January 1, 2022, the
10327 Chief Workforce Officer shall submit recommendations to the Governor
10328 for updates to the state workforce strategy (1) that address the needs of
10329 certain individuals, including, but not limited to, those who are
10330 disabled, veterans, long-term unemployed, have a criminal background
10331 or have recently been released from prison, and (2) as advised by the
10332 Two-Generational Advisory Board, established pursuant to section 17b-
10333 112l of the general statutes.

10334 Sec. 239. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) There is established an
10335 account to be known as the "Office of Workforce Strategy account"
10336 which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account within the General Fund.
10337 The account shall contain any moneys required by law to be deposited
10338 in the account and any funds received from any public or private
10339 contributions, gifts, grants, donations, bequests or devises to the
10340 account. Moneys in the account shall be expended by the Office of
10341 Workforce Strategy for the purposes of funding workforce training
10342 programs and supporting administrative expenses of the Office of
10343 Workforce Strategy. The Office of Workforce Strategy may enter into
10344 contracts or agreements with the constituent units of the state system of

10345 higher education and regional workforce development boards for the
10346 purposes of this section. The Chief Workforce Officer, in consultation
10347 with the Labor Commissioner and the regional workforce development
10348 boards, shall (1) ensure that, as appropriate, participants in a workforce
10349 training program funded through the Office of Workforce Strategy
10350 account also enroll in additional workforce development programs for
10351 the purpose of minimizing duplication across existing workforce
10352 programs and leveraging federal funds; and (2) establish funding
10353 eligibility criteria for workforce training programs for the purpose of
10354 meeting the workforce needs of in-demand occupations.

10355 (b) Not later than October 1, 2022, and annually thereafter until
10356 October 1, 2025, the Chief Workforce Officer shall submit to the
10357 Governor and, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
10358 general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General
10359 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to finance, higher
10360 education and employment advancement, education, commerce, and
10361 labor and public employees a report regarding the workforce training
10362 programs funded through the Office of Workforce Strategy account.
10363 Such report shall include but not be limited to, information on the
10364 number of individuals served, demographic information about such
10365 individuals and outcomes of such individuals after completion of a
10366 workforce training program.

10367 Sec. 240. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) The Office of Workforce
10368 Strategy, established pursuant to section 4-124w of the general statutes,
10369 shall, in consultation with the Chief Data Officer, the Board of Trustees
10370 of The University of Connecticut, the Board of Regents for Higher
10371 Education, the Labor Commissioner, the Commissioner of Education,
10372 the executive director of the Office of Higher Education or any other
10373 stakeholder as identified by the Chief Workforce Officer, establish
10374 standards for designating certain credentials, as defined in section 298
10375 of this act, as credentials of value. Such standards may include, but need
10376 not be limited to, meeting the workforce needs of employers in the state,
10377 completion rates, net cost, whether the credential transfers to or stacks

10378 onto another credential of value, average time to completion, types of
10379 employment opportunities available upon completion and earnings
10380 upon completion. The Office of Workforce Strategy shall not require the
10381 submission of an application or any other information from a provider
10382 of a credential for such credential to be designated a credential of value.

10383 Sec. 241. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) Not later than September 1,
10384 2022, and every two years thereafter until September 1, 2028, the Chief
10385 Workforce Officer shall submit to the Board of Regents for Higher
10386 Education, the Governor and, in accordance with the provisions of
10387 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of
10388 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
10389 commerce and higher education and employment advancement a
10390 report on (1) credentials, as defined in section 298 of this act, and skills
10391 that are in demand in the labor market and that lead to quality jobs, and
10392 (2) models and examples of associate degree programs that result in
10393 students earning an industry-recognized credential within twelve
10394 months from enrollment and is a pathway to one or more bachelor's
10395 degree programs.

10396 Sec. 242. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 10-21j of the general
10397 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
10398 (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

10399 (a) The Commissioner of Education, in collaboration with the Board
10400 of Regents for Higher Education, shall establish the Connecticut
10401 Apprenticeship and Education Committee to coordinate and identify (1)
10402 potential preapprenticeship and apprenticeship training program
10403 integration, and (2) leveraged funding identification of career technical
10404 education programs within high schools and programs within higher
10405 education institutions for careers in various industries. Such committee
10406 shall include, but not be limited to, (A) representatives from the
10407 Department of Economic and Community Development, the Labor
10408 Department, the Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology, the
10409 Connecticut Manufacturers Collaborative, the Technical Education and

10410 Career System, the advanced manufacturing centers at the regional
10411 community-technical colleges, independent institutions of higher
10412 education in the state that offer training in the field of manufacturing,
10413 the [Connecticut Employment and Training Commission] Office of
10414 Workforce Strategy, companies and employee organizations that
10415 represent manufacturing workers, and (B) teachers, guidance
10416 counselors, school counselors, principals and superintendents.

10417 (b) [On or before July 1, 2020, and annually thereafter, the] The
10418 committee established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section [shall]
10419 may, in such committee's discretion, report, in accordance with the
10420 provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the
10421 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce,
10422 higher education and workforce development and labor and public
10423 employees an analysis of whether current apprenticeship training
10424 programs available to Connecticut residents are meeting workforce
10425 needs. The committee shall consult with members of the manufacturing
10426 industry when producing such report. In addition to consulting with
10427 manufacturing industries, the committee shall consult with members of
10428 insurance, health care, financial technology, biotechnology, STEM,
10429 construction trades and hospitality industries and any other appropriate
10430 industry to coordinate and identify potential modern preapprenticeship
10431 and apprenticeship training programs and shall review and consider
10432 European apprenticeship training programs when producing such
10433 report.

10434 Sec. 243. Subsection (a) of section 10-95s of the general statutes is
10435 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
10436 *2021*):

10437 (a) The Technical Education and Career System shall be advised by a
10438 Technical Education and Career System board. The board shall consist
10439 of eleven members and shall include at least the following, (1) two
10440 members with experience in manufacturing or a trade offered by the
10441 Technical Education and Career System, or who are alumni of the

10442 system, (2) two members who are executives of Connecticut-based
10443 employers and who shall be nominated by the [Connecticut
10444 Employment and Training Commission] Governor's Workforce
10445 Council, established pursuant to section 31-3h. The Commissioners of
10446 Education and Economic and Community Development, [and] the
10447 Labor Commissioner and the Chief Workforce Officer, or their
10448 respective designees, shall serve as ex-officio members of the board.
10449 Members of the board shall be appointed by the Governor with the
10450 advice and consent of the General Assembly, in accordance with the
10451 provisions of section 4-7. Any vacancy shall be filled in the manner
10452 provided in section 4-19. The Governor shall appoint the chairperson.

10453 Sec. 244. Subsection (b) of section 17b-688h of the general statutes is
10454 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
10455 *2021*):

10456 (b) Effective July 1, 1998, the Labor Department shall be responsible
10457 for the negotiation, establishment, modification, extension, suspension
10458 or termination of contracts for employment services. The Labor
10459 Department may provide administration and services directly or
10460 through the [Connecticut Employment and Training Commission or]
10461 regional workforce development boards.

10462 Sec. 245. Subsection (c) of section 17b-688i of the general statutes is
10463 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
10464 *2021*):

10465 (c) Not later than January 1, 1999, and annually thereafter, the Labor
10466 Department shall submit a report to the Governor, the joint standing
10467 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
10468 relating to appropriations, human services and labor and public
10469 employees, in accordance with section 11-4a, and the [Connecticut
10470 Employment and Training Commission] Governor's Workforce
10471 Council. Each report shall contain an evaluation of the operation of the
10472 employment services administered by the Labor Department pursuant

10473 to this section, including the number of persons who receive
10474 employment services, their gender and outcomes. Each such report shall
10475 also provide specific information regarding the cost-effectiveness of the
10476 employment services.

10477 Sec. 246. Section 31-2 of the general statutes is repealed and the
10478 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

10479 (a) The Labor Commissioner shall collect information upon the
10480 subject of labor, its relation to capital, the hours of labor, the earnings of
10481 laboring men and women and the means of promoting their material,
10482 social, intellectual and moral prosperity, and [shall have power to] may
10483 summon and examine under oath such witnesses, and may direct the
10484 production of, and examine or cause to be produced and examined, such
10485 books, records, vouchers, memoranda, documents, letters, contracts or
10486 other papers in relation thereto as he deems necessary, and shall have
10487 the same powers in relation thereto as are vested in magistrates in taking
10488 depositions, but for this purpose persons shall not be required to leave
10489 the vicinity of their residences or places of business. Said commissioner
10490 shall collect and collate (1) population and employment data to project
10491 who is working, who is not working and who will be entering the job
10492 market, and [shall provide an analysis of] (2) data concerning present
10493 job requirements and potential needs of new industry. [The
10494 commissioner shall include in his annual report to the Governor, as
10495 provided in section 4-60, all the aforesaid statistical details.]

10496 (b) The commissioner [shall administer the coordination of all] may
10497 adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, for
10498 all programs within the jurisdiction of the Labor Department, including,
10499 but not limited to, employment and training programs in the state. [and
10500 shall implement the plan of the Connecticut Employment and Training
10501 Commission as approved by the Governor. The commissioner shall
10502 develop and maintain a comprehensive inventory of all employment
10503 and training programs in the state, including a listing of all funding
10504 sources for each program, the characteristics of the persons served, a

10505 description of each program and its results and the identification of
10506 areas of program overlap and duplication.

10507 (c) The commissioner shall provide staff to the Connecticut
10508 Employment and Training Commission and such other resources as the
10509 commissioner can make available.]

10510 [(d)] (c) The commissioner may request the Attorney General to bring
10511 an action in Superior Court for injunctive relief requiring compliance
10512 with any statute, regulation, order or permit administered, adopted or
10513 issued by the commissioner.

10514 [(e)] (d) The commissioner shall assist state agencies, boards and
10515 commissions that issue occupational certificates or licenses in (1)
10516 determining when to recognize and accept military training and
10517 experience in lieu of all or part of the training and experience required
10518 for a specific professional or occupational license, and (2) reviewing and
10519 revising policies and procedures to ensure that relevant military
10520 education, skills and training are given appropriate recognition in the
10521 certification and licensing process.

10522 Sec. 247. Section 31-3b of the general statutes is repealed and the
10523 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

10524 [(a) The Labor Commissioner shall appoint a job training coordinator
10525 who shall develop and implement innovative programs which will
10526 provide (1) job training for (A) workers who are needed by industries
10527 planning to locate in Connecticut or by industries located in this state,
10528 (B) unskilled entry level workers, (C) workers in need of retraining due
10529 to the obsolescence of their skills and (D) workers who need skill
10530 training to qualify for advancement, (2) an incentive for the
10531 establishment of apprenticeship programs in selected occupations;
10532 provided no program shall be developed for occupations where prior
10533 skill or training is not typically a prerequisite to hiring, and (3) work
10534 training opportunities and placement of the chronically unemployed
10535 under section 31-3d.

10536 (b) The Labor Commissioner is authorized to establish an interagency
10537 program coordinating committee to coordinate the application of all
10538 available resources for the purposes of this section. Said committee shall
10539 consist of representatives of various employment and training agencies
10540 within the Labor Department and representatives of the Department of
10541 Education and the Department of Economic and Community
10542 Development.]

10543 [(c)] (a) The Labor Commissioner may contract with any public or
10544 private agency for educational and job training services.

10545 [(d)] (b) The Labor Commissioner may accept and receive funds from
10546 any public or private source which become available for the purposes of
10547 this section and section 31-3d.

10548 Sec. 248. Section 31-3h of the general statutes is repealed and the
10549 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

10550 (a) There is created, within the [Labor Department, the Connecticut
10551 Employment and Training Commission] Office of Workforce Strategy,
10552 the Governor's Workforce Council. The Governor's Workforce Council
10553 shall constitute a successor council to the Connecticut Employment and
10554 Training Commission in accordance with the provisions of sections 4-
10555 38d and 4-39.

10556 (b) The duties and responsibilities of the [commission] council shall
10557 include:

10558 (1) Carrying out the duties and responsibilities of a state [job training
10559 coordinating council] workforce board pursuant to the federal [Job
10560 Training Partnership Act, 29 USC 1532] Workforce Innovation and
10561 Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as amended from time to time, [a
10562 state human resource investment council pursuant to 29 USC 1501 et
10563 seq., as amended from time to time,] and such other related [entities]
10564 responsibilities as the Governor may direct;

10565 [(2) Reviewing all employment and training programs in the state to
10566 determine their success in leading to and obtaining the goal of economic
10567 self-sufficiency and to determine if such programs are serving the needs
10568 of Connecticut's workers, employers and economy;

10569 (3) Reviewing and commenting on all employment and training
10570 programs enacted by the General Assembly;

10571 (4) Implementing] (2) Supporting the implementation of the federal
10572 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as
10573 amended from time to time; [. Such implementation shall include (A)
10574 developing, in consultation with the regional workforce development
10575 boards, a single Connecticut workforce development plan that (i)
10576 complies with the provisions of said act and section 31-11p, and (ii)
10577 includes comprehensive state performance measures for workforce
10578 development activities specified in Title I of the federal Workforce
10579 Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as amended from
10580 time to time, which performance measures comply with the
10581 requirements of 20 CFR Part 666.100, (B) making recommendations to
10582 the General Assembly concerning the allocation of funds received by the
10583 state under said act and making recommendations to the regional
10584 workforce development boards concerning the use of formulas in
10585 allocating such funds to adult employment and job training activities
10586 and youth activities, as specified in said act, (C) providing oversight and
10587 coordination of the state-wide employment statistics system required by
10588 said act, (D) as appropriate, recommending to the Governor that the
10589 Governor apply for workforce flexibility plans and waiver authority
10590 under said act, after consultation with the regional workforce
10591 development boards, (E) developing performance criteria for regional
10592 workforce development boards to utilize in creating a list of eligible
10593 providers, and (F) on or before December 31, 1999, developing a
10594 uniform individual training accounts voucher system that shall be used
10595 by the regional workforce development boards to pay for training of
10596 eligible workers by eligible providers, as required under said act;

10597 (5) Developing and overseeing a plan for the continuous
10598 improvement of the regional workforce development boards
10599 established pursuant to section 31-3k;

10600 (6) Developing incumbent worker, and vocational and manpower
10601 training programs, including customized job training programs to
10602 enhance the productivity of Connecticut businesses and to increase the
10603 skills and earnings of underemployed and at-risk workers, and other
10604 programs administered by the regional workforce development boards.
10605 The Labor Department, in collaboration with the regional workforce
10606 development boards, shall implement any incumbent worker and
10607 customized job training programs developed by the commission
10608 pursuant to this subdivision;

10609 (7) Developing a strategy for providing comprehensive services to
10610 eligible youths, which strategy shall include developing youth
10611 preapprentice and apprentice programs through, but not limited to,
10612 technical education and career schools, and improving linkages
10613 between academic and occupational learning and other youth
10614 development activities; and

10615 (8) Coordinating an electronic state hiring campaign to encourage the
10616 reemployment of workers fifty years of age or older to be administered
10617 through the Labor Department's Internet web site, which shall include
10618 testimony from various employers that demonstrates the value of hiring
10619 and retaining workers fifty years of age or older. Not later than January
10620 1, 2015, the commission shall submit a report, in accordance with section
10621 11-4a, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
10622 cognizance of matters relating to labor on the status of such campaign.]

10623 (3) Making recommendations to the General Assembly concerning
10624 the formula for allocation of funds received by the state under the
10625 federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-
10626 128, as amended from time to time, pursuant to the provisions of
10627 sections 31-11m and 31-11s; and

10628 (4) Convening state agencies, educational institutions business
10629 leaders and others to (A) inform state policy regarding workforce
10630 development, (B) help state agencies and educational institutions align
10631 with the needs of employers, and (C) help businesses understand how
10632 to contribute to the state's workforce efforts.

10633 Sec. 249. Section 31-3i of the general statutes is repealed and the
10634 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

10635 (a) [The] Pursuant to Section 101 of the federal Workforce Innovation
10636 and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, the members of the
10637 [Connecticut Employment and Training Commission] Governor's
10638 Workforce Council shall be: [appointed as specified in subsection (b) of
10639 this section.]

10640 [(b) (1) The commission shall consist of twenty-four members, a
10641 majority of whom shall represent business and industry and the
10642 remainder of whom shall represent state and local governments,
10643 organized labor, education and community based organizations,
10644 including a representative of a community action agency, as defined in
10645 section 17b-885.

10646 (2) Effective six months after the United States Secretary of Labor
10647 approves the single Connecticut workforce development plan
10648 submitted to said secretary in accordance with the provisions of
10649 subsection (b) of section 31-11r, the Governor shall fill any vacancy on
10650 the commission from recommendations submitted by the president pro
10651 tempore of the Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives, the
10652 majority leader of the Senate, the majority leader of the House of
10653 Representatives, the minority leader of the Senate and the minority
10654 leader of the House of Representatives.

10655 (c) Members appointed to the commission prior to June 23, 1999, shall
10656 continue to serve on the commission as if they were appointed to the
10657 commission as of June 23, 1999. The commission shall meet no less than
10658 once every calendar quarter.]

10659 (1) The Governor;

10660 (2) A member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the
10661 speaker of the House of Representatives, and a member of the Senate,
10662 appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

10663 (3) Twenty-four members, appointed by the Governor, who (A) are
10664 owners of a business, chief executives or operating officers of a business,
10665 or other business executives or employers with optimum policy-making
10666 or hiring authority; (B) represent businesses or organizations
10667 representing businesses that provide employment opportunities that, at
10668 a minimum, include high-quality, work-relevant training and
10669 development in in-demand industry sectors or occupation in the state;
10670 or (C) have been nominated by state business organizations or business
10671 trade associations. At a minimum, at least one such member shall
10672 represent small businesses, as defined by the United States Small
10673 Business Administration.

10674 (4) The Labor Commissioner, Commissioner of Aging and Disability
10675 Services, Commissioner of Education, Commissioner of Economic and
10676 Community Development and the Chief Workforce Officer, or their
10677 respective designees;

10678 (5) Four representatives of labor organizations, who have been
10679 nominated by state labor federations and appointed by the Governor;

10680 (6) An individual, appointed by the Governor, who is a member of a
10681 labor organization or a training director from a joint labor-management
10682 apprenticeship program, or, if no such joint program exists in the state,
10683 such a representative of an apprenticeship program in the state;

10684 (7) Five members, appointed by the Governor, who represent
10685 community-based organizations that have demonstrated experience
10686 and expertise in addressing employment, training, or education,
10687 including one representative of a community action agency, as defined
10688 in section 17b-885, and one representative of a philanthropic

10689 organization;

10690 (8) A representative from the Connecticut State Colleges and
10691 Universities, a representative from The University of Connecticut and a
10692 representative from a nonprofit institution of higher education in the
10693 state, each appointed by the Governor;

10694 (9) Two superintendents of a local or regional board of education,
10695 appointed by the Governor;

10696 (10) Two chief elected officials of municipalities, appointed by the
10697 Governor; and

10698 (11) Two members of the public, who are enrolled in or who have
10699 recently completed a nondegree workforce training program, appointed
10700 by the Governor.

10701 (b) All appointments shall be made in a manner that reflects the
10702 diversity of the state, including, but not limited to, geographic, gender
10703 identity, racial and ethnic diversity.

10704 (c) The Governor shall appoint the chairperson of the Governor's
10705 Workforce Council from among the members appointed pursuant to
10706 subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of this section. The Chief Workforce
10707 Officer shall serve as the vice-chairperson of the council.

10708 (d) The Governor's Workforce Council may establish an executive
10709 committee composed of members appointed by the chairperson. The
10710 vice-chairperson of the council shall be a member of any such executive
10711 committee. The council may delegate to the executive committee any
10712 powers of the council except those powers that are required by law to
10713 be exercised by the council. The chairperson may also appoint ad hoc
10714 committees, workgroups or task forces to assist the council as
10715 appropriate, and shall consult with the vice-chairperson and the
10716 legislative members of the council in making appointments to such ad
10717 hoc committees, workgroups or task forces.

10718 (e) Any appointments made to the council prior to October 1, 2021,
10719 shall expire on that date.

10720 (f) The council shall meet not less than once every calendar quarter.

10721 (g) The Governor shall establish bylaws for the council pursuant to
10722 20 CFR 679.110(d), which shall include, but need not be limited to, term
10723 limitations for members and how appointments will be made.

10724 Sec. 250. Section 31-3j of the general statutes is repealed and the
10725 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

10726 As used in sections 31-3j to 31-3r, inclusive:

10727 (1) "Board" means a regional work force development board
10728 established under section 31-3k;

10729 [(2) "Commission" means the Connecticut Employment and Training
10730 Commission created under section 31-3h;]

10731 [(3)] (2) "Commissioner" means the Labor Commissioner;

10732 [(4) "Job Training Partnership Act" means the federal Job Training
10733 Partnership Act, 29 USC 1501 et seq., as from time to time amended;]

10734 [(5)] (3) "Municipality" means a town, city, borough, consolidated
10735 town and city or consolidated town and borough;

10736 (4) "Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act" means the federal
10737 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as
10738 amended from time to time; and

10739 [(6)] (5) "Work force development region" or "region" means an area
10740 designated as a service delivery area in accordance with the provisions
10741 of the [Job Training Partnership Act] Workforce Innovation and
10742 Opportunity Act.

10743 Sec. 251. Section 31-3k of the general statutes is repealed and the

10744 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

10745 (a) There is established within the Labor Department a regional work
10746 force development board for each work force development region in the
10747 state. [Each board shall assess the needs and priorities for investing in
10748 the development of human resources within the region and shall
10749 coordinate a broad range of employment, education, training and
10750 related services that shall be focused on client-centered, lifelong
10751 learning and shall be responsive to the needs of local business, industry,
10752 the region, its municipalities and its citizens.]

10753 (b) Each board, within its region, in accordance with the Connecticut
10754 workforce development plan approved by the Governor and developed
10755 by the Governor's Workforce Council pursuant section 31-11p, the state
10756 workforce strategy approved by the Governor and developed by the
10757 Chief Workforce Officer pursuant to section 4-124w, any guidance
10758 issued by the Chief Workforce Officer pursuant to section 4-124w and
10759 any guidance issued by the Labor Commissioner, shall:

10760 (1) [Carry out the duties and responsibilities of a private industry
10761 council under the Job Training Partnership Act, provided the private
10762 industry council within the region elects by a vote of its members to
10763 become a board and the Labor Commissioner approves the council as a
10764 regional work force development board.] (A) Assess the needs and
10765 priorities for investing in the development of human resources within
10766 the region and shall coordinate a broad range of employment,
10767 education, training and related services that shall be focused on client-
10768 centered, lifelong learning, (B) be responsive to the needs of local
10769 business, industry, the region, its municipalities and its residents, and
10770 (C) be the lead agency for any local workforce development initiative.

10771 (2) Within existing resources and consistent with the state
10772 employment and training information system [and any guidelines
10773 issued by the commissioner under subsection (b) of section 31-2,] (A)
10774 assess regional needs and identify regional priorities for employment

10775 and training programs, including, but not limited to, an assessment of
10776 the special employment needs of unskilled and low-skilled unemployed
10777 persons, including persons receiving state-administered general
10778 assistance or short-term unemployment assistance, (B) conduct
10779 planning for regional employment and training programs, (C)
10780 coordinate such programs to ensure that the programs respond to the
10781 needs of labor, business and industry, municipalities within the region,
10782 the region as a whole, and all of its citizens, (D) serve as a clearinghouse
10783 for information on all employment and training programs in the region,
10784 (E) [prepare and submit an annual plan containing the board's priorities
10785 and goals for regional employment and training programs to the
10786 commissioner and the commission for their review and approval, (F)]
10787 review grant proposals and plans submitted to state agencies for
10788 employment and training programs that directly affect the region [to
10789 determine whether such proposals and plans are consistent with the
10790 annual regional plan prepared under subparagraph (E) of this
10791 subdivision] and inform the [commission] Governor's Workforce
10792 Council and each state agency concerned of the results of the review,
10793 [(G) evaluate the effectiveness of employment and training programs
10794 within the region in meeting the goals contained in the annual regional
10795 plan prepared under subparagraph (E) of this subdivision and report its
10796 findings to the commissioner and the commission on an annual basis,
10797 (H)] (F) ensure the effective use of available employment and training
10798 resources in the region, and [(I)] (G) allocate funds where applicable for
10799 program operations in the region.

10800 (3) Provide information to the commissioner, [concerning (A) all
10801 employment and training programs, grants or funds to be effective or
10802 available in the region in the following program year, (B) the source and
10803 purpose of such programs, grants or funds, (C) the projected amount of
10804 such programs, grants or funds, (D) persons, organizations and
10805 institutions eligible to participate in such programs or receive such
10806 grants or funds, (E) characteristics of clients eligible to receive services
10807 pursuant to such programs, grants or funds, (F) the range of services

10808 available pursuant to such programs, grants or funds, (G) goals of such
10809 programs, grants or funds, (H) where applicable, schedules for
10810 submitting requests for proposals, planning instructions, proposals and
10811 plans, in connection with such programs, grants or funds, (I) the
10812 program period for such programs, grants or funds, and (J) any other
10813 data relating to such programs, grants or funds that the commissioner
10814 or the commission deems essential for effective state planning.] Chief
10815 Workforce Officer or Governor's Workforce Council that the
10816 commissioner, Chief Workforce Officer or Governor's Workforce
10817 Council deems essential for effective state planning.

10818 (4) Carry out the duties and responsibilities of the local workforce
10819 development board for purposes of the [federal] Workforce Innovation
10820 and Opportunity Act. [of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as from time to time
10821 amended.]

10822 [(5) Establish a worker training education committee comprised of
10823 persons from the education and business communities within the
10824 region, including, but not limited to, regional community-technical
10825 colleges and technical education and career schools.]

10826 (c) Each board shall make use of grants or contracts with appropriate
10827 service providers to furnish all program services under sections 31-3j to
10828 31-3r, inclusive, unless the [commission] Governor's Workforce Council
10829 concurs with the board that direct provision of a service by the board is
10830 necessary to assure adequate availability of the service or that a service
10831 of comparable quality can be provided more economically by the board.
10832 Any board seeking to provide services directly shall [include in the
10833 annual regional plan submitted to the commissioner and the
10834 commission under subparagraph (E) of subdivision (2) of subsection (b)
10835 of this section its plan to provide services directly and appropriate
10836 justification for the need to do so. When the decision to provide services
10837 directly must be made between annual planning cycles, the board shall]
10838 submit to the commissioner, the Chief Workforce Officer and the
10839 [commission] Governor's Workforce Council a plan of service and

10840 appropriate justification for the need to provide services directly. Such
10841 plan of service shall be subject to review and approval by the
10842 [commission] Governor's Workforce Council.

10843 (d) On October 1, [2002] 2021, and annually thereafter, each board
10844 shall submit [to the Labor Department] in accordance with the
10845 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, data and comprehensive
10846 performance measures detailing the results of any education,
10847 employment or job training program or activity funded by moneys
10848 allocated to the board, including, but not limited to, programs and
10849 activities specified in [the federal Workforce Innovation and
10850 Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as from time to time amended.
10851 Such performance measures shall include, but shall not be limited to,
10852 the identity and performance of any vendor that enters into a contract
10853 with the board to conduct, manage or assist with such programs or
10854 activities, the costs associated with such programs or activities, the
10855 number, gender and race of persons served by such programs or
10856 activities, the number, gender and race of persons completing such
10857 programs or activities, occupational skill types, the number, gender and
10858 race of persons who enter unsubsidized employment upon completion
10859 of such programs or activities, the number, gender and race of persons
10860 who remain in unsubsidized employment six months later and the
10861 earnings received by such persons] said act. The Labor Commissioner
10862 and the Chief Workforce Officer may require the submission of
10863 additional data and performance measures through guidance jointly by
10864 said commissioner and officer.

10865 Sec. 252. Section 31-3l of the general statutes is repealed and the
10866 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

10867 The members of a board shall be appointed by the chief elected
10868 officials of the municipalities in the region in accordance with the
10869 provisions of an agreement entered into by such municipalities. In the
10870 absence of an agreement the appointments shall be made by the
10871 Governor. The membership of each board shall satisfy the requirements

10872 for a [private industry council as provided under the Job Training
10873 Partnership Act and the requirements of the federal] local board as
10874 provided under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. [of
10875 2014, P.L. 113-128, as from time to time amended. To the extent
10876 consistent with such requirements: (1) Business members shall
10877 constitute a majority of each board and shall include owners of
10878 businesses, chief executives or chief operating officers of
10879 nongovernmental employers, or other business executives who have
10880 substantial management or policy responsibilities. Whenever possible,
10881 at least one-half of the business and industry members shall be
10882 representatives of small businesses, including minority businesses; (2)
10883 the nonbusiness members shall include representatives of community-
10884 based organizations, state and local organized labor, state and
10885 municipal government, human service agencies, economic
10886 development agencies and regional community-technical colleges and
10887 other educational institutions, including secondary and postsecondary
10888 institutions and regional vocational technical schools; (3) the
10889 nonbusiness representatives shall be selected by the appointing
10890 authority from among individuals nominated by the commissioner and
10891 the organizations, agencies, institutions and groups set forth in
10892 subdivisions (2) and (5) of this section, and each appointing authority
10893 shall solicit nominations from the commissioner and the organizations,
10894 agencies, institutions and groups set forth in subdivisions (2) and (5) of
10895 this section; (4) labor representatives shall be selected from individuals
10896 recommended by recognized state and local labor federations in a
10897 manner consistent with the federal Job Training Partnership Act and the
10898 federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-
10899 128, as from time to time amended; (5) the board shall represent the
10900 interests of a broad segment of the population of the region, including
10901 the interests of welfare recipients, persons with disabilities, veterans,
10902 dislocated workers, younger and older workers, women, minorities and
10903 displaced homemakers; and (6) in each region where a private industry
10904 council has elected by a vote of its members to become a regional work
10905 force development board and the commissioner has approved the

10906 council as a board, the initial membership of each board shall include,
10907 but not be limited to, the business members of the private industry
10908 council in the region.]

10909 Sec. 253. Section 31-3m of the general statutes is repealed and the
10910 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

10911 Not later than July 1, 1992, [and annually thereafter,] the Governor
10912 shall designate appropriate state agencies as agencies involved in
10913 employment and training. The department heads of each agency
10914 involved in employment and training shall: [(1)] Not later than August
10915 15, 1992, and annually thereafter, identify to the commissioner and the
10916 Chief Workforce Officer the employment and training programs
10917 administered by the agency that [shall be] are subject to oversight by
10918 one or more boards under the provisions of sections 31-3j to 31-3r,
10919 inclusive.]; and (2) provide to the commissioner, for distribution to the
10920 boards through the commission, information concerning (A) all
10921 employment and training programs, grants or funds to be effective or
10922 available in the following program year, (B) the source and purpose of
10923 such programs, grants or funds, (C) the projected amount of such
10924 programs, grants or funds, (D) persons, organizations and institutions
10925 eligible to participate in such programs or receive such grants or funds,
10926 (E) characteristics of clients eligible to receive services pursuant to such
10927 programs, grants or funds, (F) the range of services available pursuant
10928 to such programs, grants or funds, (G) goals of such programs, grants
10929 or funds, (H) where applicable, schedules for submitting requests for
10930 proposals, planning instructions, proposals and plans, in connection
10931 with such programs, grants or funds, (I) the program period for such
10932 programs, grants or funds, and (J) any other data relating to such
10933 programs, grants or funds that the commissioner or the commission
10934 deems essential for effective regional planning] The Chief Workforce
10935 Officer, jointly with the commissioner and the Governor's Workforce
10936 Council, shall facilitate communication and the exchange of information
10937 between the boards and the state agencies involved in employment and
10938 training.

10939 Sec. 254. Section 31-3n of the general statutes is repealed and the
10940 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

10941 (a) The commissioner, in consultation with the [commission, shall]
10942 Chief Workforce Officer and the Governor's Workforce Council, may
10943 adopt regulations in accordance with chapter 54 to carry out the
10944 provisions of sections 31-3j to 31-3r, inclusive. [The regulations shall
10945 establish criteria for the organization and operation of the board and for
10946 ensuring that the membership of each board satisfies the requirements
10947 of section 31-3l.

10948 (b) The commissioner, acting through the commission, shall facilitate
10949 communication and exchange of information between the boards and
10950 state agencies involved in employment and training.]

10951 [(c)] (b) The [commissioner] Chief Workforce Officer shall distribute
10952 all information received under the provisions of sections 31-3j to 31-3r,
10953 inclusive, to the [commission] Governor's Workforce Council in order
10954 to ensure that the review and coordination duties of the [commission]
10955 council are effectively carried out.

10956 [(d) The commissioner shall submit each annual regional plan
10957 prepared pursuant to subparagraph (E) of subdivision (2) of subsection
10958 (b) of section 31-3k, together with the recommendations of the
10959 commissioner and the commission, to the Governor for final approval.]

10960 [(e)] (c) The [commissioner shall] Governor may approve, [in
10961 consultation with the commission] upon the recommendation of the
10962 Governor's Workforce Council, each board established pursuant to
10963 section 31-3k which meets the requirements of sections 31-3j to 31-3r,
10964 inclusive.

10965 Sec. 255. Section 31-3o of the general statutes is repealed and the
10966 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

10967 [(a) The commission shall review and approve each annual regional

10968 plan prepared pursuant to subparagraph (E) of subdivision (2) of
10969 subsection (b) of section 31-3k.]

10970 [(b)] The [commission] Governor's Workforce Council shall ensure
10971 that the membership of each board satisfies the representation
10972 requirements of section 31-3l, [and] regulations adopted by the
10973 commissioner under section 31-3n and guidance issued pursuant to
10974 section 4-124w in accordance with the Workforce Innovation and
10975 Opportunity Act.

10976 [(c) The commission shall review and consider the annual report of
10977 each board evaluating the effectiveness of employment and training
10978 programs, prepared pursuant to subparagraph (G) of subdivision (2) of
10979 subsection (b) of section 31-3k.]

10980 Sec. 256. Section 31-3r of the general statutes is repealed and the
10981 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

10982 Nothing in sections 31-3j to 31-3r, inclusive, shall be construed or
10983 administered in any manner that would conflict with the requirements
10984 of the [Job Training Partnership Act] Workforce Innovation and
10985 Opportunity Act or supersede any statutory duties, responsibilities or
10986 obligations of any agency or board, including, but not limited to, any
10987 local board of education.

10988 Sec. 257. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 31-3w of the general
10989 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
10990 (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

10991 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, the Labor
10992 Commissioner, in exercise of any duties including any duties as
10993 administrator under chapter 567, shall, within available resources,
10994 [maintain] participate in a state-wide network of job centers which
10995 provide to workers, students and employers comprehensive workforce
10996 development assistance, including, but not limited to, the following:

10997 (1) Unemployment compensation, retraining allowances and other
10998 forms of federal and state income support;

10999 (2) Career, labor market, educational and job training information,
11000 and consumer reports on local training providers;

11001 (3) Career planning and job search assistance;

11002 (4) Applicant recruitment and screening, assessment of training
11003 needs, customized job training pursuant to this chapter, apprenticeship
11004 programs pursuant to chapter 557 and related consultative services to
11005 employers based on their employment needs;

11006 (5) Eligibility determinations and referrals to providers of
11007 employment and training services; and

11008 (6) Access to information regarding job openings and, where
11009 appropriate, referral to such openings.

11010 (b) In carrying out responsibilities under this section, the
11011 commissioner shall:

11012 (1) Collaborate with the [Connecticut Employment and Training
11013 Commission] Governor's Workforce Council established pursuant to
11014 section 31-3h, [and] the regional workforce development boards
11015 established pursuant to section 31-3k and the Chief Workforce Officer;

11016 (2) Promote coordination of service delivery and collaboration with
11017 other public and private providers of education, human services and
11018 employment and training services, including, but not limited to, adult
11019 education and literacy providers;

11020 (3) Consult with the Commissioner of Economic and Community
11021 Development and the Chief Workforce Officer to ensure coordination of
11022 service delivery to employers;

11023 (4) Conduct outreach to employers and trade associations to ensure

11024 that services meet the needs of business and industry; and

11025 (5) Develop a comprehensive job training assistance application for
11026 employer-based training services and programs that allows the
11027 applicant to apply for any such assistance offered by the state in one
11028 application.

11029 Sec. 258. Section 31-3cc of the general statutes is repealed and the
11030 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

11031 The [Connecticut Employment and Training Commission]
11032 Governor's Workforce Council, in cooperation with the Commission on
11033 Women, Children, Seniors, Equity and Opportunity and the
11034 Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities, shall regularly
11035 collect and analyze data on state-supported training programs that
11036 measure the presence of gender or other systematic bias and work with
11037 the relevant boards and agencies to correct any problems that are found.

11038 Sec. 259. Subsection (b) of section 31-11m of the general statutes is
11039 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
11040 *2021*):

11041 (b) [(1)] Funds reserved for state-wide investment activities by the
11042 state of Connecticut from the amounts allotted to the state under
11043 Sections 127(b)(1)(C), 132(b)(1)(B) and 132(b)(2)(B) of the federal
11044 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as
11045 from time to time amended, shall be consistent with the provisions of
11046 Section 128(a) of said act. The Governor shall reserve not more than
11047 fifteen per cent of such allotted amounts in any fiscal year for state-wide
11048 workforce investment activities. At least annually, the Chief Workforce
11049 Officer shall submit, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a,
11050 a notice to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
11051 cognizance of matters relating to appropriations regarding how the
11052 funds reserved for state-wide investment activities will be used and if
11053 any changes are made in how such funds will be used.

11054 [(2) Such reserved funds may be used only to carry out state-wide
11055 youth activities described in Section 129(b) of the federal Workforce
11056 Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as from time to
11057 time amended, or state-wide employment and training activities, for
11058 adults or for dislocated workers, described in Section 134(a)(2)(B) or
11059 Section 134(a)(3) of said act, provided such use is consistent with the
11060 Connecticut workforce development plan developed by the Connecticut
11061 Employment and Training Commission under section 31-11p. The
11062 percentage of such reserved funds that are used for administrative costs
11063 shall be consistent with the provisions of Section 134(a)(3)(B) of said act.
11064 For purposes of this subdivision and subdivision (3) of this subsection,
11065 "administrative costs" has the same meaning as in 20 CFR Part 667,
11066 Subpart B.]

11067 Sec. 260. Section 31-11o of the general statutes is repealed and the
11068 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

11069 The [Connecticut Employment and Training Commission]
11070 Governor's Workforce Council established under section 31-3h is hereby
11071 recognized as the state-wide workforce development board for
11072 purposes of complying with the federal Workforce Innovation and
11073 Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as amended from time to time.
11074 [amended.]

11075 Sec. 261. Section 31-11p of the general statutes is repealed and the
11076 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

11077 (a) The [Connecticut Employment and Training Commission,]
11078 Governor's Workforce Council, with the assistance of the Labor
11079 Commissioner and in consultation with the regional workforce
11080 development boards, shall develop a [single] four-year Connecticut
11081 workforce development plan that [outlines a five-year strategy for the
11082 state of Connecticut's workforce development system and] meets the
11083 requirements of [Sections 111 and 112 of] the federal Workforce
11084 Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as amended from

11085 time to time, [amended. Said] Such plan shall [serve as a framework for
11086 the development of public policy, fiscal investment and operation of
11087 workforce education and job training programs and shall] constitute the
11088 single state plan for purposes of [Section 112 of] said act. The
11089 [Connecticut Employment and Training Commission] Governor's
11090 Workforce Council, in consultation with the regional workforce
11091 development boards, shall update [said] such plan at least once every
11092 [five] four years.

11093 [(b) The plan shall, at a minimum, include:

11094 (1) Long-term goals for the state's workforce development system.
11095 Such goals shall include local control of service delivery, one-stop
11096 delivery of services, individual choice for individuals served by the
11097 system, accountability for provider performance, coordination of
11098 workforce development activities integrating state and federal
11099 resources and the establishment of ties between funding and actual
11100 participation in training activities;

11101 (2) Short-term goals, benchmarks and performance measures that the
11102 state will use to measure its progress towards meeting the long-term
11103 goals identified in subdivision (1) of this subsection;

11104 (3) Identification of the role each institution, entity, organization and
11105 program plays in the state-wide workforce development system;

11106 (4) Ways to improve access to public and certified nonpublic
11107 postsecondary educational institutions;

11108 (5) A strategy for assessing unmet workforce preparation needs;

11109 (6) A description of comprehensive performance measures to ensure
11110 coordination and eliminate duplication of services;

11111 (7) A strategy for assessing types of jobs for which there are shortages
11112 of available qualified workers and the geographical concentration of
11113 unmet workforce needs in this state;

11114 (8) A strategy for maximizing or redirecting funding to deliver
11115 services more effectively to meet the state's workforce development
11116 needs;

11117 (9) A provision stating that the members of the Connecticut
11118 Employment and Training Commission and the regional workforce
11119 development boards shall comply with state ethics laws and the
11120 applicable provisions of Sections 111(f) and 117(g) of the federal
11121 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as
11122 from time to time amended;

11123 (10) A provision stating that the Labor Commissioner and the
11124 Commissioners of Social Services and Education shall develop a
11125 coordinated program of referring workforce development participants
11126 to supportive services, including, but not limited to, transportation and
11127 child care services for eligible participants of workforce activities. Such
11128 program shall include a requirement that each regional workforce
11129 development board submit an annual report to the commission on or
11130 before January 31, 2000, and each January thirty-first thereafter detailing
11131 such board's plan for coordinating such supportive services;

11132 (11) A description of the state of Connecticut's proposed one-stop
11133 delivery system, which shall be consistent with the provisions of Section
11134 134(c) of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014,
11135 P.L. 113-128, as from time to time amended, and shall include a
11136 description of the following components: (A) A uniform individual
11137 training accounts voucher system which shall be used by the regional
11138 workforce development boards to pay for training of eligible workers
11139 by eligible providers and which shall include a reporting system that
11140 ties funding to actual participation in training programs, (B) the core
11141 services, as identified in subdivision (12) of this subsection, which shall
11142 be available to adults or dislocated workers, including exemptions from
11143 core services, (C) the intensive services, as identified in subdivision (13)
11144 of this subsection, which shall be available to adults or dislocated
11145 workers who have received the maximum amount of core services but

11146 were unable to obtain employment through such core services,
11147 including prerequisites for obtaining such intensive services and
11148 exemptions from such prerequisites, and (D) the training services, as
11149 identified in subdivision (14) of this subsection, which shall be available
11150 to adults or dislocated workers who have received intensive services,
11151 but were unable to obtain unsubsidized employment through such
11152 intensive services, including prerequisites for obtaining such training
11153 services and exemptions from such prerequisites;

11154 (12) Identification of core services available under the one-stop
11155 delivery system, which shall, at a minimum, include: (A) Determination
11156 of whether individuals are eligible to receive assistance under Subtitle B
11157 of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L.
11158 113-128, as from time to time amended; (B) outreach, intake and
11159 orientation to the information and other services available through the
11160 one-stop delivery system; (C) a uniform assessment procedure for
11161 screening adults and dislocated workers which shall include, but not be
11162 limited to, initial assessment of skill levels, aptitudes, abilities,
11163 supportive service needs and for application of the self-sufficiency
11164 measurement developed in accordance with the provisions of section 4-
11165 66e; (D) job search and placement assistance and, where appropriate,
11166 career counseling; (E) provision of (i) employment statistics
11167 information, including the provision of accurate information concerning
11168 local, regional and national labor market areas, including job vacancy
11169 listings in such labor market areas, information on job skills necessary
11170 to obtain such vacant jobs and information relating to local occupations
11171 in demand and the earnings and skill requirements for such
11172 occupations; (ii) provider performance information and program cost
11173 information on eligible providers of training services, as described in
11174 Section 122 of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of
11175 2014, P.L. 113-128, as from time to time amended, provided by program,
11176 and eligible providers of youth activities described in Section 123 of said
11177 act, eligible providers of adult education described in Title II of said act,
11178 providers of postsecondary vocational education activities and

11179 vocational education activities, which shall include, but not be limited
11180 to, preapprentice programs available through, but not limited to, the
11181 Technical Education and Career System, available to school dropouts
11182 under the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology
11183 Education Act, 20 USC 2301, et seq., and providers of vocational
11184 rehabilitation program activities described in Title I of the Rehabilitation
11185 Act of 1973, 29 USC 720, et seq.; (iii) information regarding how the local
11186 area is performing on the local performance measures and any
11187 additional performance information with respect to the one-stop
11188 delivery system in the local area; (iv) accurate information concerning
11189 the availability of supportive services, including child care and
11190 transportation, available through the local area and referral to such
11191 services, as appropriate; (v) information regarding filing claims for
11192 unemployment compensation under chapter 567; (F) assistance in
11193 establishing eligibility for programs of financial aid assistance for
11194 training and education programs that are not funded under said act and
11195 are available through the local area; (G) follow-up services, including
11196 counseling regarding the workplace, for participants in workforce
11197 investment activities authorized under Subtitle B of the federal
11198 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as
11199 from time to time amended, who are placed in unsubsidized
11200 employment, for not less than twelve months after the first day of the
11201 employment, as appropriate; and (H) assistance in establishing
11202 eligibility for authorized activities under Section 403(a)(5) of the Social
11203 Security Act, as added by Section 5001 of the Balanced Budget Act of
11204 1997, available in the local area. For purposes of this subdivision, "local
11205 area" refers to an area designated as such pursuant to Section 116 of the
11206 federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-
11207 128, as from time to time amended;

11208 (13) Identification of intensive services available under the one-stop
11209 delivery system, which services may include (A) comprehensive and
11210 specialized assessments of the skill levels and service needs of adults
11211 and dislocated workers, which may include diagnostic testing, use of

11212 special education planning and placement teams and use of other
11213 assessment tools and in-depth interviewing and evaluation to identify
11214 employment barriers and appropriate employment goals; (B)
11215 development of an individual employment plan to identify the
11216 employment goals, appropriate achievement objectives and appropriate
11217 combination of services for the participant to achieve the employment
11218 goals; (C) group counseling; (D) individual counseling and career
11219 planning; (E) case management for participants seeking training
11220 services authorized under the federal Workforce Innovation and
11221 Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as from time to time amended;
11222 and (F) short-term prevocational services, including development of
11223 learning skills, communication skills, interviewing skills, punctuality,
11224 personal maintenance skills and professional conduct, to prepare
11225 individuals for unsubsidized employment or training;

11226 (14) Identification of training services authorized under the federal
11227 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as
11228 from time to time amended, that are available under the one-stop
11229 delivery system, which services may include a combination of
11230 occupational skills training, including training for nontraditional
11231 employment, on-the-job training, programs that combine workplace
11232 training with related instruction, which may include cooperative
11233 education programs, training programs operated by the private sector,
11234 skill upgrading and retraining, entrepreneurial training, job readiness
11235 training, adult education and literacy activities and customized job
11236 training conducted with a commitment by an employer or group of
11237 employers to employ an individual upon successful completion of the
11238 training;

11239 (15) Development of a uniform system of identifying and certifying
11240 eligible providers of the training services described in subdivision (13)
11241 of this subsection, which system shall (A) incorporate each of the
11242 requirements of Section 122 of the federal Workforce Innovation and
11243 Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as from time to time amended,
11244 and (B) be used by each regional workforce development board in

11245 selecting an eligible provider of training services;

11246 (16) A strategy for the establishment of (A) regional youth councils
11247 by the regional workforce development boards, which regional youth
11248 councils shall (i) recommend eligible providers of youth activities to the
11249 council and conduct oversight of eligible providers of youth activities;
11250 (ii) in cooperation with local boards of education, identify available
11251 programs and activities to assist youths in completing education
11252 programs; (iii) identify available programs and activities to assist youths
11253 in securing and preserving employment; and (iv) coordinate youth
11254 activities with Job Corps services, coordinate youth activities authorized
11255 under the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014,
11256 P.L. 113-128, as from time to time amended, and improve the connection
11257 between court-involved youths and the state labor market; and (B)
11258 criteria for selection of regional youth council members and awarding
11259 youth program grants for state-wide youth activities described in
11260 Section 129(b) of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
11261 of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as from time to time amended;

11262 (17) Development of a program to provide job readiness and job
11263 search training to unemployed and underemployed noncustodial
11264 parents no later than July 1, 2000;

11265 (18) Development of a career pathways program to link alternative
11266 education programs to regional community-technical colleges and
11267 work-related learning no later than October 1, 2000; and

11268 (19) Any other provisions required to be included in the plan under
11269 Sections 111 and 112 of the federal Workforce Innovation and
11270 Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as from time to time amended.]

11271 [(c) The] (b) On and after July 1, 2021, the Governor may submit
11272 [modifications to] the [single] Connecticut workforce development plan
11273 [approved by] and any modifications to such plan to the United States
11274 [Secretary] Secretaries of Labor, [as necessary during the five-year
11275 period covered by the plan,] Health and Human Services and

11276 Education, with the advice and assistance of the [Connecticut
11277 Employment and Training Commission] Governor's Workforce
11278 Council, provided such plan and any modifications are [(1) approved
11279 by the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
11280 cognizance of matters relating to appropriations, education, labor and
11281 social services, and (2)] consistent with the requirements of [Sections 111
11282 and 112 of] the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of
11283 2014, P.L. 113-128, as amended from time to time. [amended.]

11284 Sec. 262. Section 31-11s of the general statutes is repealed and the
11285 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

11286 (a) [On or before February 9, 2000] Not later than October 1, 2021, and
11287 annually thereafter, the [Connecticut Employment and Training
11288 Commission] Governor's Workforce Council shall make
11289 recommendations consistent with the provisions of the [single]
11290 Connecticut workforce development plan [submitted to the Governor]
11291 developed by the Governor's Workforce Council pursuant to section
11292 [31-11r] 31-11p to the Governor [and the General Assembly] concerning
11293 the appropriation of funds received for adult workforce development
11294 activities under the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
11295 of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as amended from time to time. [amended, for (1)
11296 job-related vocational, literacy, language or numerical skills training; (2)
11297 underemployed and at-risk workers; (3) individuals with barriers to
11298 full-time, stable employment, including language, basic skills and
11299 occupational literacy barriers; (4) vocational training using apprentice
11300 and preapprentice programs and customized job training programs that
11301 are designed to serve at-risk workers and promote job retention and the
11302 obtainment of higher wage jobs; (5) special incentives for programs that
11303 successfully train (A) women for nontraditional employment, and (B)
11304 minorities for occupations or fields of work in which such minorities are
11305 underrepresented; and (6) special grants or contracts in each region for
11306 training programs that target workers who are difficult to serve,
11307 including, but not limited to, workers (A) with limited literacy or
11308 numerical skills, (B) without a high school diploma or its equivalent, or

11309 (C) for whom English is a second language. For purposes of this section,
11310 "nontraditional employment" refers to occupations or fields of work for
11311 which women comprise less than twenty-five per cent of the individuals
11312 employed in each such occupation or field of work.

11313 (b) On or before February 9, 2000, and annually thereafter, the
11314 commission shall make recommendations to the Governor and the
11315 General Assembly concerning the appropriation of funds received
11316 under the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014,
11317 P.L. 113-128, as from time to time amended, for dislocated workers.]

11318 [(c)] (b) Pursuant to Section 189(i)(4)(A) of the federal Workforce
11319 Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. 113-128, as amended from
11320 time to time, [amended,] the Governor is authorized by the General
11321 Assembly to apply for a waiver of federal eligibility requirements to
11322 allow incumbent workers with annual family incomes that do not
11323 exceed two hundred per cent of the poverty level guidelines issued by
11324 the federal Department of Health and Human Services to receive job
11325 training services.

11326 Sec. 263. Section 4-124z of the general statutes is repealed and the
11327 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

11328 (a) [The] Not later than January 1, 2022, and as necessary thereafter,
11329 the board of the Technical Education and Career System, in consultation
11330 with the Chief Workforce Office, the Labor Commissioner, the
11331 [Commissioner] Commissioners of Economic and Community
11332 Development, [working with the Office of Workforce Competitiveness,
11333 the Commissioners of] Education and Social Services, the Secretary of
11334 the Office of Policy and Management and the president of the
11335 Connecticut State Colleges and Universities [, in consultation with the
11336 superintendent of the Technical Education and Career System] and one
11337 member of industry representing each of the economic clusters
11338 identified by the Commissioner of Economic and Community
11339 Development pursuant to section 32-1m shall (1) review, evaluate and,

11340 as necessary, recommend improvements for certification and degree
11341 programs offered by the Technical Education and Career System and
11342 the community-technical college system to ensure that such programs
11343 meet the employment needs of business and industry, [and] (2) develop
11344 strategies to strengthen the linkage between skill standards for
11345 education and training and the employment needs of business and
11346 industry, (3) assess the unmet demand from employers in the state to
11347 hire graduates of trade programs from technical education and career
11348 schools and the unmet demand from students in the state to enroll in a
11349 trade program at a technical education and career school, and (4) assess
11350 opportunities to increase utilization of technical education and career
11351 schools during after school hours and on weekends.

11352 (b) Not later than January 1, 2002, and annually thereafter, the
11353 [Commissioner of Education] superintendent of the Technical
11354 Education and Career System shall report, in accordance with the
11355 provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the
11356 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education,
11357 commerce, labor and higher education and employment advancement
11358 on [(1) the implementation of any recommended programs or strategies
11359 within the Technical Education and Career System or the community-
11360 technical college system to strengthen the linkage between technical
11361 education and career school and community-technical college
11362 certification and degree programs and the employment needs of
11363 business and industry, and (2)] any certification or degree programs
11364 offered by technical education and career schools or community-
11365 technical colleges that do not meet current industry standards.

11366 Sec. 264. Subsection (b) of section 4-124ff of the general statutes is
11367 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
11368 *2021*):

11369 (b) There is established a Council of Advisors on Strategies for the
11370 Knowledge Economy to promote the formation of university-industry
11371 partnerships, identify benchmarks for technology-based workforce

11372 innovation and competitiveness and advise the award process (1) for
11373 innovation challenge grants to public postsecondary schools and their
11374 business partners, and (2) grants under section 4-124hh. The council
11375 shall be chaired by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management
11376 and shall include the Commissioner of Economic and Community
11377 Development, the president of the Connecticut State Colleges and
11378 Universities, the Labor Commissioner, the Chief Workforce Officer, the
11379 chief executive officer of Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated and
11380 four representatives from the technology industry, one of whom shall
11381 be appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of whom
11382 shall be appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, one
11383 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the Senate and
11384 one of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the House of
11385 Representatives.

11386 Sec. 265. Section 4-124gg of the general statutes is repealed and the
11387 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

11388 [Not later than October 1, 2012, the Labor Commissioner, with the
11389 assistance of the Office of Workforce Competitiveness and in
11390 consultation with the superintendent] The board of the Technical
11391 Education and Career System, in consultation with the Labor
11392 Commissioner, shall create an integrated system of state-wide industry
11393 advisory committees for each career cluster offered as part of the
11394 Technical Education and Career System and regional community-
11395 technical college system. Said committees shall include industry
11396 representatives of the specific career cluster. Each committee for a career
11397 cluster shall, with support from the Office of Workforce Strategy, Labor
11398 Department, Technical Education and Career System, regional
11399 community-technical college system and the Department of Education,
11400 establish specific skills standards, corresponding curriculum and a
11401 career ladder for the cluster which shall be implemented as part of the
11402 schools' core curriculum.

11403 Sec. 266. Subsection (a) of section 10-21c of the general statutes is

11404 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
11405 *2021*):

11406 (a) Any local or regional board of education that has a demonstrated
11407 shortage of certified teachers in those fields designated by the State
11408 Board of Education or that elects to expand the academic offerings to
11409 students in the areas identified by the [Labor Commissioner and the
11410 Office of Workforce Competitiveness] Chief Workforce Officer pursuant
11411 to the provisions of section 4-124w may solicit and accept qualified
11412 private sector specialists, not necessarily certified to teach, whose
11413 services to teach in shortage areas have been donated by business firms,
11414 as defined in section 12-631. Private sector specialists who donate their
11415 services may be permitted to offer instruction in existing or specially
11416 designed curricula, provided no private sector specialist shall be
11417 permitted to work more than one-half of the maximum classroom hours
11418 of a full-time certified teacher, and provided further no private sector
11419 specialist teaching in an area identified by the [Labor Commissioner and
11420 the Office of Workforce Competitiveness] Chief Workforce Officer
11421 pursuant to section 4-124w shall have sole responsibility for a
11422 classroom. No certified teacher may be terminated, transferred or
11423 reassigned due to the utilization of any private sector specialist. Local
11424 or regional boards of education shall annually review the need for
11425 private sector specialists and shall not renew or place a private sector
11426 specialist if certified teachers are available.

11427 Sec. 267. Subsection (a) of section 10-74n of the general statutes is
11428 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
11429 *2021*):

11430 (a) The State Board of Education, in collaboration with the Bureau of
11431 Rehabilitation Services, the Department of Developmental Services and
11432 the Office of Workforce [Competitiveness] Strategy, shall: (1)
11433 Coordinate the provision of transition resources, services and programs
11434 to children requiring special education and related services, (2) create,
11435 and update as necessary, a fact sheet that lists the state agencies that

11436 provide transition resources, services and programs and a brief
11437 description of such transition resources, services and programs and
11438 disseminate such fact sheet to local and regional boards of education for
11439 distribution to parents, teachers, administrators and boards of
11440 education, and (3) annually collect information related to transition
11441 resources, programs and services provided by other state agencies and
11442 make such information available to parents, teachers, administrators
11443 and boards of education.

11444 Sec. 268. Subsection (b) of section 10a-19d of the general statutes is
11445 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
11446 *2021*):

11447 (b) The president of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities,
11448 in consultation with the [Labor Department's Office of Workforce
11449 Competitiveness, the] Department of Education, Labor Department,
11450 Office of Workforce Strategy, Office of Early Childhood, [the]
11451 Department of Social Services, Charter Oak State College, early
11452 childhood education faculty at two and four-year public and
11453 independent institutions of higher education, early childhood education
11454 professional associations, early childhood education advocates and
11455 practitioners, and persons knowledgeable in the area of career
11456 development and programs in early childhood care and education, shall
11457 define the preservice and minimum training requirements and
11458 competencies for persons involved in early childhood education, from
11459 birth to five years of age, including requirements for individual levels
11460 of early childhood credentialing and licensing.

11461 Sec. 269. Section 10a-55d of the general statutes is repealed and the
11462 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

11463 For purposes of sections 10a-55e to 10a-55h, inclusive, and 10a-80c;
11464 [and 31-300:]

11465 (1) "Green technology" means technology that (A) promotes clean
11466 energy, renewable energy or energy efficiency, (B) reduces greenhouse

11467 gases or carbon emissions, or (C) involves the invention, design and
11468 application of chemical products and processes to eliminate the use and
11469 generation of hazardous substances; and

11470 (2) "Green jobs" means jobs in which green technology is employed
11471 and may include the occupation codes identified as green jobs by the
11472 United States Bureau of Labor Statistics and any codes identified as
11473 green jobs by the Labor Department and the Department of Economic
11474 and Community Development.

11475 Sec. 270. Section 10a-55g of the general statutes is repealed and the
11476 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

11477 Not later than July 1, 2020, the Office of Higher Education and the
11478 Labor Department shall each publish on their respective Internet web
11479 sites the career ladder for jobs in the green technology industry
11480 established and updated by the Office of Workforce [Competitiveness]
11481 Strategy in accordance with section 31-3rr and an inventory of green
11482 jobs related equipment used by technical education and career schools
11483 and institutions of higher education.

11484 Sec. 271. Subsection (b) of section 31-3rr of the general statutes is
11485 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
11486 *2021*):

11487 (b) Not later than January 1, 2020, the Office of Workforce
11488 [Competitiveness] Strategy, in consultation with the Office of Higher
11489 Education, Department of Education, Labor Department, Department
11490 of Energy and Environmental Protection, regional workforce
11491 development boards and employers, shall, within available
11492 appropriations, [establish] identify a career ladder for jobs in the green
11493 technology industry, including, but not limited to, a listing of (1) careers
11494 at each level of the green technology industry and the requisite level of
11495 education and the salary offered for such career, (2) all course, certificate
11496 and degree programs in green jobs offered by technical education and
11497 career schools within the Technical Education and Career System and

11498 institutions of higher education in the state, and (3) jobs available in the
11499 green technology industry in the state. The Office of Workforce
11500 [Competitiveness] Strategy shall update the green jobs career ladder
11501 established pursuant to this section on an as needed basis.

11502 Sec. 272. Section 31-22n of the general statutes is repealed and the
11503 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

11504 The Governor shall appoint [twelve] thirteen members to the
11505 Connecticut State Apprenticeship Council, each of whom shall have
11506 some association with apprentice training. Four shall be representative
11507 of Connecticut industry, with one representative each from the
11508 manufacturing, building, mechanical and service industries, provided
11509 at least one such member represents a business that operates without a
11510 collective bargaining agreement; four shall be Connecticut members of
11511 national labor organizations with apprentice training programs; [four]
11512 five shall represent the public, [one] two of whom shall be the Labor
11513 Commissioner and the Chief Workforce Officer, or their designees.
11514 Members shall each serve a term which is coterminous with the term of
11515 the Governor, each member to hold office until a successor is appointed.
11516 Any vacancy in the membership of the council shall be filled by the
11517 Governor for the unexpired term. It shall meet on the call of the
11518 chairman, who shall be the Labor Commissioner, or his or her designee.
11519 On or before August first of each year, the council [shall] may prepare a
11520 report describing the activities of the council, this report to be included
11521 in the Labor Commissioner's report to the Governor. The members of
11522 the council shall not be compensated for their services, but the members,
11523 except the Labor Commissioner, and his or her designee, and any state
11524 employee, shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the
11525 performance of their duties.

11526 Sec. 273. Subsection (b) of section 10-1 of the general statutes is
11527 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
11528 *2021*):

11529 (b) The Governor shall appoint, with the advice and consent of the
11530 General Assembly, the members of said board, provided each student
11531 member (1) is on the list submitted to the Governor pursuant to section
11532 10-2a, (2) is enrolled in a public high school in the state, (3) has
11533 completed eleventh grade prior to the commencement of his term, (4)
11534 has at least a B plus average, and (5) provides at least three references
11535 from teachers in the school the student member is attending. The
11536 nonstudent members shall serve for terms of four years commencing on
11537 March first in the year of their appointment. The student members shall
11538 serve for terms of one year commencing on July first in the year of their
11539 appointment. The president of the Connecticut State Colleges and
11540 Universities, [and] the chairperson of the Technical Education and
11541 Career System board and the Chief Workforce Officer shall serve as ex-
11542 officio members without a vote. Any vacancy in said State Board of
11543 Education shall be filled in the manner provided in section 4-19.

11544 Sec. 274. Section 10-375 of the general statutes is repealed and the
11545 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

11546 (a) The legislative members of the Education Commission of the
11547 States representing this state shall be appointed as follows: Two
11548 members of the Senate, one of whom shall be appointed by the president
11549 pro tempore of the Senate and one of whom shall be appointed by the
11550 minority leader of the Senate, and two members of the House of
11551 Representatives, one of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the
11552 House of Representatives and one of whom shall be appointed by the
11553 minority leader of the House of Representatives.

11554 (b) The Governor shall appoint four members to the Education
11555 Commission of the States, two of whom shall be the Commissioner of
11556 Education and the Chief Workforce Officer. The Governor, or his or her
11557 designee, shall serve as an ex-officio member of said commission.

11558 Sec. 275. Subsection (a) of section 10a-1a of the general statutes is
11559 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*

11560 2021):

11561 (a) There shall be a Board of Regents for Higher Education [who] that
11562 shall serve as the governing body for the regional community-technical
11563 college system, the Connecticut State University System and Charter
11564 Oak State College. The board shall consist of twenty-one members who
11565 shall be distinguished leaders of the community in Connecticut. The
11566 board shall reflect the state's geographic, racial and ethnic diversity. The
11567 voting members shall not be employed by or be a member of a board of
11568 trustees for any independent institution of higher education in this state
11569 or the Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut nor shall they
11570 be public officials or state employees, as such terms are defined in
11571 section 1-79, during their term of membership on the Board of Regents
11572 for Higher Education. The Governor shall appoint nine members to the
11573 board as follows: Three members for a term of two years; three members
11574 for a term of four years; and three members for a term of six years.
11575 Thereafter, the Governor shall appoint members of the board to succeed
11576 such appointees whose terms expire and each member so appointed
11577 shall hold office for a period of six years from the first day of July in the
11578 year of his or her appointment. Four members of the board shall be
11579 appointed as follows: One appointment by the president pro tempore of
11580 the Senate, who shall be an alumnus of the regional community-
11581 technical college system, for a term of four years; one appointment by
11582 the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be a specialist in the
11583 education of children in grades kindergarten to twelve, inclusive, for a
11584 term of three years; one appointment by the speaker of the House of
11585 Representatives, who shall be an alumnus of the Connecticut State
11586 University System, for a term of four years; and one appointment by the
11587 minority leader of the House of Representatives, who shall be an
11588 alumnus of Charter Oak State College, for a term of three years.
11589 Thereafter, such members of the General Assembly shall appoint
11590 members of the board to succeed such appointees whose terms expire
11591 and each member so appointed shall hold office for a period of four
11592 years from the first day of July in the year of his or her appointment. The

11593 chairperson and vice-chairperson of the student advisory committee
11594 created under section 10a-3 shall serve as members of the board. The
11595 chairperson and vice-chairperson of the faculty advisory committee
11596 created under section 10a-3a shall serve as ex-officio, nonvoting
11597 members of the board for a term of two years and, in their respective
11598 roles as chairperson and vice-chairperson, may be invited to any
11599 executive session, as defined in section 1-200, of the board by the
11600 chairperson of the board. The Commissioners of Education, Economic
11601 and Community Development and Public Health, [and] the Labor
11602 Commissioner and the Chief Workforce Officer shall serve as ex-officio,
11603 nonvoting members of the board.

11604 Sec. 276. Section 10a-62 of the general statutes is repealed and the
11605 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

11606 The members of the New England Board of Higher Education shall
11607 be appointed as follows: (1) The Governor [, with the advice and consent
11608 of the General Assembly, shall designate or] shall appoint two members,
11609 [residents of the state, and the] who shall be the Commissioner of
11610 Education and the Chief Workforce Officer, or their designees; (2) the
11611 president pro tempore of the Senate shall appoint [one member of the
11612 Senate and two residents of the state and the] three members who are
11613 residents of the state, one of whom shall be a member of the Senate and,
11614 upon the recommendation of the president of the Connecticut State
11615 Colleges and Universities, one of whom shall represent the Connecticut
11616 State University System and one of whom shall represent the regional
11617 community-technical college system; and (3) the speaker of the House
11618 of Representatives shall appoint [one member of the House of
11619 Representatives and two residents of the state, provided the speaker
11620 shall appoint two members in 1969 and one member in 1970 who shall
11621 represent the state as members of the New England Board of Higher
11622 Education] three members who are residents of the state, one of whom
11623 shall be a member of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall
11624 represent The University of Connecticut based on the recommendation
11625 of the president of said university and one of whom shall represent the

11626 independent institutions of higher education in the state. The two
 11627 persons appointed by the Governor shall be appointed for a term of [six]
 11628 four years from October twenty-fourth in the year of their appointment,
 11629 except that in 1969 the Governor shall appoint one member for a term
 11630 of six years from October 24, 1969. Persons first appointed by the
 11631 president pro tempore and the speaker shall serve until February 1,
 11632 1971, and persons appointed as their successors shall serve for terms of
 11633 two years each commencing as of the first day of February in the year of
 11634 their appointment. Persons appointed as of July 1, 2021, may continue
 11635 to serve the remainder of their terms. Vacancies shall be filled for the
 11636 remainder of unexpired terms in the same manner as original
 11637 appointments are made.

11638 Sec. 277. Subsection (b) of section 10a-179a of the general statutes is
 11639 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
 11640 *2021*):

11641 (b) The Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority
 11642 shall be governed by a board of directors consisting of the following
 11643 [nine] ten members: (1) The State Treasurer, or the Treasurer's designee,
 11644 who shall serve as an ex-officio voting member; (2) the Secretary of the
 11645 Office of Policy and Management, or the secretary's designee, who shall
 11646 serve as an ex-officio voting member; (3) the president of the
 11647 Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, or the president's designee,
 11648 who shall serve as an ex-officio voting member; (4) the Chief Workforce
 11649 Office, or the officer's designee, who shall serve as an ex-officio, voting
 11650 member; (5) the chairperson of the board of directors of the Connecticut
 11651 Health and Educational Facilities Authority; [(5)] (6) the executive
 11652 director of the Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority;
 11653 [(6)] (7) two residents of the state, each of whom is an active or retired
 11654 trustee, director, officer or employee of a Connecticut institution for
 11655 higher education, appointed by the board of directors of the Connecticut
 11656 Health and Educational Facilities Authority; [(7)] (8) a resident of this
 11657 state with a favorable reputation for skill, knowledge and experience in
 11658 the higher education loan field, appointed by the board of directors of

11659 the Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority; and [(8)]
11660 (9) a resident of this state with a favorable reputation for skill,
11661 knowledge and experience in either the higher education loan field or
11662 in state and municipal finance, appointed by the board of directors of
11663 the Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority. Of the four
11664 appointed members, not more than two may be members of the same
11665 political party. [One appointed member shall serve until the earlier of
11666 July 1, 2017, or, if such person was a member of the Connecticut Higher
11667 Education Supplemental Loan Authority board on June 30, 2012, the
11668 date on which such member's then current term was originally
11669 scheduled to end. One appointed member shall serve until the earlier of
11670 July 1, 2018, or, if such person was a member of the Connecticut Higher
11671 Education Supplemental Loan Authority board on June 30, 2012, the
11672 date on which such member's then current term was originally
11673 scheduled to end. Except as provided in this subsection and
11674 notwithstanding the original date of expiration of the term of any person
11675 who is an appointed member of the Connecticut Higher Education
11676 Supplemental Loan Authority board on June 30, 2012, the term of all
11677 such persons shall expire on July 1, 2012.] The Connecticut Health and
11678 Educational Facilities Authority board shall appoint a member or
11679 members each for a term of six years or until his or her successor is
11680 appointed and has qualified to succeed the members whose terms
11681 expire. Said authority board shall fill any vacancy for the unexpired
11682 term. A member of the Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental
11683 Loan Authority board shall be eligible for reappointment. Any member
11684 of the Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority
11685 board may be removed by the appointing authority for misfeasance,
11686 malfeasance or wilful neglect of duty. Each member of the Connecticut
11687 Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority board before entering
11688 upon his or her duties shall take and subscribe the oath or affirmation
11689 required by section 1 of article eleventh of the State Constitution. A
11690 record of each such oath shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of the
11691 State.

11692 Sec. 278. Subsection (a) of section 32-7p of the general statutes is
11693 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
11694 *2021*):

11695 (a) There shall be a Technology Talent Advisory Committee within
11696 the Department of Economic and Community Development. Such
11697 committee shall consist of members appointed by the Commissioner of
11698 Economic and Community Development, including, but not limited to,
11699 representatives of The University of Connecticut, the Board of Regents
11700 for Higher Education, independent institutions of higher education, the
11701 Office of Workforce Strategy and private industry. Such members shall
11702 be subject to term limits prescribed by the commissioner. [All initial
11703 appointments to the committee pursuant to this subsection shall be
11704 made not later than September 30, 2016.] Each member shall hold office
11705 until a successor is appointed.

11706 Sec. 279. Subsection (a) of section 32-7n of the general statutes is
11707 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
11708 *2021*):

11709 (a) There is established a Manufacturing Innovation Advisory Board
11710 that shall consist of the following members: (1) Four appointed by the
11711 Governor; (2) one appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;
11712 (3) one appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives; (4)
11713 one appointed by the majority leader of the Senate; (5) one appointed by
11714 the majority leader of the House of Representatives; (6) one appointed
11715 by the minority leader of the Senate; (7) one appointed by the minority
11716 leader of the House of Representatives; (8) the Chief Workforce Officer,
11717 or the officer's designee; and [(8)] (9) the Commissioner of Economic and
11718 Community Development, or the commissioner's designee, who shall
11719 serve as the chairperson of the advisory board. Each appointed member
11720 shall (A) have skill, knowledge and experience in industries and
11721 sciences related to aerospace, medical devices, digital manufacturing,
11722 digital communication or advanced manufacturing; (B) be a university
11723 faculty member in or hold a graduate degree in a related discipline,

11724 including, but not limited to, additive manufacturing and materials
11725 science; (C) have manufacturing education and training expertise; or (D)
11726 represent manufacturing related businesses or professional
11727 organizations. [All initial appointments to the advisory board pursuant
11728 to this subsection shall be made not later than July 1, 2014.] Appointed
11729 members shall each serve a term that is coterminous with the respective
11730 appointing authority. Each member shall hold office until a successor is
11731 appointed. Any vacancy occurring on the advisory board, other than by
11732 expiration of term, shall be filled in the same manner as the original
11733 appointment for the balance of the unexpired term.

11734 Sec. 280. Subsection (b) of section 32-39f of the general statutes is
11735 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
11736 *2021*):

11737 (b) CTNext shall be overseen by a board of directors, which shall be
11738 known as the CTNext board of directors or the CTNext board. The
11739 CTNext board of directors shall consist of [~~eleven~~] twelve members, [a
11740 majority] at least half of whom shall be serial entrepreneurs
11741 representing a diverse range of growth sectors of the Connecticut
11742 economy. By education or experience, such members shall be qualified
11743 in one or more of the following: Start-up business development, growth
11744 stage business development, investment, innovation place
11745 development, urban planning and technology commercialization in
11746 higher education. The CTNext board shall consist of the following
11747 members: (1) One appointed by the Governor for an initial term of two
11748 years; (2) one appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives
11749 for an initial term of two years; (3) one appointed by the president pro
11750 tempore of the Senate for an initial term of two years; (4) one appointed
11751 by the majority leader of the House of Representatives for an initial term
11752 of one year; (5) one appointed by the majority leader of the Senate for
11753 an initial term of one year; (6) one appointed by the minority leader of
11754 the House of Representatives for an initial term of one year; (7) one
11755 appointed by the minority leader of the Senate for an initial term of one
11756 year; (8) two jointly appointed by the chairpersons of the joint standing

11757 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
11758 relating to finance, revenue and bonding for an initial term of two years;
11759 and (9) the executive director of Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated,
11760 [and] the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development [,
11761 both] and the Chief Workforce Officer, each of whom shall serve ex
11762 officio. Thereafter, all members shall be appointed by the original
11763 appointing authority for two-year terms. Any member of the board shall
11764 be eligible for reappointment. Any vacancy occurring other than by
11765 expiration of term shall be filled in the same manner as the original
11766 appointment for the balance of the unexpired term. The appointing
11767 authority for any member may remove such member for misfeasance,
11768 malfeasance, wilful neglect of duty or failure to attend three consecutive
11769 board meetings. For the purposes of this section, "serial entrepreneur"
11770 means an entrepreneur having brought one or more start-up businesses
11771 to venture capital funding by an institutional investor and "growth stage
11772 business" means a business (A) that has been incorporated for ten years
11773 or less, (B) that has raised private capital, and (C) whose annual gross
11774 revenue has increased by twenty per cent for each of the three previous
11775 income years of such business.

11776 Sec. 281. Section 8-169ss of the general statutes is repealed and the
11777 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

11778 The authority, member municipalities and joint member entities shall
11779 encourage businesses, as appropriate, to hire local employees. Any
11780 business that receives financial assistance from the authority shall enter
11781 into an agreement with the [Workforce Training Authority established
11782 pursuant to section 31-11ii] Office of Workforce Strategy for assistance
11783 with the training and recruitment of workers.

11784 Sec. 282. Subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of section 31-11ss of the
11785 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
11786 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

11787 (2) In connection with providing the assistance described in

11788 subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section, each liaison designated
11789 pursuant to this subsection shall also assist a veteran served by the
11790 program to obtain funding for the cost of attending a qualifying
11791 advanced manufacturing certificate program. Such funding may
11792 include, but need not be limited to, [(A)] tuition waivers under sections
11793 10a-77 and 10a-99, [and (B) expenditures from the Workforce Training
11794 Authority Fund under section 31-11jj.]

11795 Sec. 283. Section 31-11rr of the general statutes is repealed and the
11796 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

11797 (a) There is established the Apprenticeship Connecticut initiative to
11798 develop work force pipeline programs to train qualified entry-level
11799 workers for job placement with manufacturers and employers in other
11800 industry sectors in the state that are experiencing sustained work force
11801 shortages. The initiative shall include, where practicable, outreach to
11802 underserved populations, including youths, to achieve success in the
11803 program and support the state's economic development progress.

11804 (b) [(1)] Not later than [January 1, 2019] sixty days after the receipt of
11805 funding, the Labor Commissioner, pursuant to the state workforce
11806 strategy approved by the Governor and any guidance issued by the
11807 Chief Workforce Officer pursuant to section 4-124w shall issue a request
11808 for [qualifications to solicit] proposals from regional industry
11809 partnerships for a work force pipeline program to serve the work force
11810 needs of manufacturers and other employers in the region. To be eligible
11811 to submit a proposal, a regional industry partnership shall include as
11812 members of such partnership [(A)] (1) entities and organizations with
11813 expertise in regional economic and work force development, including,
11814 but not limited to, entities offering apprenticeship or other work force
11815 training programs, [(B)] (2) the regional work force development board,
11816 established pursuant to section 31-3k, for the applicable work force
11817 region, and [(C)] (3) at least one educational institution such as a
11818 vocational-technical school or an institution of higher education or at
11819 least one employer located in the work force region. A regional industry

11820 partnership may include other entities, organizations or institutions that
11821 support the goals of the partnership and initiative.

11822 [(2) Prior to the date established by the commissioner for the
11823 submission of responses to such request for qualifications, each regional
11824 work force development board shall submit a report to the General
11825 Assembly, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, that sets
11826 forth the most pressing work force needs within such board's region and
11827 identifies the industry sector or sectors in which such needs are the
11828 greatest.]

11829 (c) Each proposal shall be submitted by the partnership through the
11830 regional work force development board and shall demonstrate the
11831 targeted goal of preparing qualified entry-level workers for careers that
11832 provide a living wage. [Each proposal] The Labor Commissioner shall
11833 specify the program components required for each proposal, which
11834 shall include, [plans for] but need not be limited to, the following core
11835 program components:

11836 [(1) Identification of the region's most pressing work force needs and
11837 the industry sector or sectors in which such needs are the greatest, as
11838 reported to the General Assembly pursuant to subdivision (2) of
11839 subsection (b) of this section, and including a detailed plan of how the
11840 partnership's proposal will serve the employment needs of workers
11841 residing in all towns within the region served by the applicable regional
11842 work force development board, focusing on those areas within such
11843 region with the most concentrated employment needs;]

11844 [(2)] (1) Recruitment [in the program] of, and outreach efforts to,
11845 potential job seekers;

11846 [(3) (A) Screening and assessment of individuals interested in
11847 manufacturing work or employment in other sectors proposed to be
11848 targeted by the partnership, by which individuals will be assessed for
11849 work readiness, aptitude for the relevant work skills and on other
11850 metrics as specified by the partnership or as recommended by the Labor

11851 Department;

11852 (B) Redirecting or connecting individuals determined through the
11853 screening and assessment process not to be suited for participation in
11854 the program to or with alternative career resources or services available
11855 to residents of the state that may be better suited to such individuals;]

11856 [(C)] (2) Placement of individuals screened and assessed who are
11857 selected to participate in a training program, with an employer
11858 identified by the partnership, upon such individual's successful
11859 completion of the training program. Such identified employer shall
11860 commit to hire one or more individuals who successfully complete the
11861 training program and may further offer related on-the-job training or
11862 other in-house training opportunities to such individual or individuals.
11863 The partnership shall seek to leverage any such training or
11864 opportunities, apprenticeship programs, [the Labor Department's
11865 subsidized training and employment program] and [other] any wage-
11866 subsidy programs with employers who commit to hiring individuals,
11867 and may seek program funding for retention services;

11868 [(4) (A) Separate training programs for participants (i) in the eleventh
11869 or twelfth grade, and (ii) eighteen years of age or older who are not
11870 currently enrolled in eleventh or twelfth grade. Such training programs
11871 shall be provided by partnership members or with the assistance of
11872 other parties as identified in the proposal;]

11873 [(B)] (3) (A) Training programs shall be not less than five consecutive
11874 weeks and not more than twenty-six consecutive weeks in duration. [At
11875 least one training program offered for each age group shall be provided
11876 through a certified preapprenticeship program offered by the Labor
11877 Department.] Any [other] training program may include a
11878 preapprenticeship component or award industry-recognized
11879 certificates, as proposed by the partnership;

11880 [(C)] (B) Training programs shall be developed and revised
11881 periodically through ongoing consultation with employers targeted for

11882 job placement of program participants;

11883 [(5) The duration of a work force pipeline program shall be not less
11884 than four years from the date of its establishment;]

11885 [(6)] (4) For each core program component, identification of specific
11886 existing resources available to such partnership through the regional
11887 work force development board, the United States Department of Labor's
11888 American Job Center system, the state Labor Department, employers,
11889 apprenticeship or other work force training programs, educational
11890 institutions in the state or other public or private funds; [. If the
11891 partnership proposes using program funds for the purposes of core
11892 program components, it shall demonstrate for each such component
11893 that there will be leveraged funding support from existing resources
11894 and that the use of program funds for such purposes will not affect the
11895 availability of such existing resources;] and

11896 [(7)] (5) The following limits shall apply to the use of any program
11897 funds awarded to a partnership: (A) Not [more] less than seventy per
11898 cent of such funds shall be used for the training programs set forth in
11899 subdivision (4) of this subsection; (B) not [more] less than twenty per
11900 cent of such funds shall be used for supporting services for the program,
11901 including recruitment and outreach efforts, screening and assessment,
11902 transportation, stipends, workplace tools or equipment and
11903 preemployment supports; and (C) not more than ten per cent of such
11904 funds shall be used for any other purpose, including administrative
11905 costs.

11906 (d) [(1)] The [commissioner] Labor Commissioner, pursuant to the
11907 state workforce strategy approved by the Governor and any guidance
11908 issued by the Chief Workforce Officer pursuant to section 4-124w shall
11909 review all qualifying responses to the request for [qualifications and]
11910 proposals, select and fund as many proposals as the commissioner
11911 deems to be well-planned and the partnership to be capable of
11912 implementing its proposal. [The commissioner shall select proposals so

11913 as to achieve a goal of not fewer than ten thousand individuals placed
11914 into new jobs over the first four years of a program, with one-third of
11915 such individuals from the group under subparagraph (A)(i) of
11916 subdivision (4) of subsection (c) of this section and two-thirds of such
11917 individuals from the group under subparagraph (A)(ii) of subdivision
11918 (4) of subsection (c) of this section.

11919 (2) (A) The commissioner shall award funds to the partnerships
11920 selected under subdivision (1) of this subsection in proportion to the
11921 magnitude of the work force needs within the work force region
11922 proposed to be served, relative to the comparable work force needs
11923 within other work force regions of the state, provided no partnership
11924 shall receive more than twenty million dollars in total funding. The
11925 commissioner may further weight such distribution according to any
11926 total cost per program participant proposed by a partnership that the
11927 commissioner deems reasonable, and may give preference to a
11928 partnership with a lower total cost per program participant.

11929 (B) The commissioner shall reserve from any funds awarded under
11930 subparagraph (A) of this subdivision sufficient funds to support the use
11931 of the certified preapprenticeship program offered by the Labor
11932 Department and shall transfer such reserved funds to the appropriate
11933 departmental account to be used for such purpose.]

11934 (e) Any regional industry partnership may seek (1) to leverage tuition
11935 or financial assistance programs for purposes of the program and for the
11936 benefit of individuals participating in the program, and (2)
11937 philanthropic and employer investments to meet the goal set forth in
11938 subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of this section and to support retention
11939 of individuals participating in the program.

11940 Sec. 284. Section 10a-57g of the general statutes is repealed and the
11941 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

11942 (a) As used in this section:

11943 (1) "Connecticut Preschool through Twenty and Workforce
11944 Information Network" or "CP20 WIN" means the Preschool through
11945 Twenty and Workforce Information Network maintained in the state.

11946 (2) "Data definitions" means the plain language descriptions of data
11947 elements.

11948 (3) "Data dictionary" means a listing of the names of a set of data
11949 elements, their definitions and additional meta-data that does not
11950 contain any actual data, but provides information about the data in a
11951 data set.

11952 (4) "Data elements" mean units of information that are stored or
11953 accessed in any data system, such as a student identification number,
11954 course code or cumulative grade point average.

11955 (5) "Meta-data" means the information about a data element that
11956 provides context for that data element, such as its definition, storage
11957 location, format and size.

11958 (6) "Participating agency" means the Connecticut State Colleges and
11959 Universities, Department of Education, Labor Department, the Office of
11960 Early Childhood, The University of Connecticut, the Connecticut
11961 Conference of Independent Colleges or any entity that has executed [a]
11962 an enterprise memorandum of [agreement] understanding for
11963 participation in the CP20 WIN and has been approved for participation
11964 [by all other participating agencies] pursuant to the terms of the
11965 enterprise memorandum of understanding.

11966 (7) "Preschool through Twenty and Workforce Information Network"
11967 or "P20 WIN" means a state data system for the purpose of matching
11968 and linking longitudinally data of state agencies and other
11969 organizations [for] to inform policy and practice for education,
11970 workforce and supportive service efforts, including, but not limited to,
11971 the purpose of conducting audits and evaluations of federal and state
11972 education programs.

11973 [(8) "P20 WIN Data Request Management Procedure" means the
11974 document containing the data request management process.]

11975 (8) "Enterprise memorandum of understanding" means a
11976 foundational multiparty agreement that sets forth the details of how
11977 data is shared and the respective legal rights and responsibilities of each
11978 party within the data sharing process, by which the same foundational
11979 agreement may be used for new agencies to sign on to the data sharing
11980 process and without having to re-sign as agencies sign on or off of such
11981 agreement.

11982 (b) There is established a Connecticut Preschool through Twenty and
11983 Workforce Information Network. The purpose of the CP20 WIN is to
11984 establish processes and structures governing the secure sharing of
11985 critical longitudinal data across participating agencies through
11986 implementation of the standards and policies of the Preschool through
11987 Twenty and Workforce Information Network.

11988 (c) The CP20 WIN shall be governed by an executive board that shall
11989 provide oversight of such network. Said executive board shall [consist
11990 of the following members: The Labor Commissioner, or said
11991 commissioner's designee, the Commissioner of Education, or said
11992 commissioner's designee, the Commissioner of Early Childhood, or said
11993 commissioner's designee, the president of the Connecticut State
11994 Colleges and Universities, or the president's designee, the president of
11995 The University of Connecticut, or the president's designee, the
11996 chairperson of the board of the Connecticut Conference of Independent
11997 Colleges, or a designee of said board] include, but need not be limited
11998 to, the chief executive officer of each participating agency, or their
11999 respective designees, the Chief Workforce Officer, or the officer's
12000 designee, and the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or
12001 the secretary's designee. The duties of the executive board shall be to:

12002 (1) Advance a vision for the CP20 WIN including a prioritized
12003 research agenda with support from the [Planning Commission for

12004 Higher Education] Office of Policy and Management.

12005 (2) Convene as needed to respond to issues from the data governing
12006 board.

12007 (3) Identify and work to secure resources necessary to sustain CP20
12008 WIN funding.

12009 (4) Support system implementation, maintenance and improvement
12010 by advocating for the CP20 WIN in regard to policy, legislation and
12011 resources.

12012 (5) Advocate and support the state's vision for the CP20 WIN.

12013 (6) Have overall fiscal and policy responsibility for the CP20 WIN.

12014 (7) Ensure that, in any circumstances in which public funds or
12015 resources are to be jointly utilized with those from private entities, such
12016 arrangements are governed by appropriate agreements approved by the
12017 Attorney General.

12018 (8) Establish a data governing board to establish and [enforce]
12019 implement policies related to cross-agency data management,
12020 including, but not limited to, data confidentiality and security in
12021 alignment with the vision for CP20 WIN and any applicable law. In
12022 establishing such policies, the data governing board shall consult with
12023 the Office of Policy and Management, in accordance with the provisions
12024 of section 4-67n and other applicable statutes and policies.

12025 (d) The executive board established pursuant to this section may
12026 appoint advisory committees to make recommendations on data
12027 stewardship, data system expansion and processes, and such other areas
12028 that will advance the work of CP20 WIN.

12029 (e) On or before January 1, 2022, and annually thereafter, the Chief
12030 Workforce Officer may, in consultation with the Chief Data Officer and
12031 the Labor Commissioner, submit to the administrator of CP20 WIN a

12032 request for data and analysis of such data for the purposes of assessing
12033 performance and outcomes of the state's workforce system. Such data
12034 and analysis request shall be completed by the administrator of CP20
12035 WIN not later than August 15, 2022, and annually thereafter.

12036 Sec. 285. Section 10a-101 of the general statutes is repealed and the
12037 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

12038 Whenever the term "state colleges" appears in sections 3-27a, 4-31a,
12039 5-177, 5-275, 10-109a to 10-109d, inclusive, 10-110, 10-113, 10-114, 10-115,
12040 10-115b, 10-115c, 10-115d, 10-115e, 10-115g, 10-115h, 10-115i, 10-116, 10-
12041 149, 10-155, 10-325c, 10-326b [,] and 10-334, [and 31-3c,] it shall be
12042 deemed to mean the "Connecticut State University" System.

12043 Sec. 286. Subsection (b) of section 32-235 of the general statutes is
12044 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
12045 *2021*):

12046 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the amount
12047 stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the Department
12048 of Economic and Community Development (1) for the purposes of
12049 sections 32-220 to 32-234, inclusive, including economic cluster-related
12050 programs and activities, and for the Connecticut job training finance
12051 demonstration program pursuant to sections 32-23uu and 32-23vv,
12052 provided (A) three million dollars shall be used by said department
12053 solely for the purposes of section 32-23uu, [and not more than five
12054 million two hundred fifty thousand dollars of the amount stated in said
12055 subsection (a) may be used by said department for the purposes of
12056 section 31-3u,] (B) not less than one million dollars shall be used for an
12057 educational technology grant to the deployment center program and the
12058 nonprofit business consortium deployment center approved pursuant
12059 to section 32-41l, (C) not less than two million dollars shall be used by
12060 said department for the establishment of a pilot program to make grants
12061 to businesses in designated areas of the state for construction,
12062 renovation or improvement of small manufacturing facilities, provided

12063 such grants are matched by the business, a municipality or another
12064 financing entity. The Commissioner of Economic and Community
12065 Development shall designate areas of the state where manufacturing is
12066 a substantial part of the local economy and shall make grants under such
12067 pilot program which are likely to produce a significant economic
12068 development benefit for the designated area, (D) five million dollars
12069 may be used by said department for the manufacturing competitiveness
12070 grants program, (E) one million dollars shall be used by said department
12071 for the purpose of a grant to the Connecticut Center for Advanced
12072 Technology, for the purposes of subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of
12073 section 32-7f, (F) fifty million dollars shall be used by said department
12074 for the purpose of grants to the United States Department of the Navy,
12075 the United States Department of Defense or eligible applicants for
12076 projects related to the enhancement of infrastructure for long-term, on-
12077 going naval operations at the United States Naval Submarine Base-New
12078 London, located in Groton, which will increase the military value of said
12079 base. Such projects shall not be subject to the provisions of sections 4a-
12080 60 and 4a-60a, (G) two million dollars shall be used by said department
12081 for the purpose of a grant to the Connecticut Center for Advanced
12082 Technology, Inc., for manufacturing initiatives, including aerospace and
12083 defense, and (H) four million dollars shall be used by said department
12084 for the purpose of a grant to companies adversely impacted by the
12085 construction at the Quinnipiac Bridge, where such grant may be used to
12086 offset the increase in costs of commercial overland transportation of
12087 goods or materials brought to the port of New Haven by ship or vessel,
12088 (2) for the purposes of the small business assistance program established
12089 pursuant to section 32-9yy, provided fifteen million dollars shall be
12090 deposited in the small business assistance account established pursuant
12091 to said section 32-9yy, (3) to deposit twenty million dollars in the small
12092 business express assistance account established pursuant to section 32-
12093 7h, (4) to deposit four million nine hundred thousand dollars per year
12094 in each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2017, to June 30, 2019,
12095 inclusive, and June 30, 2021, and nine million nine hundred thousand
12096 dollars in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, in the CTNext Fund

12097 established pursuant to section 32-39i, which shall be used by CTNext
12098 to provide grants-in-aid to designated innovation places, as defined in
12099 section 32-39j, planning grants-in-aid pursuant to section 32-39l, and
12100 grants-in-aid for projects that network innovation places pursuant to
12101 subsection (b) of section 32-39m, provided not more than three million
12102 dollars be used for grants-in-aid for such projects, and further provided
12103 any portion of any such deposit that remains unexpended in a fiscal year
12104 subsequent to the date of such deposit may be used by CTNext for any
12105 purpose described in subsection (e) of section 32-39i, (5) to deposit two
12106 million dollars per year in each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2019,
12107 to June 30, 2021, inclusive, in the CTNext Fund established pursuant to
12108 section 32-39i, which shall be used by CTNext for the purpose of
12109 providing higher education entrepreneurship grants-in-aid pursuant to
12110 section 32-39g, provided any portion of any such deposit that remains
12111 unexpended in a fiscal year subsequent to the date of such deposit may
12112 be used by CTNext for any purpose described in subsection (e) of section
12113 32-39i, (6) for the purpose of funding the costs of the Technology Talent
12114 Advisory Committee established pursuant to section 32-7p, provided
12115 two million dollars per year in each of the fiscal years ending June 30,
12116 2017, to June 30, 2021, inclusive, shall be used for such purpose, (7) to
12117 provide (A) a grant-in-aid to the Connecticut Supplier Connection in an
12118 amount equal to two hundred fifty thousand dollars in each of the fiscal
12119 years ending June 30, 2017, to June 30, 2021, inclusive, and (B) a grant-
12120 in-aid to the Connecticut Procurement Technical Assistance Program in
12121 an amount equal to three hundred thousand dollars in each of the fiscal
12122 years ending June 30, 2017, to June 30, 2021, inclusive, (8) to deposit four
12123 hundred fifty thousand dollars per year, in each of the fiscal years
12124 ending June 30, 2017, to June 30, 2021, inclusive, in the CTNext Fund
12125 established pursuant to section 32-39i, which shall be used by CTNext
12126 to provide growth grants-in-aid pursuant to section 32-39g, provided
12127 any portion of any such deposit that remains unexpended in a fiscal year
12128 subsequent to the date of such deposit may be used by CTNext for any
12129 purpose described in subsection (e) of section 32-39i, (9) to transfer fifty
12130 million dollars to the Labor Department which shall be used by said

12131 department for the purpose of funding work force pipeline programs
12132 selected pursuant to section 31-11rr, provided, notwithstanding the
12133 provisions of section 31-11rr, (A) not less than five million dollars shall
12134 be provided to the workforce development board in Bridgeport serving
12135 the southwest region, for purposes of such program, and the board shall
12136 distribute such money in proportion to population and need, and (B)
12137 not less than five million dollars shall be provided to the workforce
12138 development board in Hartford serving the north central region, for
12139 purposes of such program, (10) to transfer twenty million dollars to
12140 Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated, provided ten million dollars
12141 shall be used by Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated for the purpose
12142 of the proof of concept fund established pursuant to subsection (b) of
12143 section 32-39x and ten million dollars shall be used by Connecticut
12144 Innovations, Incorporated for the purpose of the venture capital fund
12145 program established pursuant to section 32-41oo. Not later than thirty
12146 days prior to any use of unexpended funds under subdivision (4), (5) or
12147 (8) of this subsection, the CTNext board of directors shall provide notice
12148 of and the reason for such use to the joint standing committees of the
12149 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce
12150 and finance, revenue and bonding.

12151 Sec. 287. Section 4-5 of the general statutes is repealed and the
12152 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

12153 As used in sections 4-6, 4-7 and 4-8, the term "department head"
12154 means Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, Commissioner
12155 of Administrative Services, Commissioner of Revenue Services,
12156 Banking Commissioner, Commissioner of Children and Families,
12157 Commissioner of Consumer Protection, Commissioner of Correction,
12158 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, State Board
12159 of Education, Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public
12160 Protection, Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection,
12161 Commissioner of Agriculture, Commissioner of Public Health,
12162 Insurance Commissioner, Labor Commissioner, Commissioner of
12163 Mental Health and Addiction Services, Commissioner of Social Services,

12164 Commissioner of Developmental Services, Commissioner of Motor
12165 Vehicles, Commissioner of Transportation, Commissioner of Veterans
12166 Affairs, Commissioner of Housing, Commissioner of Aging and
12167 Disability Services, the Commissioner of Early Childhood, the executive
12168 director of the Office of Military Affairs, the executive director of the
12169 Office of Health Strategy, [and] the executive director of the Technical
12170 Education and Career System and the Chief Workforce Officer. As used
12171 in sections 4-6 and 4-7, "department head" also means the Commissioner
12172 of Education.

12173 Sec. 288. Section 4-5 of the general statutes, as amended by section 6
12174 of public act 17-237, section 279 of public act 17-2 of the June special
12175 session, section 20 of public act 18-182 and section 283 of public act 19-
12176 117, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
12177 *July 1, 2022*):

12178 As used in sections 4-6, 4-7 and 4-8, the term "department head"
12179 means Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, Commissioner
12180 of Administrative Services, Commissioner of Revenue Services,
12181 Banking Commissioner, Commissioner of Children and Families,
12182 Commissioner of Consumer Protection, Commissioner of Correction,
12183 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, State Board
12184 of Education, Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public
12185 Protection, Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection,
12186 Commissioner of Agriculture, Commissioner of Public Health,
12187 Insurance Commissioner, Labor Commissioner, Commissioner of
12188 Mental Health and Addiction Services, Commissioner of Social Services,
12189 Commissioner of Developmental Services, Commissioner of Motor
12190 Vehicles, Commissioner of Transportation, Commissioner of Veterans
12191 Affairs, Commissioner of Housing, Commissioner of Rehabilitation
12192 Services, the Commissioner of Early Childhood, the executive director
12193 of the Office of Military Affairs, [and] the executive director of the
12194 Technical Education and Career System and the Chief Workforce
12195 Officer. As used in sections 4-6 and 4-7, "department head" also means
12196 the Commissioner of Education.

12197 Sec. 289. (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) The amount appropriated in section 1
 12198 of house bill 6689 of the 2021 regular session, as amended by House
 12199 Amendment Schedule "A", to the Department of Economic and
 12200 Community Development, for Office of Workforce Strategy, for the fiscal
 12201 years ending June 30, 2022, and June 30, 2023, shall not be expended and
 12202 the amount of \$0 shall be appropriated for such purpose. The total amount
 12203 appropriated to the department shall be reduced by the same amount for
 12204 each fiscal year.

12205 (b) The following sum is appropriated from the GENERAL FUND for
 12206 the purpose herein specified for the fiscal years indicated:

T430	GOVERNOR'S OFFICE	2021-2022	2022-2023
T431	Office of Workforce Strategy	250,000	250,000
T432	AGENCY TOTAL	3,251,173	3,334,048

12207 Sec. 290. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) The Office of Workforce
 12208 Strategy may expend funds received by the state pursuant to the
 12209 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 for the purpose of supporting
 12210 workforce development initiatives in accordance with state and federal
 12211 law.

12212 Sec. 291. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) As used in this section and
 12213 section 292 of this act:

12214 (1) "Participating institution" means (A) an institution of higher
 12215 education within the Connecticut State University System, or (B) any
 12216 other institution of higher education in the state that enters into a
 12217 memorandum of agreement with the Board of Regents for Higher
 12218 Education in accordance with subsection (d) of this section.

12219 (2) "Other institution of higher education" means an institution of
 12220 higher education in the state that (A) is not within the Connecticut State
 12221 University System, (B) is a nonprofit institution of higher education, (C)
 12222 has graduated one hundred or more students with a bachelor's degree
 12223 each year for the preceding four years, (D) maintains eligibility to

12224 participate in financial aid programs governed by Title IV, Part B of the
12225 Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended from time to time, (E) has
12226 not been determined by the United States Department of Education to
12227 have a financial responsibility score that is less than 1.5 for the most
12228 recent fiscal year for which the data necessary for determining the score
12229 is available, and (F) is accredited as a degree-granting institution in good
12230 standing for ten years or more by a regional accrediting association
12231 recognized by the Secretary of the United States Department of
12232 Education, and maintains such accreditation status.

12233 (b) Not later than April 1, 2022, the Board of Regents for Higher
12234 Education, in consultation with institutions of higher education that are
12235 eligible to be participating institutions, shall (1) establish the
12236 Connecticut Automatic Admissions Program, and (2) adopt rules,
12237 procedures and forms necessary to implement such program. Under the
12238 Connecticut Automatic Admissions Program, a participating institution
12239 shall admit an applicant as a full-time, first-year student to an in-person
12240 bachelor's degree program if such applicant (A) meets or exceeds the
12241 academic threshold established pursuant to subsection (e) of this
12242 section, (B) qualifies as an in-state student pursuant to section 10a-29 of
12243 the general statutes, (C) is in his or her last school year before graduation
12244 and enrolled at a public high school in the state or a nonpublic high
12245 school in the state, approved pursuant to subsection (g) of this section,
12246 and (D) if required by a participating institution, earns a high school
12247 diploma, an adult education diploma, or other equivalent credential. A
12248 participating institution may conduct a comprehensive review of any
12249 application submitted by an applicant who applies through the
12250 Connecticut Automatic Admissions Program, which may entail
12251 requesting additional application materials from such applicant or
12252 result in denying admission to such applicant. Each participating
12253 institution shall make an effort to minimize the number of students
12254 subjected to a comprehensive review if such student meets the
12255 requirements of subparagraphs (A) to (D), inclusive, of this subsection.
12256 Applicants admitted to a participating institution under the Connecticut

12257 Automatic Admissions Program are not guaranteed admission into any
12258 specific bachelor's degree program at such institution.

12259 (c) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall create a simple
12260 online application form for students to apply to participating
12261 institutions under the Connecticut Automatic Admissions Program.
12262 Such application form (1) shall require a student to verify that such
12263 student meets the qualifications specified in subsection (b) of this
12264 section, and (2) may require a student to provide such student's state-
12265 assigned student identifier, if such student has a state-assigned student
12266 identifier pursuant to section 10-10a of the general statutes. Such
12267 application form shall not require an application fee or the submission
12268 of an essay or recommendation letters. Such application shall embed or
12269 link to information and resources regarding (A) college admissions and
12270 financial aid, and (B) the net cost of completing a bachelor's degree
12271 program, graduation rates, average earnings for graduates of
12272 participating institutions and, if possible, common majors at each
12273 participating institution.

12274 (d) Any other institution of higher education may enter into a
12275 memorandum of agreement with the Board of Regents for Higher
12276 Education to participate in the Connecticut Automatic Admissions
12277 Program. Each such other institution of higher education shall use the
12278 online application form created pursuant to subsection (c) of this section
12279 and comply with the provisions of subsection (e) of this section. The
12280 Board of Regents for Higher Education may charge a reasonable fee to
12281 such other institution of higher education that is not a constituent unit
12282 of the state system of higher education for participation in the program.
12283 Such fee shall not exceed the board's cost for including such other
12284 institution of higher education in the program or twenty-five thousand
12285 dollars, whichever is less.

12286 (e) (1) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall establish (A)
12287 a minimum class rank percentile for applicants to qualify for admission
12288 through the Connecticut Automatic Admissions Program to each

12289 participating institution, and (B) a standardized method for calculating
12290 grade point average that shall be used to determine class rank
12291 percentile.

12292 (2) Each participating institution shall establish an academic
12293 threshold for admission to such institution through the Connecticut
12294 Automatic Admissions Program. Any other institution of higher
12295 education shall establish one or more of the following academic
12296 thresholds: (A) The minimum class rank percentile established by the
12297 Board of Regents for Higher Education pursuant to subparagraph (A)
12298 of subdivision (1) of this subsection, (B) a minimum grade point average
12299 calculated in accordance with the standardized method established by
12300 the board pursuant to subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of this
12301 subsection, or (C) a combination of a minimum grade point average
12302 calculated in accordance with the standardized method established by
12303 the board pursuant to subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of this
12304 subsection and performance on a nationally recognized college
12305 readiness assessment administered to students enrolled in grade eleven
12306 pursuant to subdivision (3) of subsection (c) of section 10-14n of the
12307 general statutes. Each state university within the Connecticut State
12308 University System shall establish the academic threshold set forth in
12309 subparagraph (A) of this subdivision and may establish the additional
12310 academic thresholds set forth in subparagraphs (B) and (C) of this
12311 subdivision. An applicant shall be deemed to have satisfied the
12312 academic threshold for admission to a participating institution through
12313 the Connecticut Automatic Admissions Program if such applicant
12314 satisfies any one of the academic thresholds established by such
12315 institution.

12316 (3) No governing board of a participating institution shall establish
12317 policies or procedures that require any academic qualifications in
12318 addition to the qualifications specified in subsection (b) of this section
12319 and the academic threshold established pursuant to this subsection for
12320 the purposes of the Connecticut Automatic Admissions Program.

12321 (f) No participating institution shall consider the admission of a
12322 student through the Connecticut Automatic Admissions Program in
12323 determining such student's eligibility for need-based or merit-based
12324 financial aid.

12325 (g) The supervisory agent of a nonpublic high school in the state may
12326 submit an application to the Board of Regents for Higher Education, in
12327 the form and manner prescribed by the board, to participate in the
12328 Connecticut Automatic Admissions Program. The board shall approve
12329 any such application provided such nonpublic high school (1) is
12330 accredited by a generally recognized accrediting organization or is
12331 operated by the United States Department of Defense, and (2) complies
12332 with the provisions of section 292 of this act.

12333 Sec. 292. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) For the school year
12334 commencing July 1, 2022, and each school year thereafter, for the
12335 purpose of qualifying a student for the Connecticut Automatic
12336 Admissions Program, established pursuant to section 291 of this act,
12337 each local and regional board of education shall (1) calculate a grade
12338 point average using the standardized method established by the Board
12339 of Regents for Higher Education pursuant to subsection (e) of section
12340 291 of this act, for each student who completes eleventh grade, and (2)
12341 determine whether such student's class rank percentile is above or
12342 below the minimum established by the Board of Regents for Higher
12343 Education pursuant to subsection (e) of section 291 of this act. Each local
12344 and regional board of education shall share a student's grade point
12345 average and whether such student is above or below the minimum class
12346 rank percentile with (A) the student, (B) the student's parent or
12347 guardian, (C) the Department of Education, in the form and manner
12348 prescribed by the department, and (D) upon the student's request, a
12349 participating institution for the purposes of applying to such
12350 participating institution under the Connecticut Automatic Admissions
12351 Program.

12352 (b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a local or

12353 regional board of education to publish or provide a class ranking for any
12354 student or to publish on a student's transcript the grade point average
12355 calculated pursuant to subsection (a) of this section or whether such
12356 student is above or below the minimum class rank percentile established
12357 by the Board of Regents for Higher Education pursuant to subsection (e)
12358 of section 291 of this act.

12359 (c) For the school year commencing July 1, 2022, and each school year
12360 thereafter, each local and regional board education shall notify each
12361 student enrolled in his or her final year of high school, and the parent or
12362 guardian of such student, whether such student may be admitted to at
12363 least one participating institution under the Connecticut Automatic
12364 Admissions Program based on the academic threshold established by
12365 such institution pursuant to subsection (e) of section 291 of this act.

12366 Sec. 293. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) As used in this section:

12367 (1) "Eligible organization" means any provider of a training program
12368 including, but not limited to, a provider of a training program listed on
12369 the Labor Department's Eligible Training Provider List, an
12370 apprenticeship or preapprenticeship program sponsor, a provider of an
12371 alternate route to certification program approved by the State Board of
12372 Education, an institution of higher education, a private occupational
12373 school, an employer, a state or municipal agency and a public or
12374 nonprofit social service provider in the state; and

12375 (2) "Approved class" means a set of employees, clients, students or
12376 customers of an eligible organization.

12377 (b) Not later than January 1, 2022, the Commissioner of
12378 Transportation shall establish the CTpass program to allow individuals
12379 in an approved class for an eligible organization to use certain public
12380 transit services without cost or at a reduced cost. The commissioner shall
12381 post information regarding the CTpass program and application
12382 process for such program on the Department of Transportation's
12383 Internet web site in a manner that, in the commissioner's discretion, will

12384 maximize awareness and participation by the greatest number of
12385 eligible organizations.

12386 (c) Upon receipt of an application from an eligible organization to
12387 participate in the CTpass program, the commissioner may negotiate the
12388 terms and conditions and enter into a contract with such eligible
12389 organization. The commissioner may treat several eligible organizations
12390 as a single eligible organization for the purposes of a contract under the
12391 CTpass program. Such terms and conditions shall include, but need not
12392 be limited to, (1) the amount of compensation or reimbursement
12393 required from the eligible organization, (2) the definition of approved
12394 class specific to the eligible organization, and (3) any limitations on
12395 times of use or types of public transit services available to the approved
12396 class. The compensation or reimbursement negotiated in the contract
12397 shall be in an amount as the commissioner deems necessary or
12398 advisable, provided the amount is sufficient to ensure that transit
12399 service expenditures incurred by the department do not increase as a
12400 result of the CTpass program and to cover any administrative costs
12401 incurred by the department in the operation of the CTpass program. A
12402 contract under the CTpass program shall be valid upon the approval of
12403 the Office of Policy and Management for a term of not more than two
12404 years, except the first contract with an eligible organization shall not
12405 exceed twelve months. Prior to any renewal of a contract with an eligible
12406 organization under the CTpass program, the commissioner shall
12407 consider prior pass utilization information and any transit service
12408 expenditure increases incurred by the department for the purpose of re-
12409 evaluating the amount of compensation or reimbursement required
12410 from such eligible organization.

12411 (d) Not later than January 1, 2023, and annually thereafter, the
12412 Commissioner of Transportation shall submit a report to the Secretary
12413 of the Office of Policy and Management on the financial data and pass
12414 utilization information for each contract under the CTpass program.

12415 Sec. 294. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) Not later than December 1,

12416 2021, and annually thereafter until December 1, 2024, each employer in
12417 the state with one hundred or more employees shall notify the
12418 employees of such employer who are residents of the state about (1)
12419 whether such employer offers to employees an education assistance
12420 program under 26 USC 127, and (2) if an education assistance program
12421 is offered to employees, the benefits included in such program and the
12422 manner in which an employee may enroll in such program.

12423 (b) An employee shall have no cause of action against an employer
12424 for not offering an education assistance program under 26 USC 127 to
12425 employees or for failure to notify employees about such program
12426 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

12427 (c) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development
12428 shall make information and resources regarding education assistance
12429 programs under 26 USC 127 available to employers in the state.

12430 Sec. 295. (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) The University of Connecticut shall
12431 (1) to the extent possible, remove prerequisites from each University of
12432 Connecticut Early College Experience course offered in the state, and (2)
12433 work with local and regional boards of education to increase access to
12434 such Early College Experience courses.

12435 (b) Not later than October 1, 2022, The University of Connecticut shall
12436 submit to the Commissioner of Education and, in accordance with the
12437 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing
12438 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
12439 relating to higher education and education a report on (1) the
12440 prerequisites required for University of Connecticut Early College
12441 Experience courses, (2) how these prerequisites compare to
12442 prerequisites required for similar courses offered by other institutions
12443 of higher education and for advanced placement, International
12444 Baccalaureate and Cambridge International programs, (3) the
12445 demographics of enrolled students, and (4) the actions taken by the
12446 university to increase access to its Early College Experience courses.

12447 Sec. 296. (*Effective July 1, 2021*) Not later than February 1, 2022, the
12448 Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut and the Board of
12449 Regents for Higher Education shall each submit to the Commissioner of
12450 Education and, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
12451 general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General
12452 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education and
12453 higher education a report on its policies for each institution of higher
12454 education governed by such board concerning when course credit is
12455 awarded to an undergraduate student attending such institution of
12456 higher education for such student's score on an advanced placement, an
12457 International Baccalaureate, a Cambridge International or a University
12458 of Connecticut Early College Experience exam taken while enrolled in
12459 high school.

12460 Sec. 297. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) Any information contained
12461 in a Free Application for Federal Student Aid or a state application for
12462 student financial aid and personally identifiable information contained
12463 in applications for admission to institutions of higher education,
12464 including applications under the Connecticut Automatic Admissions
12465 Program established pursuant to section 291 of this act, held by any
12466 department, board, commission, public institution of higher education
12467 or any other agency of the state, or any local or regional board of
12468 education or state-administered school system shall not be deemed to
12469 be a public record for purposes of the Freedom of Information Act, as
12470 defined in section 1-200 of the general statutes, and shall not be subject
12471 to disclosure under the provisions of section 1-210 of the general
12472 statutes.

12473 (b) Any confidential information about an individual, including, but
12474 not limited to, information from an individual's application for
12475 admission, application for financial aid or immigration status, that
12476 becomes known to an officer, employee or agent of a local or regional
12477 board of education or an institution of higher education in the state may
12478 be disclosed to a federal immigration authority, as defined in section 54-
12479 192h of the general statutes, only if such disclosure is:

12480 (1) Authorized in writing by the individual to whom the information
12481 pertains, or by the parent or guardian of such individual if the
12482 individual is a minor or not legally competent to consent to such
12483 disclosure;

12484 (2) Necessary in furtherance of a criminal investigation of terrorism;
12485 or

12486 (3) Otherwise required by state or federal law or in compliance with
12487 a judicial warrant or court order issued by a judge or magistrate of the
12488 state or federal judicial branches.

12489 Sec. 298. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) As used in this section:

12490 (1) "Credential" means a documented award issued by an authorized
12491 body, including, but not limited to, a (A) degree or certificate awarded
12492 by an institution of higher education, private occupational school or
12493 provider of an alternate route to certification program approved by the
12494 State Board of Education for teachers, (B) certification awarded through
12495 an examination process designed to demonstrate acquisition of
12496 designated knowledge, skill and ability to perform a specific job, (C)
12497 license issued by a governmental agency which permits an individual
12498 to practice a specific occupation upon verification that such individual
12499 meets a predetermined list of qualifications, and (D) documented
12500 completion of an apprenticeship or job training program; and

12501 (2) "Credential status type" means the official status of a credential
12502 which is either active, deprecated, probationary or superseded.

12503 (b) Not later than January 1, 2023, the executive director of the Office
12504 of Higher Education, in consultation with the advisory council
12505 established pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, shall create a
12506 database of credentials offered in the state for the purpose of explaining
12507 the skills and competencies earned through a credential in uniform
12508 terms and plain language. In creating the database, the executive
12509 director shall utilize the minimum data policy of the New England

12510 Board of Higher Education's High Value Credentials for New England
12511 initiative, the uniform terms and descriptions of Credentials Engine's
12512 Credential Transparency Description Language and the uniform
12513 standards for comparing and linking credentials in Credential Engine's
12514 Credential Transparency Description Language-Achievement
12515 Standards Network. At a minimum, the database shall include the
12516 following information for each credential: (1) Credential status type, (2)
12517 the entity that owns or offers the credential, (3) the type of credential
12518 being offered, (4) a short description of the credential, (5) the name of
12519 the credential, (6) the Internet web site that provides information
12520 relating to the credential, (7) the language in which the credential is
12521 offered, (8) the estimated duration for completion, (9) the industry
12522 related to the credential which may include its code under the North
12523 American Industry Classification System, (10) the occupation related to
12524 the credential which may include its code under the standard
12525 occupational classification system of the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the
12526 United States Department of Labor or under The Occupational
12527 Information Network, (11) the estimated cost for earning the credential,
12528 and (12) a listing of online or physical locations where the credential is
12529 offered.

12530 (c) There is established an advisory council for the purpose of
12531 advising the executive director of the Office of Higher Education on the
12532 implementation of the database created pursuant to subsection (b) of
12533 this section. The advisory council shall consist of (1) representatives
12534 from the Office of Workforce Strategy, Office of Higher Education,
12535 Office of Policy and Management, Labor Department, Department of
12536 Education, Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, The University
12537 of Connecticut and independent institutions of higher education, and
12538 (2) the Chief Data Officer, or such officer's designee. The Chief
12539 Workforce Officer, the Chief Data Officer and the executive director of
12540 the Office of Higher Education, or their designees, shall be
12541 cochairpersons of the advisory council and shall schedule the meetings
12542 of the advisory council.

12543 (d) Not later than July 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, each regional
12544 workforce development board, community action agency, as defined in
12545 section 17b-885 of the general statutes, institution of higher education,
12546 private occupational school, provider of an alternate route to
12547 certification program approved by the State Board of Education, and
12548 provider of a training program listed on the Labor Department's Eligible
12549 Training Provider List shall submit information, in the form and manner
12550 prescribed by the executive director of the Office of Higher Education,
12551 about any credential offered by such institution, school or provider for
12552 inclusion in the database created pursuant to subsection (b) of this
12553 section. Such information shall include, but need not be limited to, the
12554 data described in subdivisions (1) to (12), inclusive, of subsection (b) of
12555 this section, except an institution of higher education may omit the data
12556 required pursuant to subdivisions (6), (9) and (10) of subsection (b) of
12557 this section if such data is not applicable to a credential offered by such
12558 institution.

12559 (e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require any state
12560 agency or department to submit credential information to the database
12561 created pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

12562 (f) The Labor Department may, in consultation with the advisory
12563 council established pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, require any
12564 program sponsor of a preapprenticeship or apprenticeship program
12565 registered with the department to submit information about such
12566 program to the Office of Higher Education for inclusion in such
12567 database.

12568 Sec. 299. Subsection (l) of section 10a-34 of the general statutes is
12569 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
12570 *2021*):

12571 (l) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (b) to (j), inclusive,
12572 of this section and subject to the authority of the State Board of
12573 Education to regulate teacher education programs, [up to twelve new

12574 programs of higher learning in any academic year and any program
12575 modifications proposed by] an independent institution of higher
12576 education, as defined in section 10a-173, shall not [be subject to] require
12577 approval by the Office of Higher Education for any new programs of
12578 higher learning or any program modifications proposed by such
12579 institution until June 30, 2023, and for up to fifteen new programs of
12580 higher learning in any academic year or any program modifications
12581 proposed by such institution on and after July 1, 2023, provided (1) the
12582 institution maintains eligibility to participate in financial aid programs
12583 governed by Title IV, Part B of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as
12584 amended from time to time, (2) the United States Department of
12585 Education has not determined that the institution has a financial
12586 responsibility score that is less than 1.5 for the most recent fiscal year for
12587 which the data necessary for determining the score is available, and (3)
12588 the institution has been located in the state and accredited as a degree-
12589 granting institution in good standing for ten years or more by a regional
12590 accrediting association recognized by the Secretary of the United States
12591 Department of Education and maintains such accreditation status. Each
12592 institution that is exempt from program approval by the Office of
12593 Higher Education under this subsection shall file with the office (A) on
12594 and after July 1, 2023, an application for approval of any new program
12595 of higher learning in excess of [twelve] fifteen new programs in any
12596 academic year, (B) a program actions form, as created by the office, prior
12597 to students enrolling in any new program of higher learning or any
12598 existing program subject to a program modification, and (C) not later
12599 than July first, and annually thereafter, (i) until June 30, 2024, a list and
12600 brief description of any new programs of higher learning introduced by
12601 the institution in the preceding academic year and any existing
12602 programs of higher learning discontinued by the institution in the
12603 preceding academic year, (ii) the institution's current program approval
12604 process and all actions of the governing board concerning approval of
12605 any new program of higher learning, and (iii) the institution's financial
12606 responsibility composite score, as determined by the United States
12607 Department of Education, for the most recent fiscal year for which the

12608 data necessary for determining the score is available.

12609 Sec. 300. (*Effective July 1, 2021*) Not later than October 1, 2023, the
12610 executive director of the Office of Higher Education shall submit
12611 recommendations, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of
12612 the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General
12613 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher education on
12614 program approval and modification required pursuant to the provisions
12615 of section 10a-34 of the general statutes.

12616 Sec. 301. Section 10a-35a of the general statutes is repealed and the
12617 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

12618 (a) Notwithstanding sections 10a-34 to 10a-35, inclusive, the Board of
12619 Regents for Higher Education shall have the authority, in accordance
12620 with the provisions of said sections and the standards set forth in any
12621 regulations promulgated thereunder, to (1) review and approve
12622 recommendations for the establishment of new academic programs for
12623 the universities within the Connecticut State University System, the
12624 regional community-technical colleges and Charter Oak State College,
12625 and (2) until June 30, 2024, report all new programs and program
12626 changes to the Office of Higher Education.

12627 (b) Notwithstanding sections 10a-34 to 10a-35, inclusive, the Board of
12628 Trustees for The University of Connecticut shall (1) have the authority,
12629 in accordance with the provisions of said sections and the standards set
12630 forth in any regulations promulgated thereunder, to review and
12631 approve recommendations for the establishment of new academic
12632 programs at the university, and (2) until June 30, 2024, report all new
12633 programs and program changes to the Office of Higher Education.

12634 Sec. 302. Subsection (a) of section 10a-6 of the general statutes is
12635 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
12636 *2021*):

12637 (a) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall: (1) Establish

12638 policies and guidelines for the Connecticut State University System, the
12639 regional community-technical college system and Charter Oak State
12640 College; (2) develop a master plan for higher education and
12641 postsecondary education at the Connecticut State University System,
12642 the regional community-technical college system and Charter Oak State
12643 College consistent with the goals identified in section 10a-11c; (3)
12644 establish tuition and student fee policies for the Connecticut State
12645 University System, the regional community-technical college system
12646 and Charter Oak State College; (4) monitor and evaluate the
12647 effectiveness and viability of the state universities, the regional
12648 community-technical colleges and Charter Oak State College in
12649 accordance with criteria established by the board; (5) merge or close
12650 institutions within the Connecticut State University System, the regional
12651 community-technical college system and Charter Oak State College in
12652 accordance with criteria established by the board, provided (A) such
12653 recommended merger or closing shall require a two-thirds vote of the
12654 board, and (B) notice of such recommended merger or closing shall be
12655 sent to the committee having cognizance over matters relating to
12656 education and to the General Assembly; (6) review and approve mission
12657 statements for the Connecticut State University System, the regional
12658 community-technical college system and Charter Oak State College and
12659 role and scope statements for the individual institutions and campuses
12660 of such constituent units; (7) review and approve any recommendations
12661 for the establishment of new academic programs submitted to the board
12662 by the state universities within the Connecticut State University System,
12663 the regional community-technical colleges and Charter Oak State
12664 College, and, in consultation with the affected constituent units, provide
12665 for the initiation, consolidation or termination of academic programs;
12666 (8) develop criteria to ensure acceptable quality in (A) programs at the
12667 Connecticut State University System, the regional community-technical
12668 college system and Charter Oak State College, and (B) institutions
12669 within the Connecticut State University System and the regional
12670 community-technical college system and enforce standards through
12671 licensing and accreditation; (9) prepare and present to the Governor and

12672 General Assembly, in accordance with section 10a-8, consolidated
12673 operating and capital expenditure budgets for the Connecticut State
12674 University System, the regional community-technical college system
12675 and Charter Oak State College developed in accordance with the
12676 provisions of said section 10a-8; (10) review and make
12677 recommendations on plans received from the Connecticut State
12678 University System, the regional community-technical college system
12679 and Charter Oak State College to implement the goals identified in
12680 section 10a-11c; (11) appoint advisory committees with representatives
12681 from public and independent institutions of higher education to study
12682 methods and proposals for coordinating efforts of the public institutions
12683 of higher education under its jurisdiction with The University of
12684 Connecticut and the independent institutions of higher education to
12685 implement the goals identified in section 10a-11c; (12) evaluate (A)
12686 means of implementing the goals identified in section 10a-11c, and (B)
12687 any recommendations made by the Planning Commission for Higher
12688 Education in implementing the strategic master plan pursuant to section
12689 10a-11b through alternative and nontraditional approaches such as
12690 external degrees and credit by examination; (13) coordinate programs
12691 and services among the Connecticut State University System, the
12692 regional community-technical college system and Charter Oak State
12693 College; (14) assess opportunities for collaboration with The University
12694 of Connecticut and the independent institutions of higher education to
12695 implement the goals identified in section 10a-11c; (15) make or enter into
12696 contracts, leases or other agreements in connection with its
12697 responsibilities under this part, provided all acquisitions of real estate
12698 by lease or otherwise shall be subject to the provisions of section 4b-23;
12699 (16) be responsible for the care and maintenance of permanent records
12700 of institutions of higher education dissolved after September 1, 1969;
12701 (17) prepare and present to the Governor and General Assembly
12702 legislative proposals affecting the Connecticut State University System,
12703 the regional community-technical college system and Charter Oak State
12704 College; (18) develop and maintain a central higher education
12705 information system and establish definitions and data requirements for

12706 the Connecticut State University System, the regional community-
12707 technical college system and Charter Oak State College; (19) until June
12708 30, 2024, report all new programs and program changes at the
12709 Connecticut State University System, the regional community-technical
12710 college system and Charter Oak State College to the Office of Higher
12711 Education; and (20) undertake such studies and other activities as will
12712 best serve the higher educational interests of the Connecticut State
12713 University System, the regional community-technical college system
12714 and Charter Oak State College.

12715 Sec. 303. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) Not later than January 1,
12716 2023, each private occupational school, as defined in section 10a-22a of
12717 the general statutes, regional workforce development board,
12718 community action agency, as defined in section 17b-885 of the general
12719 statutes, and each provider of an alternate route to certification program
12720 approved by the State Board of Education, shall submit, in a form and
12721 manner prescribed by the executive director of the Office of Higher
12722 Education, certain data collected by such school, board, agency or
12723 program for each student or trainee enrolled in a program that earns a
12724 credential, as defined in section 298 of this act, offered by such school,
12725 board, agency or program. Such data shall include, but need not be
12726 limited to, gender identity, age, race, ethnicity, course enrollment,
12727 course completion, credential completion, fees and tuition charged,
12728 federal student loans received, federal student loan balances, and for
12729 any student who has a state-assigned student identifier pursuant to
12730 section 10-10a of the general statutes, such student identifier. Nothing
12731 in this subsection shall be construed to require a student or trainee to
12732 provide information about gender identity, age, race or ethnicity if not
12733 otherwise required by law.

12734 (b) Personally identifiable information provided to the Office of
12735 Higher Education pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall not be
12736 deemed to be a public record for purposes of the Freedom of
12737 Information Act, as defined in section 1-200 of the general statutes, and
12738 shall not be subject to disclosure under the provisions of section 1-210

12739 of the general statutes. The office may share information submitted
12740 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section with another state agency,
12741 another state or territory, the federal government or to support a data
12742 request submitted through CP20 WIN in accordance with the policies
12743 and procedures of CP20 WIN, established pursuant to section 10a-57g
12744 of the general statutes, for the purposes of program administration,
12745 audit, evaluation or research, provided the recipient of such data agrees
12746 to a data sharing agreement pursuant to section 305 of this act if such
12747 recipient is not a state agency, another state or territory or the federal
12748 government.

12749 Sec. 304. Subsection (j) of section 31-225a of the general statutes is
12750 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
12751 *2021*):

12752 (j) (1) (A) Each employer subject to this chapter shall submit
12753 quarterly, on forms supplied by the administrator, a listing of wage
12754 information, including the name of each employee receiving wages in
12755 employment subject to this chapter, such employee's Social Security
12756 account number and the amount of wages paid to such employee during
12757 such calendar quarter.

12758 (B) Commencing with the third calendar quarter of 2024, unless
12759 waived pursuant to subdivision (5) of this subsection, any employer
12760 subject to this chapter, with one hundred or more employees, shall
12761 include in the quarterly filing submitted pursuant to subparagraph (A)
12762 of this subdivision, the following data for each employee receiving
12763 wages in employment subject to this chapter: Such employee's gender
12764 identity, age, race, ethnicity, veteran status, disability status, highest
12765 education completed, home address, address of primary work site,
12766 occupational code under the standard occupational classification
12767 system of the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department
12768 of Labor, hours worked, days worked, salary or hourly wage,
12769 employment start date in the current job title and, if applicable,
12770 employment end date. The information required pursuant to this

12771 subparagraph shall be included in the quarterly filings of employers
12772 subject to this chapter with ninety-nine or fewer employees
12773 commencing with the third calendar quarter of 2026, except employers
12774 subject to this chapter with forty-nine or fewer employees without an
12775 electronic payroll system shall include such information commencing
12776 with the third calendar quarter of 2028. Nothing in this subparagraph
12777 shall be construed to require an employee to provide information about
12778 gender identity, age, race, ethnicity, veteran status or disability status if
12779 not otherwise required by law. The administrator may issue guidance
12780 defining each such data field.

12781 (2) [Commencing with the first calendar quarter of 2014, each] Each
12782 employer subject to this chapter who reports wages for employees
12783 receiving wages in employment subject to this chapter, and each person
12784 or organization that, as an agent, reports wages for employees receiving
12785 wages in employment subject to this chapter on behalf of one or more
12786 employers subject to this chapter shall submit quarterly the information
12787 required by subdivision (1) of this subsection [on magnetic tape,
12788 diskette, or other similar electronic means which the administrator may
12789 prescribe] electronically, in a format and manner prescribed by the
12790 administrator, unless such employer or agent receives a waiver
12791 pursuant to subdivision (5) of this subsection.

12792 (3) Any employer that fails to submit the information required by
12793 subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of this subsection in a timely
12794 manner, as determined by the administrator, shall be liable to the
12795 administrator for a late filing fee of twenty-five dollars. Any employer
12796 that fails to submit the information required by subparagraph (A) of
12797 subdivision (1) of this subsection under a proper state unemployment
12798 compensation registration number shall be liable to the administrator
12799 for a fee of twenty-five dollars. All fees collected by the administrator
12800 under this subdivision shall be deposited in the Employment Security
12801 Administration Fund.

12802 (4) [Commencing with the first calendar quarter of 2014, each] Each

12803 employer subject to this chapter who makes contributions or payments
12804 in lieu of contributions for employees receiving wages in employment
12805 subject to this chapter, and each person or organization that, as an agent,
12806 makes contributions or payments in lieu of contributions for employees
12807 receiving wages in employment subject to this chapter on behalf of one
12808 or more employers subject to this chapter shall make such contributions
12809 or payments in lieu of contributions electronically.

12810 (5) Any employer or any person or organization that, as an agent,
12811 [submits] is required to submit information pursuant to subdivision (2)
12812 of this subsection, [or makes] make contributions or payments in lieu of
12813 contributions pursuant to subdivision (4) of this subsection or submit
12814 information pursuant to subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of this
12815 subsection may request in writing, not later than thirty days prior to the
12816 date a submission of information or a contribution or payment in lieu of
12817 contribution is due, that the administrator waive [the] such
12818 requirement. [that such submission or contribution or payment in lieu
12819 of contribution be made electronically.] The administrator shall grant
12820 such request if, on the basis of information provided by such employer
12821 or person or organization and on a form prescribed by the
12822 administrator, the administrator finds that there would be undue
12823 hardship for such employer or person or organization. The
12824 administrator shall promptly inform such employer or person or
12825 organization of the granting or rejection of the requested waiver. The
12826 decision of the administrator shall be final and not subject to further
12827 review or appeal. Such waiver shall be effective for twelve months from
12828 the date such waiver is granted.

12829 (6) The name and identifying information of an employer and
12830 personally identifiable information about an employee provided to the
12831 administrator pursuant to subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of this
12832 subsection shall not be deemed to be a public record for purposes of the
12833 Freedom of Information Act, as defined in section 1-200, and shall not
12834 be subject to disclosure under the provisions of section 1-210. The
12835 administrator or the department may share information provided

12836 pursuant to subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of this subsection with
12837 another state agency, another state or territory, the federal government
12838 or to support a data request submitted through CP20 WIN in accordance
12839 with the policies and procedures of CP20 WIN, established pursuant to
12840 section 10a-57g, for the purposes of program administration, audit,
12841 evaluation or research, provided the recipient of such data enters into a
12842 data sharing agreement pursuant to section 305 of this act if such
12843 recipient is not a state agency, another state or territory, or the federal
12844 government.

12845 Sec. 305. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) A data sharing agreement
12846 entered into pursuant to subsection (b) of section 12-15 of the general
12847 statutes, subsection (j) of section 31-225a of the general statutes or
12848 section 303 of this act by an office, department, board, commission,
12849 public institution of higher education or other instrumentality of the
12850 state with one or more individuals or organizations that allows for the
12851 sharing of data held by such state instrumentality shall include, but
12852 need not be limited to, the following provisions:

12853 (1) The purposes for which any party that has entered into a data
12854 sharing agreement with a state instrumentality will use such data and a
12855 restriction that such data may only be used for purposes authorized in
12856 the data sharing agreement;

12857 (2) The specific individuals, within any party that has entered into a
12858 data sharing agreement with a state instrumentality, who may access or
12859 use such data;

12860 (3) Data provided by the state instrumentality shall not be shared
12861 with another party unless such party has entered into a data sharing
12862 agreement with such instrumentality pursuant to this section and with
12863 approval from such instrumentality;

12864 (4) Data shall not be copied or stored in any location by any party,
12865 unless approved by the state instrumentality in the agreement;

12866 (5) All data shall be stored and accessed in a secure manner, as
12867 prescribed in the data sharing agreement;

12868 (6) Procedures for notifying the state instrumentality of any breach of
12869 such agreement;

12870 (7) If any provision of the data sharing agreement or the application
12871 of such agreement is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction,
12872 the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of such
12873 agreement that can be given effect without the invalid provision or
12874 application;

12875 (8) A party entering into a data sharing agreement shall not (A) use
12876 records or information obtained for such data for the purpose of
12877 enforcing federal immigration law, or (B) share, disclose or make
12878 accessible in any manner, directly or indirectly, such information or
12879 records to any federal or state agency that enforces federal immigration
12880 law, or to any officer or agent of such agency, unless required in
12881 compliance with a judicial warrant or court order issued by a judge or
12882 magistrate on behalf of the state or federal judicial branches;

12883 (9) A data sharing agreement shall have an explicit term of length;

12884 (10) If personally identifying information is permitted or required to
12885 be shared pursuant to a data sharing agreement, a description of any
12886 methods to de-identify such data.

12887 (b) Any data or information shared with a third party pursuant to a
12888 data sharing agreement that is not subject to disclosure under section 1-
12889 210 of the general statutes by a state instrumentality shall not be subject
12890 to disclosure by such third party under section 1-210 of the general
12891 statutes.

12892 (c) Any data sharing agreement entered into pursuant to subsection
12893 (a) of this section shall be deemed a public record. Any state
12894 instrumentality that enters into such an agreement shall not release any

12895 information that may endanger data security or safety.

12896 (d) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any contracts
12897 entered into by a state agency that comply with section 4e-70 of the
12898 general statutes.

12899 Sec. 306. Subsection (b) of section 12-15 of the general statutes is
12900 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
12901 *1, 2021*):

12902 (b) The commissioner may disclose (1) returns or return information
12903 to (A) an authorized representative of another state agency or office,
12904 upon written request by the head of such agency or office, when
12905 required in the course of duty or when there is reasonable cause to
12906 believe that any state law is being violated, or (B) an authorized
12907 representative of an agency or office of the United States, upon written
12908 request by the head of such agency or office, when required in the course
12909 of duty or when there is reasonable cause to believe that any federal law
12910 is being violated, provided no such agency or office shall disclose such
12911 returns or return information, other than in a judicial or administrative
12912 proceeding to which such agency or office is a party pertaining to the
12913 enforcement of state or federal law, as the case may be, in a form which
12914 can be associated with, or otherwise identify, directly or indirectly, a
12915 particular taxpayer except that the names and addresses of jurors or
12916 potential jurors and the fact that the names were derived from the list of
12917 taxpayers pursuant to chapter 884 may be disclosed by the Judicial
12918 Branch; (2) returns or return information to the Auditors of Public
12919 Accounts, when required in the course of duty under chapter 23; (3)
12920 returns or return information to tax officers of another state or of a
12921 Canadian province or of a political subdivision of such other state or
12922 province or of the District of Columbia or to any officer of the United
12923 States Treasury Department or the United States Department of Health
12924 and Human Services, authorized for such purpose in accordance with
12925 an agreement between this state and such other state, province, political
12926 subdivision, the District of Columbia or department, respectively, when

12927 required in the administration of taxes imposed under the laws of such
12928 other state, province, political subdivision, the District of Columbia or
12929 the United States, respectively, and when a reciprocal arrangement
12930 exists; (4) returns or return information in any action, case or proceeding
12931 in any court of competent jurisdiction, when the commissioner or any
12932 other state department or agency is a party, and when such information
12933 is directly involved in such action, case or proceeding; (5) returns or
12934 return information to a taxpayer or its authorized representative, upon
12935 written request for a return filed by or return information on such
12936 taxpayer; (6) returns or return information to a successor, receiver,
12937 trustee, executor, administrator, assignee, guardian or guarantor of a
12938 taxpayer, when such person establishes, to the satisfaction of the
12939 commissioner, that such person has a material interest which will be
12940 affected by information contained in such returns or return information;
12941 (7) information to the assessor or an authorized representative of the
12942 chief executive officer of a Connecticut municipality, when the
12943 information disclosed is limited to (A) a list of real or personal property
12944 that is or may be subject to property taxes in such municipality, or (B) a
12945 list containing the name of each person who is issued any license, permit
12946 or certificate which is required, under the provisions of this title, to be
12947 conspicuously displayed and whose address is in such municipality; (8)
12948 real estate conveyance tax return information or controlling interest
12949 transfer tax return information to the town clerk or an authorized
12950 representative of the chief executive officer of a Connecticut
12951 municipality to which the information relates; (9) estate tax returns and
12952 estate tax return information to the Probate Court Administrator or to
12953 the court of probate for the district within which a decedent resided at
12954 the date of the decedent's death, or within which the commissioner
12955 contends that a decedent resided at the date of the decedent's death or,
12956 if a decedent died a nonresident of this state, in the court of probate for
12957 the district within which real estate or tangible personal property of the
12958 decedent is situated, or within which the commissioner contends that
12959 real estate or tangible personal property of the decedent is situated; (10)
12960 returns or return information to the (A) Secretary of the Office of Policy

12961 and Management for purposes of subsection (b) of section 12-7a, and (B)
12962 Office of Fiscal Analysis for purposes of, and subject to the provisions
12963 of, subdivision (2) of subsection (f) of section 12-7b; (11) return
12964 information to the Jury Administrator, when the information disclosed
12965 is limited to the names, addresses, federal Social Security numbers and
12966 dates of birth, if available, of residents of this state, as defined in
12967 subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 12-701; (12) returns or return
12968 information to any person to the extent necessary in connection with the
12969 processing, storage, transmission or reproduction of such returns or
12970 return information, and the programming, maintenance, repair, testing
12971 or procurement of equipment, or the providing of other services, for
12972 purposes of tax administration; (13) without written request and unless
12973 the commissioner determines that disclosure would identify a
12974 confidential informant or seriously impair a civil or criminal tax
12975 investigation, returns and return information which may constitute
12976 evidence of a violation of any civil or criminal law of this state or the
12977 United States to the extent necessary to apprise the head of such agency
12978 or office charged with the responsibility of enforcing such law, in which
12979 event the head of such agency or office may disclose such return
12980 information to officers and employees of such agency or office to the
12981 extent necessary to enforce such law; (14) names and addresses of
12982 operators, as defined in section 12-407, to tourism districts, as defined in
12983 section 10-397; (15) names of each licensed dealer, as defined in section
12984 12-285, and the location of the premises covered by the dealer's license;
12985 (16) to a tobacco product manufacturer that places funds into escrow
12986 pursuant to the provisions of subsection (a) of section 4-28i, return
12987 information of a distributor licensed under the provisions of chapter 214
12988 or chapter 214a, provided the information disclosed is limited to
12989 information relating to such manufacturer's sales to consumers within
12990 this state, whether directly or through a distributor, dealer or similar
12991 intermediary or intermediaries, of cigarettes, as defined in section 4-28h,
12992 and further provided there is reasonable cause to believe that such
12993 manufacturer is not in compliance with section 4-28i; (17) returns, which
12994 shall not include a copy of the return filed with the commissioner, or

12995 return information for purposes of section 12-217z; (18) returns or return
12996 information to the State Elections Enforcement Commission, upon
12997 written request by said commission, when necessary to investigate
12998 suspected violations of state election laws; [and] (19) returns or return
12999 information for purposes of, and subject to the conditions of, subsection
13000 (e) of section 5-240; and (20) to the extent allowable under federal law,
13001 return information to another state agency or to support a data request
13002 submitted through CP20 WIN, established in section 10a-57g, in
13003 accordance with the policies and procedures of CP20 WIN for the
13004 purposes of evaluation or research, provided the recipient of such data
13005 enters into a data sharing agreement pursuant to section 305 of this act
13006 if such recipient is not a state agency.

13007 Sec. 307. Section 10a-223 of the general statutes is repealed and the
13008 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

13009 In this chapter, the following words and terms shall have the
13010 following meanings unless the context indicates another or different
13011 meaning or intent:

13012 (1) "Authority" means the Connecticut Higher Education
13013 Supplemental Loan Authority constituted as a subsidiary of the
13014 Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority as provided in
13015 section 10a-179a;

13016 (2) "Authorized officer" means an employee of the Connecticut
13017 Health and Educational Facilities Authority or of the authority who is
13018 authorized by the board of directors of the authority to execute and
13019 deliver documents and papers and to act in the name of and on behalf
13020 of the authority;

13021 (3) "Authority loans" means education loans by the authority, or loans
13022 by the authority from the proceeds of bonds for the purpose of funding
13023 education loans;

13024 (4) "Board" means the board of directors of the authority;

13025 (5) "Bonds" or "revenue bonds" means revenue bonds or notes of the
13026 authority issued under the provisions of this chapter, including revenue
13027 refunding bonds or notes;

13028 (6) "Bond resolution" means the resolution or resolutions of the
13029 authority and the trust agreement, if any, authorizing the issuance of
13030 and providing for the terms and conditions applicable to bonds;

13031 (7) "Borrower" means (A) an individual who has an outstanding loan
13032 from the authority, (B) an individual who attends a Connecticut
13033 institution for higher education, enrolls in a Connecticut high-value
13034 certificate program or currently resides in the state, and has received or
13035 agreed to pay an education loan, or (C) any parent who has received or
13036 agreed to pay an education loan on behalf of an individual who attends
13037 a Connecticut institution for higher education or currently resides in the
13038 state;

13039 (8) "Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority" means
13040 the quasi-public authority established pursuant to section 10a-179;

13041 (9) "Connecticut institution for higher education" means an
13042 institution for higher education within the state;

13043 (10) "Default insurance" means insurance insuring education loans,
13044 authority loans or bonds against default;

13045 (11) "Default reserve fund" means a fund established pursuant to a
13046 bond resolution for the purpose of securing education loans, authority
13047 loans or bonds;

13048 (12) "Education loan" means a loan which is made to a student in or
13049 from the state or a parent of such student to finance attendance at an
13050 institution for higher education or enrollment in a high-value certificate
13051 program, or to a borrower to refinance one or more eligible loans;

13052 (13) "Loan funding deposit" means moneys or other property
13053 deposited by a Connecticut institution for higher education with the

13054 authority, a guarantor or a trustee for the purpose of (A) providing
13055 security for bonds, (B) funding a default reserve fund, (C) acquiring
13056 default insurance, or (D) defraying costs of the authority, such moneys
13057 or properties to be in such amounts as deemed necessary by the
13058 authority or guarantor as a condition for such institution's participation
13059 in the authority's programs;

13060 (14) "Institution for higher education" means a degree-granting
13061 educational institution within the United States authorized by
13062 applicable law to provide a program of education beyond the high
13063 school level and (A) described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal
13064 Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal
13065 revenue code of the United States, as from time to time amended, and
13066 exempt from taxation under Section 501(a) of said code with respect to
13067 a trade or business carried on by such institution which is not an
13068 unrelated trade or business, determined by applying Section 513(a) of
13069 said code to such organization or a foundation established for its benefit,
13070 or (B) exempt from taxation under said code as a governmental unit;

13071 (15) "Participating institution for higher education" means a
13072 Connecticut institution for higher education which, pursuant to the
13073 provisions of this chapter, undertakes the financing directly or
13074 indirectly of education loans as provided in this chapter;

13075 (16) "Parent" means any parent, legal guardian or sponsor of a
13076 student at an institution for higher education or enrolled in a high-value
13077 certificate program;

13078 (17) "Education loan series portfolio" means all education loans made
13079 by the authority or by or on behalf of a specific participating institution
13080 for higher education which are funded from the proceeds of a related
13081 specific bond issue of the authority;

13082 (18) "Education assistance program" means a program to assist in
13083 financing the costs of education through education loans or education
13084 grants, or both;

13085 (19) "Education grant" means a grant, scholarship, fellowship or other
13086 nonrepayable assistance awarded by the authority to a student currently
13087 residing in the state to finance the attendance of the student at a
13088 Connecticut institution for higher education or enrollment in a
13089 Connecticut high-value certificate program, or a grant, scholarship,
13090 fellowship or other nonrepayable assistance awarded by or on behalf of
13091 a Connecticut institution for higher education from the proceeds of
13092 funds provided by the authority to a student from the state to finance
13093 the student's attendance at such institution; [and]

13094 (20) "Eligible loan" means any loan that is in repayment that was (A)
13095 made by the authority, or (B) made to a borrower by any other private
13096 or governmental lender to finance attendance at an institution for higher
13097 education [.] or enrollment in a high-value certificate program;

13098 (21) "High-value certificate program" means a noncredit sub-
13099 baccalaureate certificate program offered by an institution of higher
13100 education or a private occupational school that the Chief Workforce
13101 Officer determines to meet the needs of employers in the state; and

13102 (22) "Connecticut high-value certificate program" means a high-value
13103 certificate program offered by an institution of higher education or a
13104 private occupational school in the state.

13105 Sec. 308. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) The Connecticut Higher
13106 Education Supplemental Loan Authority shall establish an account to be
13107 known as the Certificate Loan Loss Reserve and Funding account, which
13108 shall be a separate, nonlapsing account. The account shall contain any
13109 moneys required by law to be deposited in the account, including, but
13110 not limited to, state appropriations or proceeds from the sale of bonds.
13111 Moneys in the account shall be expended by the authority to (1) fund
13112 authority loans issued to a borrower to finance enrollment in a
13113 Connecticut high-value certificate program, as defined in section 10a-
13114 223 of the general statutes, (2) to cover any losses incurred by the
13115 authority from issuing such authority loans, (3) for reasonable and

13116 necessary expenses for the administration of such authority loans, and
13117 (4) any initial implementation expenses prior to the origination of such
13118 authority loans.

13119 Sec. 309. Section 31-49p of the general statutes is repealed and the
13120 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

13121 (a) Any covered employee aggrieved by a denial of compensation
13122 under the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program or any person
13123 aggrieved by the imposition of a penalty imposed pursuant to section
13124 31-49r may file [a complaint] an appeal with the Labor Commissioner
13125 not more than twenty-one calendar days after issuance of the denial or
13126 penalty decision, unless good cause exists for the late filing.

13127 (b) Upon receipt of any such [complaint] appeal, the commissioner,
13128 [shall hold a hearing] or the commissioner's designee, shall decide the
13129 appeal based upon the file record, except that the commissioner or
13130 designee may do one or both of the following: (1) Supplement the file
13131 record, or (2) conduct a hearing. For purposes of this section, "file
13132 record" means any documents submitted to the Paid Family and
13133 Medical Leave Insurance Authority or to the private plan administrator,
13134 any documents relied upon by the authority or the private plan
13135 administrator in making its determination, and any other documents
13136 the commissioner or designee deems necessary to dispose of the appeal.
13137 The commissioner or designee may require the attendance of witnesses
13138 and the production of documents in connection with the appeal, and
13139 may issue subpoenas. The Labor Department shall adopt regulations, in
13140 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, concerning the rules of
13141 procedure for the disposition of appeals filed under the provisions of
13142 this section.

13143 (c) After [the hearing] determination of the appeal, the commissioner
13144 or designee shall send each party a written copy of the [commissioner's]
13145 decision. The commissioner or designee may award the covered
13146 employee or person all appropriate relief, including any compensation

13147 or benefits to which the employee otherwise would have been eligible if
13148 such denial had not occurred. Any party aggrieved by the decision of
13149 the commissioner or designee may appeal the decision to the [Superior
13150 Court in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54] superior court
13151 for the judicial district of Hartford or for the judicial district in which the
13152 appellant resides, not later than thirty days after issuance of the
13153 decision.

13154 Sec. 310. Subsections (a) to (c), inclusive, of section 4-186 of the
13155 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
13156 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

13157 (a) Appeals from denial of compensation under the Family and
13158 Medical Leave Insurance Program or imposition of a penalty pursuant
13159 to section 31-49r, appeals from the decisions of the administrator of the
13160 Unemployment Compensation Act, appeals from decisions of the
13161 employment security appeals referees to the board of review, and
13162 appeals from decisions of the Employment Security Board of Review to
13163 the courts, as is provided in chapter 567, and appeals from the
13164 Commissioner of Revenue Services to the courts, as provided in
13165 chapters 207 to 212a, inclusive, 214, 214a, 217, 218a, 219, 220, 221, 222,
13166 223, 224, 225, 227, 228b, 228c, 228d, 228e and 229 and appeals from
13167 decisions of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management
13168 pursuant to sections 12-242hh, 12-242ii and 12-242kk, are excepted from
13169 the provisions of this chapter.

13170 (b) (1) In the case of conflict between the provisions of this chapter
13171 and the provisions of chapter 567 and provisions of the general statutes
13172 relating to limitations of periods of time, procedures for filing appeals,
13173 or jurisdiction or venue of any court or tribunal governing
13174 unemployment compensation, employment security, Family and
13175 Medical Leave Insurance Program or manpower appeals, the provisions
13176 of the law governing unemployment compensation, employment
13177 security, Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program and manpower
13178 appeals shall prevail.

13179 (2) In the case of conflict between the provisions of this chapter and
13180 the provisions of sections 8-37gg, 8-345 and 8-346a relating to
13181 administrative hearings, the provisions of sections 8-37gg, 8-345 and 8-
13182 346a shall prevail.

13183 (c) The Employment Security Division, [and] the Labor
13184 Commissioner or said commissioner's designee with respect to the
13185 Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program, the Board of Mediation
13186 and Arbitration of the state Labor Department, the Office of the Claims
13187 Commissioner, and the Workers' Compensation Commissioner are
13188 exempt from the provisions of section 4-176e and sections 4-177 to 4-183,
13189 inclusive.

13190 Sec. 311. Subdivision (4) of section 31-51kk of the general statutes is
13191 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
13192 *passage*):

13193 (4) "Employer" means a person engaged in any activity, enterprise or
13194 business who employs seventy-five or more employees, and includes
13195 any person who acts, directly or indirectly, in the interest of an employer
13196 to any of the employees of such employer and any successor in interest
13197 of an employer, but shall not include [the state,] a municipality, a local
13198 or regional board of education, or a private or parochial elementary or
13199 secondary school. The number of employees of an employer shall be
13200 determined on October first annually;

13201 Sec. 312. Subdivision (4) of section 31-51kk of the general statutes, as
13202 amended by section 17 of public act 19-25, is repealed and the following
13203 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2022*):

13204 (4) "Employer" means a person engaged in any activity, enterprise or
13205 business who employs one or more employees, and includes any person
13206 who acts, directly or indirectly, in the interest of an employer to any of
13207 the employees of such employer and any successor in interest of an
13208 employer. "Employer" does not include [the state, or] a municipality, a
13209 local or regional board of education, or a nonpublic elementary or

13210 secondary school;

13211 Sec. 313. Section 31-51pp of the general statutes is repealed and the
13212 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

13213 (a) (1) It shall be a violation of sections 5-248a and 31-51kk to 31-51qq,
13214 inclusive, for any employer to interfere with, restrain or deny the
13215 exercise of, or the attempt to exercise, any right provided under said
13216 sections.

13217 (2) It shall be a violation of sections 5-248a and 31-51kk to 31-51qq,
13218 inclusive, for any employer to discharge or cause to be discharged, or in
13219 any other manner discriminate, against any individual for opposing any
13220 practice made unlawful by said sections or because such employee has
13221 exercised the rights afforded to such employee under said sections.

13222 (b) It shall be a violation of sections 5-248a and 31-51kk to 31-51qq,
13223 inclusive, for any person to discharge or cause to be discharged, or in
13224 any other manner discriminate, against any individual because such
13225 individual:

13226 (1) Has filed any charge, or has instituted or caused to be instituted
13227 any proceeding, under or related to sections 5-248a and 31-51kk to 31-
13228 51qq, inclusive;

13229 (2) Has given, or is about to give, any information in connection with
13230 any inquiry or proceeding relating to any right provided under said
13231 sections; or

13232 (3) Has testified, or is about to testify, in any inquiry or proceeding
13233 relating to any right provided under said sections.

13234 (c) [(1)] It shall be a violation of sections 31-51kk to 31-51qq, inclusive,
13235 for any employer to deny an employee the right to use up to two weeks
13236 of accumulated sick leave or to discharge, threaten to discharge, demote,
13237 suspend or in any manner discriminate against an employee for using,
13238 or attempting to exercise the right to use, up to two weeks of

13239 accumulated sick leave to attend to a serious health condition of a son
13240 or daughter, spouse or parent of the employee, or for the birth or
13241 adoption of a son or daughter of the employee. For purposes of this
13242 subsection, "sick leave" means an absence from work for which
13243 compensation is provided through an employer's bona fide written
13244 policy providing compensation for loss of wages occasioned by illness,
13245 but does not include absences from work for which compensation is
13246 provided through an employer's plan, including, but not limited to, a
13247 short or long-term disability plan, whether or not such plan is self-
13248 insured.

13249 [(2)] (d) (1) Any employee aggrieved by a violation of this
13250 [subsection] section may file a complaint with the Labor Commissioner
13251 alleging violation of the provisions of this [subsection] section within
13252 one hundred eighty calendar days of the employer action that prompted
13253 the complaint, unless good cause exists for the late filing. Upon receipt
13254 of any such complaint, the commissioner, or the commissioner's
13255 designee, shall [hold a hearing. After the hearing, the commissioner
13256 shall send each party a written copy of the commissioner's decision.]
13257 conduct an investigation and make a finding regarding jurisdiction and
13258 whether a violation of this section has occurred.

13259 (2) If the commissioner or designee finds the Labor Department has
13260 no jurisdiction or that no violation of this section has occurred, the
13261 commissioner or designee shall dismiss the complaint and issue a
13262 release of jurisdiction allowing the complainant to bring a civil action in
13263 the Superior Court. Any action brought by the complainant in
13264 accordance with this subdivision shall be brought not later than ninety
13265 calendar days after the date of the release of the decision from the
13266 commissioner or designee. The employee may be awarded all
13267 appropriate relief, including rehiring or reinstatement to the employee's
13268 previous job, payment of back wages and reestablishment of employee
13269 benefits to which the employee otherwise would have been eligible if a
13270 violation of this subsection had not occurred.

13271 (3) If the commissioner or designee finds that the Labor Department
13272 has jurisdiction and that a violation of this section has occurred, the
13273 commissioner or designee may, in the commissioner's or designee's sole
13274 discretion, require the parties to participate in a mandatory settlement
13275 conference and, in the absence of a settlement, a hearing officer
13276 designated by the commissioner or designee shall hold a hearing and
13277 render a final decision.

13278 (4) The [commissioner] designated hearing officer may award the
13279 employee all appropriate relief, including rehiring or reinstatement to
13280 the employee's previous job, payment of back wages and
13281 reestablishment of employee benefits to which the employee otherwise
13282 would have been eligible if a violation of this [subsection] section had
13283 not occurred. Any party aggrieved by the decision of the
13284 [commissioner] designated hearing officer may appeal the decision to
13285 the Superior Court in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54.

13286 (e) Any employee aggrieved by a violation of this section may bring
13287 a civil action in a court of competent jurisdiction against the employer
13288 within one hundred eighty calendar days of the employer action alleged
13289 to be in violation of this section. Such action may be brought by an
13290 employee without first filing an administrative complaint.

13291 [(3)] (f) The rights and remedies specified in this [subsection] section
13292 are cumulative and nonexclusive and are in addition to any other rights
13293 or remedies afforded by contract or under other provisions of law.

13294 Sec. 314. Section 31-51pp of the general statutes, as amended by
13295 section 21 of public act 19-25, is repealed and the following is substituted
13296 in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2022*):

13297 (a) (1) It shall be a violation of sections 5-248a and 31-51kk to 31-51qq,
13298 inclusive, for any employer to interfere with, restrain or deny the
13299 exercise of, or the attempt to exercise, any right provided under said
13300 sections.

13301 (2) It shall be a violation of sections 5-248a and 31-51kk to 31-51qq,
13302 inclusive, for any employer to discharge or cause to be discharged, or in
13303 any other manner discriminate, against any individual for opposing any
13304 practice made unlawful by said sections or because such employee has
13305 exercised the rights afforded to such employee under said sections.

13306 (b) It shall be a violation of sections 5-248a and 31-51kk to 31-51qq,
13307 inclusive, for any person to discharge or cause to be discharged, or in
13308 any other manner discriminate, against any individual because such
13309 individual:

13310 (1) Has filed any charge, or has instituted or caused to be instituted
13311 any proceeding, under or related to sections 5-248a and 31-51kk to 31-
13312 51qq, inclusive;

13313 (2) Has given, or is about to give, any information in connection with
13314 any inquiry or proceeding relating to any right provided under said
13315 sections; or

13316 (3) Has testified, or is about to testify, in any inquiry or proceeding
13317 relating to any right provided under said sections.

13318 (c) [(1)] It shall be a violation of sections 31-51kk to 31-51qq, inclusive,
13319 for any employer to deny an employee the right to use up to two weeks
13320 of accumulated sick leave or to discharge, threaten to discharge, demote,
13321 suspend or in any manner discriminate against an employee for using,
13322 or attempting to exercise the right to use, up to two weeks of
13323 accumulated sick leave to attend to a serious health condition of a family
13324 member of the employee, or for the birth or adoption of a son or
13325 daughter of the employee. For purposes of this subsection, "sick leave"
13326 means an absence from work for which compensation is provided
13327 through an employer's bona fide written policy providing
13328 compensation for loss of wages occasioned by illness, but does not
13329 include absences from work for which compensation is provided
13330 through an employer's plan, including, but not limited to, a short or
13331 long-term disability plan, whether or not such plan is self-insured.

13332 [(2)] (d) (1) Any employee aggrieved by a violation of this
13333 [subsection] section may file a complaint with the Labor Commissioner
13334 alleging violation of the provisions of this [subsection] section within
13335 one hundred eighty calendar days of the employer action that prompted
13336 the complaint, unless good cause exists for the late filing. Upon receipt
13337 of any such complaint, the commissioner, or the commissioner's
13338 designee, shall [hold a hearing. After the hearing, the commissioner
13339 shall send each party a written copy of the commissioner's decision]
13340 conduct an investigation and make a finding regarding jurisdiction and
13341 whether a violation of this section has occurred.

13342 (2) If the commissioner or designee finds the Labor Department has
13343 no jurisdiction or that no violation of this section has occurred, the
13344 commissioner or designee shall dismiss the complaint and issue a
13345 release of jurisdiction allowing the complainant to bring a civil action in
13346 the Superior Court. Any action brought by the complainant in
13347 accordance with this subdivision shall be brought not later than ninety
13348 calendar days after the date of the release of the decision from the
13349 commissioner or designee. The employee may be awarded all
13350 appropriate relief, including rehiring or reinstatement to the employee's
13351 previous job, payment of back wages and reestablishment of employee
13352 benefits to which the employee otherwise would have been eligible if a
13353 violation of this subsection had not occurred.

13354 (3) If the commissioner or designee finds that the Labor Department
13355 has jurisdiction and that a violation of this section has occurred, the
13356 commissioner or designee may, in the commissioner's or designee's sole
13357 discretion, require the parties to participate in a mandatory settlement
13358 conference and, in the absence of a settlement, a hearing officer
13359 designated by the commissioner or designee shall hold a hearing and
13360 render a final decision.

13361 (4) The [commissioner] designated hearing officer may award the
13362 employee all appropriate relief, including rehiring or reinstatement to
13363 the employee's previous job, payment of back wages and

13364 reestablishment of employee benefits to which the employee otherwise
13365 would have been eligible if a violation of this [subsection] section had
13366 not occurred. Any party aggrieved by the decision of the
13367 [commissioner] designated hearing officer may appeal the decision to
13368 the Superior Court in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54.

13369 (e) Any employee aggrieved by a violation of this section may bring
13370 a civil action in a court of competent jurisdiction against the employer
13371 within one hundred eighty calendar days of the employer action alleged
13372 to be in violation of this section. Such action may be brought by an
13373 employee without first filing an administrative complaint.

13374 ~~[(3)]~~ (f) The rights and remedies specified in this [subsection] section
13375 are cumulative and nonexclusive and are in addition to any other rights
13376 or remedies afforded by contract or under other provisions of law.

13377 Sec. 315. Section 31-51qq of the general statutes is repealed and the
13378 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

13379 Not later than January 1, 2022, the Labor Commissioner shall adopt
13380 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to establish
13381 procedures and guidelines necessary to implement the provisions of
13382 sections 31-51kk to 31-51qq, inclusive, including, but not limited to: (1)
13383 Guidelines regarding factors to be considered when determining
13384 whether an individual's close association with an employee is the
13385 equivalent of a family member's, and (2) procedures for hearings and
13386 redress, including restoration and restitution. [, for an employee who
13387 believes that there is a violation by the employer of such employee of
13388 any provision of said sections.]

13389 Sec. 316. Section 27-9 of the general statutes is repealed and the
13390 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

13391 [Whenever the Connecticut National Guard is called into the federal
13392 service or whenever such a call, in the opinion of the Governor, is
13393 deemed to be imminent, the Governor shall forthwith] The Governor

13394 may raise, organize, maintain and govern [, from the unorganized
13395 militia,] a body of volunteer troops for state military duty. [Said] Such
13396 body of troops [, when so organized,] shall be known as "the
13397 Connecticut State Guard" and [for and during the time of its existence
13398 as herein provided it] shall be a part of the organized militia.

13399 Sec. 317. Section 32-7g of the general statutes is repealed and the
13400 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

13401 (a) There is established within the Department of Economic and
13402 Community Development the Small Business Express program. Said
13403 program shall provide small businesses with various forms of financial
13404 assistance. [, using a streamlined application process to expedite the
13405 delivery of such assistance. The Commissioner of Economic and
13406 Community Development, at his or her discretion, may partner with the
13407 lenders in the Connecticut Credit Consortium, established pursuant to
13408 section 32-9yy, in order to fulfill the requirements of this section.] A
13409 small business eligible for assistance through said program shall (1)
13410 employ [, on at least fifty per cent of its working days during the
13411 preceding twelve months,] not more than one hundred employees, (2)
13412 have operations in Connecticut, [(3) have been registered to conduct
13413 business for not less than twelve months,] and [(4)] (3) be in good
13414 standing with the payment of all state and local taxes and with all state
13415 agencies. It shall be the goal of the Department of Economic and
13416 Community Development that, on or before July 1, 2026, the Small
13417 Business Express program be self-funded and that the default rate of
13418 small businesses that receive assistance under said program be not more
13419 than twenty per cent.

13420 (b) The Small Business Express program shall consist of various
13421 components, including (1) a revolving loan fund, as described in
13422 subsection [(d)] (c) of this section, to support small business growth, (2)
13423 [a job creation incentive component, as described in subsection (e) of this
13424 section, to support hiring, (3) a matching grant component, as described
13425 in subsection (f) of this section, to provide capital to small businesses

13426 that can match the state grant amount, (4) not more than two] at least
13427 one minority business revolving loan [funds] fund, as described in
13428 subsection [(g)] (d) of this section, to support the growth of minority-
13429 owned businesses, [and (5)] (3) a component established in consultation
13430 with representatives from Connecticut-based banks and a banking
13431 industry association, as described in subsection [(h)] (e) of this section,
13432 and (4) a component established in consultation with Connecticut
13433 Innovations, Incorporated, as described in subsection (f) of this section.
13434 [The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall
13435 work with eligible small business applicants to provide a package of
13436 assistance using the financial assistance provided by the Small Business
13437 Express program and may refer small business applicants to the
13438 Subsidized Training and Employment program established pursuant to
13439 section 31-3pp and any other appropriate state program.]
13440 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 32-5a regarding relocation
13441 limits, the department may require, as a condition of receiving financial
13442 assistance pursuant to this section, that a small business receiving such
13443 assistance shall not relocate, as defined in section 32-5a, for five years
13444 after receiving such assistance or during the term of the loan, whichever
13445 is longer. All other conditions and penalties imposed pursuant to
13446 section 32-5a shall continue to apply to such small business.

13447 [(c) The commissioner shall establish a streamlined application
13448 process for the Small Business Express program. The small business
13449 applicant may receive assistance pursuant to said program not later
13450 than thirty days after submitting a completed application to the
13451 department. Any small business meeting the eligibility criteria in
13452 subsection (a) of this section may apply to said program. The
13453 commissioner shall give priority for available funding to small
13454 businesses creating jobs and may give priority for available funding to
13455 (1) economic base industries, as defined in subsection (d) of section 32-
13456 222, including, but not limited to, those in the fields of precision
13457 manufacturing, business services, green and sustainable technology,
13458 bioscience and information technology, (2) businesses attempting to

13459 export their products or services to foreign markets, and (3) businesses
13460 located in designated innovation places, as defined in section 32-39j.]

13461 [(d) (1)] (c) There is established as part of the Small Business Express
13462 program a revolving loan fund to provide loans, [to eligible small
13463 businesses. Such loans shall be used for acquisition or purchase of
13464 machinery and equipment, construction or leasehold improvements,
13465 relocation expenses, working capital, which may be used for payment
13466 of rent, or other business-related expenses, as authorized by the
13467 commissioner] loan guarantees, loan portfolio guarantees, portfolio
13468 insurance and grants.

13469 [(2) Loans from the revolving loan fund may be in amounts from ten
13470 thousand dollars to a maximum of one hundred thousand dollars, shall
13471 carry a maximum repayment rate of four per cent and shall be for a term
13472 of not more than ten years. The department shall review and approve
13473 loan terms, conditions and collateral requirements in a manner that
13474 prioritizes job growth and retention.

13475 (3) Any eligible small business meeting the eligibility criteria in
13476 subsection (a) of this section may apply for assistance from the revolving
13477 loan fund, but the commissioner shall give priority to applicants that, as
13478 part of their business plan, are creating new jobs that will be maintained
13479 for not less than twelve consecutive months.

13480 (e) (1) There is established as part of the Small Business Express
13481 program a job creation incentive component to provide loans for job
13482 creation to small businesses meeting the eligibility criteria in subsection
13483 (a) of this section, with the option of loan forgiveness based on the
13484 maintenance of an increased number of jobs for not less than twelve
13485 consecutive months. Such loans may be used for training, marketing,
13486 working capital, which may be used for payment of rent, or other
13487 expenses, as approved by the commissioner, that support job creation.

13488 (2) Loans under the job creation incentive component may be in
13489 amounts from ten thousand dollars to a maximum of three hundred

13490 thousand dollars, shall carry a maximum repayment rate of four per
13491 cent and shall be for a term of not more than ten years. Payments on
13492 such loans may be deferred, and all or part of such loan may be forgiven,
13493 based upon the commissioner's assessment of the small business's
13494 attainment of job creation goals. The department shall review and
13495 approve loan terms, conditions and collateral requirements in a manner
13496 that prioritizes job creation.

13497 (f) (1) There is established as part of the Small Business Express
13498 program a matching grant component to provide grants for capital to
13499 small businesses meeting the eligibility criteria in subsection (a) of this
13500 section. Such small businesses shall match any state funds awarded
13501 under this program. Grant funds may be used for ongoing or new
13502 training, working capital, which may be used for payment of rent,
13503 acquisition or purchase of machinery and equipment, construction or
13504 leasehold improvements, relocation within the state or other business-
13505 related expenses authorized by the commissioner.

13506 (2) Matching grants provided under the matching grant component
13507 may be in amounts from ten thousand dollars to a maximum of one
13508 hundred thousand dollars. The commissioner shall prioritize applicants
13509 for matching grants based upon the likelihood that such grants will
13510 assist applicants in maintaining job growth.

13511 (3) The commissioner may waive the matching requirement for
13512 grants under this subsection for working capital to small businesses
13513 located within distressed municipalities, as defined in section 32-9p.]

13514 [(g)] (d) (1) There [are] is established as part of the Small Business
13515 Express program [not more than two] at least one revolving loan [funds]
13516 fund to provide loans to eligible small businesses that are owned by one
13517 or more members of a minority. As used in this subsection, (A)
13518 "minority business development entity" means a nonprofit organization
13519 (i) having a lending portfolio on or before June 9, 2016, from which at
13520 least seventy-five per cent of lending is provided to minority-owned

13521 businesses state-wide; and (ii) that provided technical assistance on or
13522 before June 9, 2016, provided at least seventy-five per cent of such
13523 assistance was provided to minority-owned businesses state-wide; and
13524 (B) "minority" means (i) Black Americans, including all persons having
13525 origins in any of the Black African racial groups not of Hispanic origin;
13526 (ii) Hispanic Americans, including all persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican,
13527 Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish culture or origin,
13528 regardless of race; (iii) all persons having origins in the Iberian
13529 Peninsula, including Portugal, regardless of race; (iv) women; (v) Asian
13530 Pacific Americans and Pacific islanders; or (vi) American Indians and
13531 persons having origins in any of the original peoples of North America
13532 and maintaining identifiable tribal affiliations through membership and
13533 participation or community identification.

13534 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 32-7h, the
13535 commissioner shall allocate from the available funding under the Small
13536 Business Express program a total of five million dollars for grants-in-aid
13537 to not more than two minority business development entities in each of
13538 the fiscal years ending June 30, 2016, to June 30, 2020, inclusive, for the
13539 purpose of establishing and administering minority business revolving
13540 loan funds. Moneys from such funds shall be used to (A) provide loans
13541 to eligible small businesses, and (B) fund the administrative costs
13542 associated with the provision of such loans by a minority business
13543 development entity, provided a minority business development entity
13544 may not use more than ten per cent of the amount received as a grant
13545 under this section to fund such costs. Such loans shall be used for
13546 acquisition or purchase of machinery and equipment, construction or
13547 leasehold improvements, relocation expenses, working capital, which
13548 may be used for payment of rent, or other business-related expenses, as
13549 authorized by the minority business development entity.

13550 (3) Loans from a minority business revolving loan fund may be in
13551 amounts from ten thousand dollars to a maximum of [one hundred] five
13552 hundred thousand dollars, shall carry a maximum repayment rate of
13553 four per cent and shall be for a term of not more than ten years. The

13554 minority business development entity shall review and approve loan
13555 terms, conditions and collateral requirements in a manner that
13556 prioritizes job growth and retention.

13557 (4) Any eligible small business owned by one or more members of a
13558 minority may apply for assistance from a minority business revolving
13559 loan fund, provided the minority business development entity shall
13560 give priority to applicants that, as part of their business plan, are
13561 creating new jobs that will be maintained for not less than twelve
13562 consecutive months.

13563 (5) Loans from a minority business revolving fund shall be provided
13564 in such a manner that, on or before five years after the date such loan
13565 fund is established, the annual funds or revenues derived from
13566 investment income, loan repayments or any other sources received by
13567 the minority business development entity in connection with such loan
13568 fund is sufficient to fund the administrative costs associated with such
13569 loan fund.

13570 (6) A minority business development entity receiving a grant
13571 pursuant to this subsection shall annually submit to the commissioner a
13572 financial audit of grant expenditures until all grant moneys have been
13573 expended by such entity. Any such audit shall be prepared by an
13574 independent auditor and if the commissioner finds that any such grant
13575 is used for purposes that are not in conformity with uses set forth in
13576 subdivisions (2) and (3) of this subsection, the commissioner may
13577 require repayment of such grant.

13578 [(h)] (e) The commissioner, in consultation with representatives from
13579 Connecticut-based banks and a banking industry association, may
13580 establish as part of the Small Business Express program a component
13581 operated in collaboration with Connecticut-based banks, which may
13582 include, but need not be limited to, loan guarantees, short-term loans
13583 used as a bridge to private sector financing and the transfer of loans
13584 issued under subsection [(d) or (e)] (c) of this section. Any loans issued

13585 under such component shall be used for acquisition or purchase of
13586 machinery and equipment, construction or leasehold improvements,
13587 relocation expenses, working capital, which may be used for payment
13588 of rent, or other business-related expenses, as authorized by the
13589 commissioner. The provisions of subsections [(d) to (g), inclusive,] (c)
13590 and (d) of this section shall not be construed to apply to such
13591 component. Such component shall be administered by Connecticut
13592 Innovations, Incorporated, in collaboration with the Department of
13593 Economic and Community Development. [Notwithstanding the
13594 provisions of section 32-7h, the commissioner may allocate not more
13595 than ten per cent of available funding under the Small Business Express
13596 program to such component.] For purposes of this section,
13597 "Connecticut-based banks" means banks and out-of-state banks, each as
13598 defined in section 36a-2, having deposit-taking branches in the state.

13599 (f) The commissioner, in consultation with Connecticut Innovations,
13600 Incorporated, may establish as part of the Small Business Express
13601 program a component operated in collaboration with Connecticut
13602 Innovations, Incorporated, which may include, but need not be limited
13603 to, financial assistance consistent with the provisions and purposes of
13604 sections 32-23e, 32-23ii and 32-265. Such component may be
13605 administered by Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated, in
13606 collaboration with the Department of Economic and Community
13607 Development.

13608 [(i)] (g) Not later than [June 30, 2012] February 1, 2022, and [every six
13609 months] annually thereafter, the commissioner shall provide a report, in
13610 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing
13611 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
13612 relating to finance, revenue and bonding, appropriations, commerce
13613 and labor. Such report shall include available data on (1) [the number of
13614 small businesses that applied to the Small Business Express program,
13615 (2)] the number of small businesses that received assistance under [said
13616 program] the Small Business Express program and the general
13617 categories of such businesses, [(3)] (2) the amounts and types of

13618 assistance provided, [(4)] (3) the total number of jobs on the date of
13619 application and the number proposed to be created or retained, [and (5)]
13620 (4) the most recent employment figures of the small businesses receiving
13621 assistance, (5) the default rate of small businesses that received
13622 assistance under said program, and (6) the progress of the lenders
13623 participating in said program in becoming self-sustainable. The contents
13624 of such report shall also be included in the department's annual report.

13625 Sec. 318. Subsection (b) of section 32-265 of the general statutes is
13626 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
13627 *2021*):

13628 (b) In order to stimulate and encourage the growth and development
13629 of the state economy, the Connecticut Capital Access Fund is created to
13630 provide portfolio insurance to participating financial institutions to
13631 assist them in making loans that are somewhat riskier than conventional
13632 loans. The insurance shall be based on a portfolio insurance mechanism
13633 applicable to loans enrolled by a financial institution in the program,
13634 rather than loans by loan guarantees. The state, acting through
13635 Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated, shall enter into a participation
13636 agreement with each financial institution approved to participate in the
13637 program. A participation agreement entered into by the corporation and
13638 a financial institution shall establish a separate loan loss reserve account
13639 within such financial institution or a third-party financial institution
13640 approved by Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated, owned and
13641 controlled by Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated, but earmarked to
13642 cover losses on loans enrolled by that financial institution in the
13643 program. A separate loan loss reserve account shall be established for
13644 each participating financial institution. Each time a financial institution
13645 enrolls a loan in the program, payments shall be made into the
13646 earmarked loan loss reserve account by the borrower, financial
13647 institution and the corporation, in amounts consistent with the
13648 provisions of the participation agreement. The financial institution shall
13649 be allowed to recover the cost of its payment from the borrower.

13650 Sec. 319. Section 32-7h of the general statutes is repealed and the
13651 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

13652 (a) There is established an account to be known as the "small business
13653 express assistance account" which will be a separate, nonlapsing
13654 account within the General Fund. The account shall contain any moneys
13655 required by law to be deposited in the account. Repayment of principal
13656 and interest on loans shall be credited to such fund and shall become
13657 part of the assets of the fund. Moneys in the account shall be expended
13658 by the Department of Economic and Community Development for the
13659 purposes of the Small Business Express program established pursuant
13660 to section 32-7g. Except as provided in subsection [(g)] (d) of section 32-
13661 7g, all moneys received for the purposes of the Small Business Express
13662 program and payments of principal and interest on any loans given
13663 under said program shall be credited to the account.

13664 (b) Except as provided in subsection [(g)] (d) of section 32-7g, the
13665 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development may provide
13666 for the payment of any administrative expenses or other costs incurred
13667 by the department or its lender partners in carrying out the purposes of
13668 the Small Business Express program not to exceed five per cent of
13669 funding from this program from the account established pursuant to
13670 subsection (a) of this section, provided one per cent shall be dedicated
13671 to develop capacity for capital construction projects for minority
13672 business enterprises.

13673 Sec. 320. Section 32-1m of the general statutes, as amended by section
13674 14 of substitute senate bill 936 of the 2021 regular session, as amended
13675 by Senate Amendment Schedule "A", is repealed and the following is
13676 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

13677 (a) Not later than February first, annually, the Commissioner of
13678 Economic and Community Development shall submit a report to the
13679 Governor, the Auditors of Public Accounts and the joint standing
13680 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters

13681 relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, finance,
13682 revenue and bonding and commerce, in accordance with the provisions
13683 of section 11-4a. Not later than thirty days after submission of the report,
13684 said commissioner shall post the report on the Department of Economic
13685 and Community Development's web site. Such report shall include, but
13686 not be limited to, the following information with regard to the activities
13687 of the Department of Economic and Community Development and to
13688 business assistance programs administered by Connecticut Innovations,
13689 Incorporated, during the preceding state fiscal year:

13690 (1) A brief description and assessment of the state's economy during
13691 such year, utilizing the most recent and reasonably available data, and
13692 including:

13693 (A) Connecticut employment by industry;

13694 (B) Connecticut and national average unemployment; and

13695 (C) Connecticut gross state product, by industry.

13696 (2) An analysis of the economic development portfolio of the
13697 department, including, but not limited to, each business assistance or
13698 incentive program, including any business tax credit or abatement
13699 program, grant, loan, forgivable loan or other form of assistance,
13700 enacted for the purpose of improving economic development. The
13701 analysis shall include:

13702 (A) The Internet web site address of the state's open data portal and
13703 an indication of where the name, address and location of each recipient
13704 of the department's assistance is published on the site along with the
13705 following information concerning each recipient: (i) Business activities,
13706 (ii) standard industrial classification codes or North American industrial
13707 classification codes, (iii) whether the recipient is a minority or woman-
13708 owned business, (iv) a summary of the terms and conditions for the
13709 assistance, including the type and amount of state financial assistance
13710 and job creation or retention requirements, (v) the amount of

13711 investments from private and other nonstate sources that have been
13712 leveraged by the assistance, and (vi) the amount of state investment;

13713 (B) A portfolio analysis, including an analysis of the wages paid by
13714 recipients of financial assistance by industry;

13715 (C) An investment analysis, including (i) total portfolio value, (ii)
13716 total investment by industry, (iii) portfolio dollar per job average, (iv)
13717 portfolio leverage ratio;

13718 (D) An overview of the business assistance and incentive programs
13719 administered by the department and an analysis of their estimated
13720 economic impact on the state's economy. The analysis shall include, for
13721 each business assistance or incentive program for which such data is
13722 available, the number of new jobs created, the borrowing cost to the
13723 state and the estimated impact of such program on annual state
13724 revenues;

13725 (E) An analysis of whether the statutory and programmatic goals of
13726 each business or incentive program are being met, with obstacles to such
13727 goals identified, if possible;

13728 (F) (i) Recommendations as to whether any existing business
13729 assistance or incentive program should be continued, modified or
13730 repealed and the basis or bases for such recommendations, and (ii) any
13731 recommendations for additional data collection by the state to better
13732 inform future evaluations of such programs; and

13733 (G) The methodologies and assumptions used in carrying out the
13734 analyses under this subdivision.

13735 (3) An analysis of the community development portfolio of the
13736 department, including:

13737 (A) The Internet web site address of the state's open data portal and
13738 an indication of where the name, address and location of each recipient
13739 of the department's assistance is published on the site along with the

13740 following information concerning each recipient: (i) Amount of state
13741 investment, (ii) a summary of the terms and conditions for the
13742 department's assistance, including the type and amount of state
13743 financial assistance, and (iii) the amount of investments from private
13744 and other nonstate sources that have been leveraged by such assistance;
13745 and

13746 (B) An investment analysis, including (i) total active portfolio value,
13747 (ii) total investments made in the preceding state fiscal year, and (iii)
13748 total portfolio leverage ratio.

13749 (4) An analysis of each business assistance or incentive program,
13750 including any business tax credit or abatement program, grant, loan,
13751 forgivable loan or other form of assistance, enacted for the purpose of
13752 improving economic development, that (A) (i) had ten or more
13753 recipients of assistance in the preceding state fiscal year, or (ii) credited,
13754 abated or distributed more than one million dollars in the preceding
13755 state fiscal year, and (B) is administered by the department or
13756 Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated. The analysis shall include:

13757 (i) An overview of the business assistance or incentive program and
13758 an analysis of its estimated economic effects on the state's economy,
13759 including, for each program where such data is available, the number of
13760 new jobs created and the estimated impact of such program on annual
13761 state revenues;

13762 (ii) An analysis of whether the statutory and programmatic goals of
13763 each business assistance or incentive program are being met, with
13764 obstacles to such goals identified, if possible;

13765 (iii) Recommendations as to whether any such existing business
13766 assistance or incentive program should be continued, modified or
13767 repealed and the basis or bases for such recommendations, and any
13768 recommendations for additional data collection by the state to better
13769 inform future evaluations of such programs; and

13770 (iv) The methodologies and assumptions used in carrying out the
13771 analysis under this subdivision.

13772 (5) A summary of the department's international trade efforts in the
13773 preceding state fiscal year, and, to the extent possible, a summary of
13774 foreign direct investment that occurred in the state in such year.

13775 (6) A summary of the total social and economic impact of the
13776 department's efforts and activities in the areas of economic and
13777 community development, and an assessment of the department's
13778 performance in terms of meeting its stated goals and objectives.

13779 (7) With regard to the Small Business Express program established
13780 pursuant to section 32-7g, data on (A) [the number of small businesses
13781 that applied to the Small Business Express program, (B)] the number of
13782 small businesses that received assistance under said program and the
13783 general categories of such businesses, [(C)] (B) the amounts and types of
13784 assistance provided, [(D)] (C) the total number of jobs on the date of
13785 application and the number proposed to be created or retained, [and (E)]
13786 (D) the most recent employment figures of the small businesses
13787 receiving assistance, (E) the default rate of small businesses that
13788 received assistance under said program, and (F) the progress of the
13789 lenders participating in said program in becoming self-sustainable.

13790 (8) With regard to airport development zones established pursuant
13791 to section 32-75d, a summary of the economic and cost benefits of each
13792 zone and any recommended revisions to any such zones.

13793 (9) An overview of the department's activities related to tourism, the
13794 arts and historic preservation.

13795 (10) An overview of the department's activities concerning digital
13796 media, motion pictures and related production activity, and an analysis
13797 of the use of the film production tax credit established under section 12-
13798 217jj, the entertainment industry infrastructure tax credit established
13799 under section 12-217kk and the digital animation production tax credit

13800 established under section 12-217ll, including the amount of any tax
13801 credit issued under said sections and the total amount of production
13802 expenses or costs incurred in the state by the taxpayer who was issued
13803 such a tax credit.

13804 (11) A summary of the department's and the office of the permit
13805 ombudsman's brownfield-related efforts and activities in the preceding
13806 fiscal year.

13807 (12) A summary of the department's dry cleaning establishment
13808 remediation account activities in the preceding fiscal year.

13809 (b) Any annual report that is required from the department by any
13810 provision of the general statutes shall be incorporated into the annual
13811 report submitted pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

13812 (c) [Not later than sixty days after the submission of a report by the
13813 Auditors of Public Accounts pursuant to section 2-90c, as amended by
13814 this act] On or before April 1, 2022, and annually thereafter, the joint
13815 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
13816 matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies,
13817 finance, revenue and bonding and commerce shall hold, individually or
13818 jointly, one or more public hearings on [such report and] the analyses
13819 included in the annual report under subdivisions (2), [and] (4), and (7)
13820 of subsection (a) of this section.

13821 Sec. 321. Section 18-81gg of the general statutes, as amended by
13822 section 3 of substitute senate bill 1059 of the 2021 regular session, as
13823 amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A", is repealed and the
13824 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2022*):

13825 (a) (1) The Commissioner of Correction shall establish visitation
13826 policies for incarcerated persons. Such policies shall:

13827 (A) Permit at least one sixty-minute contact social visit per week,
13828 except prior to July 1, 2022, if such incarcerated person resides in a

13829 facility with infrastructure that cannot physically accommodate contact
13830 visits, and the commissioner has included such facility in a report to the
13831 General Assembly pursuant to the provisions of subsection (c) of this
13832 section;

13833 (B) Permit visitation by members of an incarcerated person's
13834 immediate family, extended family, unmarried coparents, unmarried
13835 romantic partners and close personal friends. No person's past criminal
13836 conviction shall be the sole or primary basis for denying a person's
13837 application to visit;

13838 (C) Provide that no incarcerated person may be restrained during a
13839 contact social visit; and

13840 (D) Provide that no incarcerated person, except one who has a history
13841 of contraband violations, may be deprived of a contact social visit under
13842 this subsection without first having a hearing at which the Department
13843 of Correction shall bear the burden of showing by clear and convincing
13844 evidence that the denial of contact social visits is necessary (i) to protect
13845 against a substantiated threat of imminent physical harm to department
13846 employees, the visitor or another person; or (ii) to prevent the
13847 introduction of contraband. If the department fails to make such
13848 showing, the incarcerated person shall have such contact social visits
13849 reinstated. Any such incarcerated person who has a history of
13850 contraband violations may be deprived of contact social visits without
13851 first having a hearing, provided such person may request a hearing to
13852 have such contact social visits reinstated. Hearings conducted pursuant
13853 to this subparagraph shall be guided by written procedures developed
13854 under section 502 of [this act] substitute senate bill 1059 of the current
13855 session, as amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A". Any
13856 incarcerated person who has a social contact visit denied pursuant to
13857 this section shall have an opportunity for a social visit not involving
13858 contact in the place of such social contact visit.

13859 (2) The department may not deprive an incarcerated person of

13860 contact social visits provided for in this subsection for a period in excess
13861 of ninety days.

13862 (3) Any policies developed pursuant to subdivision (1) of this
13863 subsection for any incarcerated person who is a parent to a child under
13864 the age of eighteen shall include, but need not be limited to, rules
13865 regarding: (A) Physical contact, (B) convenience and frequency of visits,
13866 and (C) access to child-friendly visiting areas.

13867 (4) For purposes of this subsection, "contact social visit" means an in-
13868 person meeting between an incarcerated person and an approved
13869 visitor who are not separated from each other by any physical divider,
13870 including, but not limited to, a screen or partition.

13871 (5) The provisions of this subsection do not apply to any incarcerated
13872 person described in subsection (a) of section 18-10b.

13873 (b) (1) The commissioner shall establish policies concerning mail to
13874 and from incarcerated persons. Such policies shall:

13875 (A) Provide that each incarcerated person may write, send and
13876 receive letters, without limitation on the number of any such letters such
13877 incarcerated person receives, or writes and sends at his or her own
13878 personal expense, and

13879 (B) Prohibit unnecessary delays in the processing of incoming and
13880 outgoing mail to or from an incarcerated person.

13881 (2) Each correctional facility commissary shall sell: (A) Stationery,
13882 envelopes, postcards, greeting cards and postage; and (B) aerogramme
13883 folding letters for foreign air mail letters.

13884 (3) The department may not deprive an incarcerated person the
13885 ability to write, send or receive letters provided for in this subsection as
13886 a matter of discipline, retaliation or convenience.

13887 (c) Not later than January 1, 2022, the commissioner shall report,

13888 pursuant to the provisions of section 11-4a, to the Governor and to the
13889 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
13890 matters relating to the Department of Correction concerning (1) which
13891 facilities have infrastructure that cannot physically accommodate
13892 contact visits, and (2) what barriers prevent such facilities from
13893 physically accommodating contact visits.

13894 (d) Not later than March 14, 2022, the commissioner shall report,
13895 pursuant to the provisions of section 11-4a, to the Governor and to the
13896 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance
13897 of matters relating to the Department of Correction and to
13898 appropriations regarding a plan for implementing this section no later
13899 than July 1, 2022.

13900 Sec. 322. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) The Commissioner of Energy
13901 and Environmental Protection, within available resources, shall develop
13902 and implement a program to support solid waste reduction strategies
13903 that are consistent with the Comprehensive Materials Management
13904 Strategy, developed pursuant to section 22a-241a of the general statutes.
13905 Such waste reduction strategies may include, but shall not be limited to,
13906 solid waste diversion, unit-based pricing, organic materials diversion
13907 and reuse and recycling strategies.

13908 Sec. 323. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2021*) (a) As used in this section
13909 and section 31-290a of the general statutes:

13910 (1) "Affected person" means an essential employee who died or was
13911 unable to work as a result of contracting COVID-19, or due to symptoms
13912 that were later diagnosed as COVID-19, at any time between March 10,
13913 2020, and July 20, 2021, provided: (A) The contraction of COVID-19 by
13914 such employee is confirmed by a positive laboratory test or, if a
13915 laboratory test was not available for the employee, as diagnosed and
13916 documented by the employee's licensed physician, licensed physician
13917 assistant or licensed advanced practice registered nurse, based on the
13918 employee's symptoms; (B) a copy of the positive laboratory test or the

13919 written documentation of the physician's, physician assistant's or
13920 advanced practice registered nurse's diagnosis is provided to the
13921 administrator; and (C) such employee, during the fourteen consecutive
13922 days immediately preceding the date the employee died or was unable
13923 to work due to contracting COVID-19, (i) was not employed in a
13924 capacity where the employee worked solely from home and did not
13925 have physical interaction with other employees, or (ii) was the recipient
13926 of a written offer or directive from such employee's employer to work
13927 solely from home but otherwise chose to work at a work site of the
13928 employer. "Affected person" does not include a federal employee who
13929 qualifies for benefits under the COVID-19 workers' compensation
13930 presumption included in the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021;

13931 (2) "Essential employee" means any person employed in a category
13932 recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's
13933 Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices as of February 20, 2021,
13934 to receive a COVID-19 vaccination in phase 1a or 1b of the COVID-19
13935 vaccination program;

13936 (3) "Administrator" means an employee of the Office of the
13937 Comptroller, or a third-party administrator;

13938 (4) "Assistance" means moneys payable by the Comptroller from the
13939 Connecticut Essential Workers COVID-19 Assistance Fund, established
13940 pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, to assist affected persons
13941 pursuant to this section;

13942 (5) "Uncompensated leave" means the wages or salary lost by an
13943 affected person unable to work as a result of contracting COVID-19, or
13944 due to symptoms that were later diagnosed as COVID-19, at any time
13945 during the public health and civil preparedness emergencies declared
13946 by the Governor on March 10, 2020, or any extension of such
13947 declarations. "Uncompensated leave" does not include any leave from
13948 employment for which the affected person received paid leave provided
13949 through a paid leave plan provided by an employer or pursuant to any

13950 state or federal law;

13951 (6) "COVID-19" means the respiratory disease designated by the
13952 World Health Organization on February 11, 2020, as coronavirus 2019,
13953 and any related mutation thereof recognized by the World Health
13954 Organization as a communicable respiratory disease.

13955 (b) There is established the Connecticut Essential Workers COVID-19
13956 Assistance Program. The program shall offer assistance, within
13957 available funds and on a first-come, first-served basis, to affected
13958 persons eligible for assistance under this section, pending verification of
13959 eligibility, provided no assistance shall be paid to any affected person
13960 after June 30, 2024. The program shall be administered by the
13961 administrator. The administrator shall accept applications for assistance
13962 on or after the effective date of this section. For the purposes of this
13963 section, the administrator shall be authorized to (1) determine whether
13964 an affected person meets the requirements for eligibility for assistance
13965 under this section and the amount of assistance that should be provided;
13966 (2) summon and examine under oath such witnesses that may provide
13967 information relevant to the eligibility of an affected person, and direct
13968 the production of, and examine or cause to be produced or examined,
13969 such books, records, vouchers, memoranda, documents, letters,
13970 contracts or other papers in relation to any matter at issue as the
13971 administrator may find proper; and (3) take or cause to be taken
13972 affidavits or depositions within or without the state.

13973 (c) There is established an account to be known as the "Connecticut
13974 Essential Workers COVID-19 Assistance Fund" which shall be a
13975 separate, nonlapsing account within the General Fund. The account
13976 shall contain any moneys required by law to be deposited in the account.
13977 Moneys in the account shall be expended by the Comptroller at the
13978 discretion of the administrator for the purposes of (1) assistance offered
13979 under the Connecticut Essential Workers COVID-19 Assistance
13980 Program, and (2) costs and expenses of operating the program,
13981 including the hiring of necessary employees and the expense of public

13982 outreach and education regarding the program and fund, provided not
13983 more than five per cent of the total moneys received by the fund shall
13984 be used for any administrative costs, including hiring temporary or
13985 durational staff or contracting with a third-party administrator, or other
13986 costs and expenses incurred by the administrator or Comptroller in
13987 connection with carrying out the provisions of this section and
13988 subsection (a) of section 31-306 of the general statutes. The administrator
13989 shall make all reasonable efforts to limit the costs and expenses of
13990 operating the program without compromising affected persons' access
13991 to the program.

13992 (d) To apply for assistance from the Connecticut Essential Workers
13993 COVID-19 Assistance Fund, an affected person with a pending workers'
13994 compensation claim under chapter 568 of the general statutes, related to
13995 COVID-19, or an affected person who does not have such pending
13996 workers' compensation claim, shall submit a claim to the administrator,
13997 in such form as required by the administrator, not later than July 20,
13998 2022. An affected person who does not have a pending workers'
13999 compensation claim related to COVID-19 shall submit a claim to the
14000 administrator, in such form as required by the administrator, not later
14001 than one year after the date such person was initially unable to work as
14002 a result of contracting COVID-19 or due to symptoms that were later
14003 diagnosed as COVID-19 or July 20, 2022, whichever is later. Any such
14004 claim shall include: (1) A certificate issued by a licensed medical
14005 professional documenting the laboratory test or diagnosis that such
14006 affected person contracted COVID-19 (A) requiring such person to
14007 isolate and quarantine from others, (B) preventing such affected person
14008 from performing such affected person's employment duties, or (C)
14009 requiring in-patient or outpatient medical treatment; (2) for the
14010 purposes of requesting assistance for uncompensated leave, evidence of
14011 (A) such affected person's weekly earnings during the eight calendar
14012 weeks immediately preceding the time of diagnosis, except in the case
14013 of an employee who has not yet worked for that employer for an eight-
14014 week period, for the time period such employee was employed, and (B)

14015 uncompensated leave due to the contraction of COVID-19 or symptoms
14016 that were later diagnosed as COVID-19; (3) for the purposes of
14017 requesting assistance for out-of-pocket costs for medical and surgical
14018 aid or hospital or nursing service, evidence of such affected person's
14019 costs; and (4) any additional information as requested or required by the
14020 administrator.

14021 (e) The level of assistance offered to an affected person shall be
14022 calculated as follows, subject to available funds, and payable on a
14023 retroactive basis from the date such person was initially unable to work
14024 as a result of contracting COVID-19 or due to symptoms that were later
14025 diagnosed as COVID-19, but not earlier than March 10, 2020, and not
14026 later than July 20, 2021: (1) Weekly assistance for all uncompensated
14027 leave, calculated as seventy-five per cent of such affected person's
14028 average weekly earnings during the eight calendar weeks immediately
14029 preceding the date such person was initially unable to work as a result
14030 of contracting COVID-19, or due to symptoms that were later diagnosed
14031 as COVID-19, except in the case of an employee who has not yet worked
14032 for that employer for an eight-week period, seventy-five per cent of such
14033 affected person's average weekly earnings for the time period such
14034 employee was employed, and after such earnings have been reduced by
14035 any deduction for: (A) Federal or state taxes, or both; (B) the federal
14036 Insurance Contributions Act, provided such assistance shall not exceed
14037 the average weekly earnings of all workers in the state as calculated by
14038 the Labor Commissioner, pursuant to section 31-309 of the general
14039 statutes; and (C) any benefits received for total or partial unemployment
14040 as provided in chapter 567 of the general statutes, and any amount of
14041 temporary total or temporary partial disability benefits under chapter
14042 568 of the general statutes, for the same days of such claimed assistance,
14043 (2) all documented out-of-pocket COVID-19 related costs for medical
14044 and surgical aid or hospital and nursing service incurred directly as a
14045 result of such affected person contracting COVID-19, including, but not
14046 limited to, medical rehabilitation services, mental health therapy
14047 services and prescription drugs, and (3) burial expenses in the amount

14048 of three thousand dollars in any case in which an employee died due to
14049 contracting COVID-19 during (A) the public health and civil
14050 preparedness emergencies declared by the Governor on March 10, 2020,
14051 or any extension of such declarations, or (B) any new public health and
14052 civil preparedness emergencies declared by the Governor as a result of
14053 a COVID-19 outbreak in this state.

14054 (f) The administrator shall promptly review all claims submitted
14055 pursuant to this section. The administrator shall evaluate each claim and
14056 determine, on the basis of information provided by the affected person,
14057 or additional information provided at the request of the administrator,
14058 whether or not such claim should be approved and, if approved, the
14059 amount of assistance offered. The administrator shall provide such
14060 determination, in writing, to such affected person not later than sixty
14061 business days after having received the notice of claim, or, if the
14062 administrator requested additional information, not later than ten
14063 business days after receiving such additional information, and shall
14064 direct the Comptroller to pay any such assistance offered to such
14065 affected person in the amount and for the duration determined by the
14066 administrator, if applicable.

14067 (g) For purposes of this section, a pending workers' compensation
14068 claim submitted by an affected person shall not prevent the
14069 administrator from approving such person's claim for assistance under
14070 this section, provided any workers' compensation benefits such affected
14071 person receives for the workers' compensation claim shall be offset by
14072 the amount of assistance such affected person receives for
14073 uncompensated leave under this section, as deemed appropriate by the
14074 presiding workers' compensation commissioner. Any assistance
14075 available under this section shall be offset by any workers'
14076 compensation benefits already paid to the affected person for the
14077 uncompensated leave or out-of-pocket medical costs, including
14078 payments made without prejudice. It shall be the responsibility of the
14079 administrator of the fund to notify the Workers' Compensation
14080 Commission of an available offset.

14081 (h) An affected person may request that a determination made
14082 pursuant to subsection (f) of this section be reconsidered by the
14083 administrator's designee by filing a request with the administrator, on a
14084 form prescribed by the administrator, not later than twenty business
14085 days after the mailing of the notice of such determination. The
14086 administrator, not later than three business days after receipt of such
14087 request for reconsideration, shall designate an individual to conduct
14088 such reconsideration and shall submit to such designated individual all
14089 documents relating to such affected person's claim. The administrator's
14090 designee shall conduct any reconsideration requested by an affected
14091 person, which shall consist of a de novo review of all relevant evidence,
14092 not later than twenty business days after such individual's designation.
14093 Such administrator's designee shall issue such designee's decision
14094 affirming, modifying or reversing the decision of the administrator not
14095 later than twenty business days after the designee's reconsideration of
14096 the determination and shall submit such decision in writing to the
14097 administrator and the affected person. The decision shall include a short
14098 statement of findings that shall specify any assistance to be paid to the
14099 affected person in accordance with subsection (f) of this section.

14100 (i) Any statement, document, information or matter may be
14101 considered by the administrator or, on reconsideration, by the
14102 administrator's designee, if in the opinion of the administrator or
14103 designee, it contributes to a determination of the claim, whether or not
14104 the same would be admissible in a court of law.

14105 (j) There shall be no right of appeal by any affected person claiming
14106 assistance under this section following the final decision of the
14107 administrator's designee issued pursuant to subsection (h) of this
14108 section.

14109 (k) Any assistance provided to an affected person under this section
14110 shall not be considered income for the purpose of the state's personal
14111 income tax law, corporation tax or any other tax laws.

14112 (l) If a claim is paid to an affected person erroneously or as a result of
14113 wilful misrepresentation by such affected person, the administrator may
14114 seek repayment of benefits from the affected person having received
14115 such compensation and may also, in the case of wilful
14116 misrepresentation, seek payment of a penalty in the amount of fifty per
14117 cent of the benefits paid as a result of such misrepresentation.

14118 (m) On or before January 1, 2022, and monthly thereafter, and any
14119 other time at the request of the administrator, the Comptroller shall
14120 submit a report to the administrator indicating the value of the
14121 Connecticut Essential Workers COVID-19 Assistance Fund at the time
14122 of the report.

14123 (n) On or before January 1, 2022, and at least quarterly thereafter, the
14124 administrator shall submit to the joint standing committee of the
14125 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor, in
14126 accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, a report on the
14127 financial condition of the Connecticut Essential Workers COVID-19
14128 Assistance Fund. Such report shall include (1) an estimate of the fund's
14129 value as of the date of the report; (2) the effect of scheduled payments
14130 on the fund's value; (3) an estimate of the monthly administrative costs
14131 necessary to operate the program and the fund; and (4) any
14132 recommendations for legislation to improve the operation or
14133 administration of the program and the fund.

14134 Sec. 324. Section 31-290a of the general statutes is repealed and the
14135 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

14136 (a) No employer who is subject to the provisions of this chapter shall:
14137 [discharge,] (1) Discharge or cause to be discharged, or in any manner
14138 discipline or discriminate against any employee because the employee
14139 has filed a claim for workers' compensation benefits or otherwise
14140 exercised the rights afforded to him pursuant to the provisions of this
14141 chapter, or (2) deliberately misinform or deliberately dissuade an
14142 employee from filing a claim for workers' compensation benefits or, on

14143 or after October 1, 2021, a claim for payment of benefits from the
14144 Connecticut Essential Workers COVID-19 Assistance Fund.

14145 (b) Any employee who is so discharged, disciplined or discriminated
14146 against or who has been deliberately misinformed or deliberately
14147 dissuaded from filing a claim for workers' compensation benefits or a
14148 claim for payment of benefits from the Connecticut Essential Workers
14149 COVID-19 Assistance Fund may either: (1) Bring a civil action in the
14150 superior court for the judicial district where the employer has its
14151 principal office for the reinstatement of his previous job, payment of
14152 back wages and reestablishment of employee benefits to which he
14153 would have otherwise been entitled if he had not been discriminated
14154 against or discharged and any other damages caused by such
14155 discrimination or discharge. The court may also award punitive
14156 damages. Any employee who prevails in such a civil action shall be
14157 awarded reasonable attorney's fees and costs to be taxed by the court;
14158 or (2) file a complaint with the chairman of the Workers' Compensation
14159 Commission alleging violation of the provisions of subsection (a) of this
14160 section. Upon receipt of any such complaint, the chairman shall select a
14161 commissioner to hear the complaint, provided any commissioner who
14162 has previously rendered any decision concerning the claim shall be
14163 excluded. The hearing shall be held in the workers' compensation
14164 district where the employer has its principal office. After the hearing,
14165 the commissioner shall send each party a written copy of his decision.
14166 The commissioner may award the employee the reinstatement of his
14167 previous job, payment of back wages and reestablishment of employee
14168 benefits to which he otherwise would have been eligible if he had not
14169 been discriminated against or discharged. Any employee who prevails
14170 in such a complaint shall be awarded reasonable attorney's fees. Any
14171 party aggrieved by the decision of the commissioner may appeal the
14172 decision to the Appellate Court.

14173 Sec. 325. Subsection (a) of section 31-306 of the general statutes is
14174 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
14175 *passage*):

14176 (a) Compensation shall be paid to dependents on account of death
14177 resulting from an accident arising out of and in the course of
14178 employment or from an occupational disease as follows:

14179 (1) Four thousand dollars shall be paid for burial expenses in any case
14180 in which the employee died on or after October 1, 1988, and before the
14181 effective date of this section, and twelve thousand dollars shall be paid
14182 for burial expenses in any case in which the employee died on or after
14183 the effective date of this section. On January 1, 2022, and not later than
14184 each January first thereafter, the compensation for burial benefits shall
14185 be adjusted by the percentage increase between the last complete
14186 calendar year and the previous calendar year in the consumer price
14187 index for urban wage earners and clerical workers in the northeast, with
14188 no seasonal adjustment, as calculated by the United States Department
14189 of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. If there is no one wholly or
14190 partially dependent upon the deceased employee, the burial expenses
14191 [of four thousand dollars] shall be paid to the person who assumes the
14192 responsibility of paying the funeral expenses.

14193 (2) To those wholly dependent upon the deceased employee at the
14194 date of the deceased employee's injury, a weekly compensation equal to
14195 seventy-five per cent of the average weekly earnings of the deceased
14196 calculated pursuant to section 31-310, after such earnings have been
14197 reduced by any deduction for federal or state taxes, or both, and for the
14198 federal Insurance Contributions Act made from such employee's total
14199 wages received during the period of calculation of the employee's
14200 average weekly wage pursuant to said section 31-310, as of the date of
14201 the injury but not more than the maximum weekly compensation rate
14202 set forth in section 31-309 for the year in which the injury occurred or
14203 less than twenty dollars weekly. (A) The weekly compensation rate of
14204 each dependent entitled to receive compensation under this section as a
14205 result of death arising from a compensable injury occurring on or after
14206 October 1, 1977, shall be adjusted annually as provided in this
14207 subdivision as of the following October first, and each subsequent
14208 October first, to provide the dependent with a cost-of-living adjustment

14209 in the dependent's weekly compensation rate as determined as of the
14210 date of the injury under section 31-309. If the maximum weekly
14211 compensation rate, as determined under the provisions of said section
14212 31-309, to be effective as of any October first following the date of the
14213 injury, is greater than the maximum weekly compensation rate
14214 prevailing at the date of the injury, the weekly compensation rate which
14215 the injured employee was entitled to receive at the date of the injury or
14216 October 1, 1990, whichever is later, shall be increased by the percentage
14217 of the increase in the maximum weekly compensation rate required by
14218 the provisions of said section 31-309 from the date of the injury or
14219 October 1, 1990, whichever is later, to such October first. The cost-of-
14220 living increases provided under this subdivision shall be paid by the
14221 employer without any order or award from the commissioner. The
14222 adjustments shall apply to each payment made in the next succeeding
14223 twelve-month period commencing with the October first next
14224 succeeding the date of the injury. With respect to any dependent
14225 receiving benefits on October 1, 1997, with respect to any injury
14226 occurring on or after July 1, 1993, and before October 1, 1997, such
14227 benefit shall be recalculated to October 1, 1997, as if such benefits had
14228 been subject to recalculation annually under this subparagraph. The
14229 difference between the amount of any benefits that would have been
14230 paid to such dependent if such benefits had been subject to such
14231 recalculation and the actual amount of benefits paid during the period
14232 between such injury and such recalculation shall be paid to the
14233 dependent not later than December 1, 1997, in a lump-sum payment.
14234 The employer or its insurer shall be reimbursed by the Second Injury
14235 Fund, as provided in section 31-354, for adjustments, including lump-
14236 sum payments, payable under this subparagraph for deaths from
14237 compensable injuries occurring on or after July 1, 1993, and before
14238 October 1, 1997, upon presentation of any vouchers and information
14239 that the Treasurer shall require. No claim for payment of retroactive
14240 benefits may be made to the Second Injury Fund more than two years
14241 after the date on which the employer or its insurer paid such benefits in
14242 accordance with this subparagraph. (B) The weekly compensation rate

14243 of each dependent entitled to receive compensation under this section
14244 as a result of death arising from a compensable injury occurring on or
14245 before September 30, 1977, shall be adjusted as of October 1, 1977, and
14246 October 1, 1980, and thereafter, as provided in this subdivision to
14247 provide the dependent with partial cost-of-living adjustments in the
14248 dependent's weekly compensation rate. As of October 1, 1977, the
14249 weekly compensation rate paid prior to October 1, 1977, to the
14250 dependent shall be increased by twenty-five per cent. The partial cost-
14251 of-living adjustment provided under this subdivision shall be paid by
14252 the employer without any order or award from the commissioner. In
14253 addition, on each October first, the weekly compensation rate of each
14254 dependent as of October 1, 1990, shall be increased by the percentage of
14255 the increase in the maximum compensation rate over the maximum
14256 compensation rate of October 1, 1990, as determined under the
14257 provisions of section 31-309 existing on October 1, 1977. The cost of the
14258 adjustments shall be paid by the employer or its insurance carrier who
14259 shall be reimbursed for such cost from the Second Injury Fund as
14260 provided in section 31-354 upon presentation of any vouchers and
14261 information that the Treasurer shall require. No claim for payment of
14262 retroactive benefits may be made to the Second Injury Fund more than
14263 two years after the date on which the employer or its insurance carrier
14264 paid such benefits in accordance with this subparagraph.

14265 (3) If the surviving spouse is the sole presumptive dependent,
14266 compensation shall be paid until death or remarriage.

14267 (4) If there is a presumptive dependent spouse surviving and also one
14268 or more presumptive dependent children, all of which children are
14269 either children of the surviving spouse or are living with the surviving
14270 spouse, the entire compensation shall be paid to the surviving spouse in
14271 the same manner and for the same period as if the surviving spouse
14272 were the sole dependent. If, however, any of the presumptive
14273 dependent children are neither children of the surviving spouse nor
14274 living with the surviving spouse, the compensation shall be divided into
14275 as many parts as there are presumptive dependents. The shares of any

14276 children having a presumptive dependent parent shall be added to the
14277 share of the parent and shall be paid to the parent. The share of any
14278 dependent child not having a surviving dependent parent shall be paid
14279 to the father or mother of the child with whom the child may be living,
14280 or to the legal guardian of the child, or to any other person, for the
14281 benefit of the child, as the commissioner may direct.

14282 (5) If the compensation being paid to the surviving presumptive
14283 dependent spouse terminates for any reason, or if there is no surviving
14284 presumptive dependent spouse at the time of the death of the employee,
14285 but there is at either time one or more presumptive dependent children,
14286 the compensation shall be paid to the children as a class, each child
14287 sharing equally with the others. Each child shall receive compensation
14288 until the child reaches the age of eighteen or dies before reaching age
14289 eighteen, provided the child shall continue to receive compensation up
14290 to the attainment of the age of twenty-two if unmarried and a full-time
14291 student, except any child who has attained the age of twenty-two while
14292 a full-time student but has not completed the requirements for, or
14293 received, a degree from a postsecondary educational institution shall be
14294 deemed not to have attained age twenty-two until the first day of the
14295 first month following the end of the quarter or semester in which the
14296 child is enrolled at the time, or if the child is not enrolled in a quarter or
14297 semester system, until the first day of the first month following the
14298 completion of the course in which the child is enrolled or until the first
14299 day of the third month beginning after such time, whichever occurs first.
14300 When a child's participation ceases, such child's share shall be divided
14301 among the remaining eligible dependent children, provided if any child,
14302 when the child reaches the age of eighteen years, is physically or
14303 mentally incapacitated from earning, the child's right to compensation
14304 shall not terminate but shall continue for the full period of incapacity.

14305 (6) In all cases where there are no presumptive dependents, but
14306 where there are one or more persons wholly dependent in fact, the
14307 compensation in case of death shall be divided according to the relative
14308 degree of their dependence. Compensation payable under this

14309 subdivision shall be paid for not more than three hundred and twelve
14310 weeks from the date of the death of the employee. The compensation, if
14311 paid to those wholly dependent in fact, shall be paid at the full
14312 compensation rate. The compensation, if paid to those partially
14313 dependent in fact upon the deceased employee as of the date of the
14314 injury, shall not, in total, be more than the full compensation rate nor
14315 less than twenty dollars weekly, nor, if the average weekly sum
14316 contributed by the deceased at the date of the injury to those partially
14317 dependent in fact is more than twenty dollars weekly, not more than the
14318 sum so contributed.

14319 (7) When the sole presumptive dependents are, at the time of the
14320 injury, nonresident aliens and the deceased has in this state some person
14321 or persons who are dependent in fact, the commissioner may in the
14322 commissioner's discretion equitably apportion the sums payable as
14323 compensation to the dependents.

14324 Sec. 326. Subsection (b) of section 7-450 of the general statutes is
14325 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
14326 *passage*):

14327 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of the general statutes or of any
14328 special act, charter, special act charter, home-rule ordinance, local
14329 ordinance or other local law, any municipality or subdivision thereof
14330 may, by ordinance and amendment thereto, or with respect to a
14331 municipality not having the authority to make ordinances, by resolution
14332 adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members of its legislative body, (1)
14333 establish one or more trusts, or determine to participate in a
14334 multiemployer trust, to hold and invest the assets of such pension,
14335 retirement or other postemployment health and life benefit system; (2)
14336 provide for the management and investment of such system and any
14337 such trust, including the establishment of a board or commission or the
14338 designation of an existing board or commission for such purposes; or (3)
14339 provide for the organization of and the manner of election or
14340 appointment of the members of such board or commission.

14341 Notwithstanding any limitations on the investment of municipal funds
14342 set forth in section 7-400, funds held in any [such] trust described in
14343 subdivision (1) of this subsection may be invested (A) in accordance
14344 with the terms of the pension, retirement or other postemployment
14345 health and life benefit plan, as such terms may be amended from time
14346 to time; or (B) in any trust fund administered, held or invested by the
14347 Treasurer pursuant to chapter 32 and for which the Treasurer may adopt
14348 regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to allow for the investment
14349 of funds held in any trust described in said subdivision. The investment
14350 and management of the assets of any [such] trust described in said
14351 subdivision shall be in compliance with the prudent investor rule as set
14352 forth in sections 45a-541 to 45a-541l, inclusive.

14353 Sec. 327. Section 3-13c of the general statutes is repealed and the
14354 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

14355 Trust funds as used in sections 3-13 to 3-13e, inclusive, and 3-31b shall
14356 be construed to include Connecticut Municipal Employees' Retirement
14357 Fund A, Connecticut Municipal Employees' Retirement Fund B,
14358 Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund, Family and Medical Leave
14359 Insurance Trust Fund, State's Attorneys' Retirement Fund, Teachers'
14360 Annuity Fund, Teachers' Pension Fund, Teachers' Survivorship and
14361 Dependency Fund, School Fund, State Employees Retirement Fund, the
14362 Hospital Insurance Fund, Policemen and Firemen Survivor's Benefit
14363 Fund, any trust fund described in subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of
14364 section 7-450 that is administered, held or invested by the State
14365 Treasurer and all other trust funds administered, held or invested by the
14366 State Treasurer.

14367 Sec. 328. Section 38a-1083 of the general statutes is repealed and the
14368 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2022*):

14369 (a) For purposes of sections 38a-1080 to 38a-1093, inclusive, "purposes
14370 of the exchange" means the purposes of and the pursuit of the goals of
14371 the exchange expressed in and pursuant to this section and the

14372 performance of the duties and responsibilities of the exchange set forth
14373 in sections 38a-1084 to 38a-1087, inclusive, which are hereby determined
14374 to be public purposes for which public funds may be expended. The
14375 powers enumerated in this section shall be interpreted broadly to
14376 effectuate the purposes of the exchange and shall not be construed as a
14377 limitation of powers.

14378 (b) The goals of the exchange shall be to reduce the number of
14379 individuals without health insurance in this state and assist individuals
14380 and small employers in the procurement of health insurance by, among
14381 other services, offering easily comparable and understandable
14382 information about health insurance options.

14383 (c) The exchange is authorized and empowered to:

14384 (1) Have perpetual succession as a body politic and corporate and to
14385 adopt bylaws for the regulation of its affairs and the conduct of its
14386 business;

14387 (2) Adopt an official seal and alter the same at pleasure;

14388 (3) Maintain an office in the state at such place or places as it may
14389 designate;

14390 (4) Employ such assistants, agents, managers and other employees as
14391 may be necessary or desirable;

14392 (5) Acquire, lease, purchase, own, manage, hold and dispose of real
14393 and personal property, and lease, convey or deal in or enter into
14394 agreements with respect to such property on any terms necessary or
14395 incidental to the carrying out of these purposes, provided all such
14396 acquisitions of real property for the exchange's own use with amounts
14397 appropriated by this state to the exchange or with the proceeds of bonds
14398 supported by the full faith and credit of this state shall be subject to the
14399 approval of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and
14400 the provisions of section 4b-23;

14401 (6) Receive and accept, from any source, aid or contributions,
14402 including money, property, labor and other things of value;

14403 (7) Charge assessments or user fees to health carriers that are capable
14404 of offering a qualified health plan through the exchange or otherwise
14405 generate funding necessary to support the operations of the exchange
14406 and the all-payer claims database program established under section
14407 19a-755a and impose interest and penalties on such health carriers for
14408 delinquent payments of such assessments or fees;

14409 (8) Procure insurance against loss in connection with its property and
14410 other assets in such amounts and from such insurers as it deems
14411 desirable;

14412 (9) Invest any funds not needed for immediate use or disbursement
14413 in obligations issued or guaranteed by the United States of America or
14414 the state and in obligations that are legal investments for savings banks
14415 in the state;

14416 (10) Issue bonds, bond anticipation notes and other obligations of the
14417 exchange for any of its corporate purposes, and to fund or refund the
14418 same and provide for the rights of the holders thereof, and to secure the
14419 same by pledge of revenues, notes and mortgages of others;

14420 (11) Borrow money for the purpose of obtaining working capital;

14421 (12) Account for and audit funds of the exchange and any recipients
14422 of funds from the exchange;

14423 (13) Make and enter into any contract or agreement necessary or
14424 incidental to the performance of its duties and execution of its powers,
14425 including, but not limited to, an agreement with the Office of Health
14426 Strategy to use funds collected under this section for the operation of
14427 the all-payer claims database established under section 19a-755a and to
14428 receive data from such database. The contracts entered into by the
14429 exchange shall not be subject to the approval of any other state

14430 department, office or agency, provided copies of all contracts of the
14431 exchange shall be maintained by the exchange as public records, subject
14432 to the proprietary rights of any party to the contract, except any
14433 agreement with the Office of Health Strategy shall be subject to approval
14434 by said office and the Office of Policy and Management and no portion
14435 of such agreement shall be considered proprietary;

14436 (14) To the extent permitted under its contract with other persons,
14437 consent to any termination, modification, forgiveness or other change of
14438 any term of any contractual right, payment, royalty, contract or
14439 agreement of any kind to which the exchange is a party;

14440 (15) Award grants to trained and certified individuals and
14441 institutions that will assist individuals, families and small employers
14442 and their employees in enrolling in appropriate coverage through the
14443 exchange. Applications for grants from the exchange shall be made on
14444 a form prescribed by the board;

14445 (16) Limit the number of plans offered, and use selective criteria in
14446 determining which plans to offer, through the exchange, provided
14447 individuals and employers have an adequate number and selection of
14448 choices;

14449 (17) Evaluate jointly with the Health Care Cabinet established
14450 pursuant to section 19a-725 the feasibility of implementing a basic
14451 health program option as set forth in Section 1331 of the Affordable Care
14452 Act;

14453 (18) Establish one or more subsidiaries, in accordance with section
14454 38a-1093, to further the purposes of the exchange;

14455 (19) Make loans to each subsidiary established pursuant to section
14456 38a-1093 from the assets of the exchange and the proceeds of bonds,
14457 bond anticipation notes and other obligations issued by the exchange or
14458 assign or transfer to such subsidiary any of the rights, moneys or other
14459 assets of the exchange, provided such assignment or transfer is not in

14460 violation of state or federal law;

14461 (20) Sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded;

14462 (21) Adopt regular procedures that are not in conflict with other
14463 provisions of the general statutes, for exercising the power of the
14464 exchange; and

14465 (22) Do all acts and things necessary and convenient to carry out the
14466 purposes of the exchange, provided such acts or things shall not conflict
14467 with the provisions of the Affordable Care Act, regulations adopted
14468 thereunder or federal guidance issued pursuant to the Affordable Care
14469 Act.

14470 (d) (1) The chief executive officer of the exchange shall provide to the
14471 commissioner the name of any health carrier that fails to pay any
14472 assessment or user fee under subdivision (7) of subsection (c) of this
14473 section to the exchange. The commissioner shall see that all laws
14474 respecting the authority of the exchange pursuant to said subdivision
14475 (7) are faithfully executed. The commissioner has all the powers
14476 specifically granted under this title and all further powers that are
14477 reasonable and necessary to enable the commissioner to enforce the
14478 provisions of said subdivision (7).

14479 (2) Any health carrier aggrieved by an administrative action taken by
14480 the commissioner under subdivision (1) of this subsection may appeal
14481 therefrom in accordance with the provisions of section 4-183, except
14482 venue for such appeal shall be in the judicial district of New Britain.

14483 Sec. 329. Section 38a-47 of the general statutes is repealed and the
14484 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2022*):

14485 (a) All domestic insurance companies and other domestic entities
14486 subject to taxation under chapter 207 shall, in accordance with section
14487 38a-48, annually pay to the Insurance Commissioner, for deposit in the
14488 Insurance Fund established under section 38a-52a, an amount equal to:

14489 (1) The actual expenditures made by the Insurance Department
14490 during each fiscal year, and the actual expenditures made by the Office
14491 of the Healthcare Advocate, including the cost of fringe benefits for
14492 department and office personnel as estimated by the Comptroller;

14493 (2) The amount appropriated to the Office of Health Strategy from
14494 the Insurance Fund for the fiscal year, including the cost of fringe
14495 benefits for office personnel as estimated by the Comptroller, which
14496 shall be reduced by the amount of federal reimbursement received for
14497 allowable Medicaid administrative expenses;

14498 (3) The expenditures made on behalf of the department and said
14499 offices from the Capital Equipment Purchase Fund pursuant to section
14500 4a-9 for such year, but excluding such estimated expenditures made on
14501 behalf of the Health Systems Planning Unit of the Office of Health
14502 Strategy; and

14503 (4) The amount appropriated to the Department of Aging and
14504 Disability Services for the fall prevention program established in section
14505 17a-303a from the Insurance Fund for the fiscal year.

14506 (b) The expenditures and amounts specified in subdivisions (1) to (4),
14507 inclusive, of subsection (a) of this section shall exclude expenditures
14508 paid for by fraternal benefit societies, foreign and alien insurance
14509 companies and other foreign and alien entities under sections 38a-49
14510 and 38a-50.

14511 (c) Payments shall be made by assessment of all such domestic
14512 insurance companies and other domestic entities calculated and
14513 collected in accordance with the provisions of section 38a-48. Any such
14514 domestic insurance company or other domestic entity aggrieved
14515 because of any assessment levied under this section may appeal
14516 therefrom in accordance with the provisions of section 38a-52.

14517 Sec. 330. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2021*) For the purposes of this
14518 section and sections 331 to 338, inclusive, of this act:

- 14519 (1) "Department" means the Department of Transportation.
- 14520 (2) "Limited access state highway" means any state highway so
14521 designated under the provisions of section 13b-27 of the general
14522 statutes.
- 14523 (3) "Owner" means a person in whose name a motor vehicle is
14524 registered under the provision of chapter 246 of the general statutes or
14525 law of another jurisdiction.
- 14526 (4) "Personally identifiable information" means information created
14527 or maintained by the department or a vendor that identifies or describes
14528 an owner and includes, but need not be limited to, the owner's address,
14529 telephone number, number plate, photograph, bank account
14530 information, credit card number, debit card number or the date, time,
14531 location or direction of travel on a limited access highway.
- 14532 (5) "Vendor" means a person selected by the department (A) to
14533 provide services to the department described in sections 331 to 337,
14534 inclusive, of this act; (B) who operates, maintains, leases or licenses a
14535 work zone speed control system; or (C) is authorized to review and
14536 assemble the recorded images captured by the work zone speed control
14537 system.
- 14538 (6) "Highway work zone" has the same meaning as provided in
14539 section 14-212d of the general statutes.
- 14540 (7) "Work zone speed control system" means a device having one or
14541 more motor vehicle sensors connected to a camera system capable of
14542 producing recorded images that indicate the date, time and location of
14543 the image of each motor vehicle allegedly operating in violation of the
14544 provisions of section 332 of this act.
- 14545 (8) "Work zone speed control system operator" means a person who
14546 is trained and certified to operate a work zone speed control system and
14547 is a sworn member or authorized member of the Division of State Police

14548 within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection or
14549 a vendor.

14550 (9) "Driver" and "number plate" have the same meanings as provided
14551 in section 14-1 of the general statutes.

14552 Sec. 331. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2021*) (a) The department may
14553 establish a pilot program to operate work zone speed control systems in
14554 a highway work zone. The pilot program shall provide for such systems
14555 at not more than three locations in the state. A work zone speed control
14556 system may be used to record the images of motor vehicles traveling on
14557 a limited access highway (1) within a highway work zone, and (2) on
14558 which the speed limit, established using generally accepted traffic
14559 engineering practices, is forty-five miles per hour or greater. The pilot
14560 program shall commence on or before January 1, 2022, and terminate on
14561 December 31, 2022.

14562 (b) A work zone speed control system may be used provided (1) such
14563 system is operated by a work zone speed control system operator, (2) if,
14564 in accordance with the manual of uniform traffic control devices as
14565 approved and revised by the Office of State Traffic Administration, at
14566 least two conspicuous road signs are placed at a reasonable distance in
14567 advance of a highway work zone notifying drivers that a work zone
14568 speed control system may be in operation, (3) at least one of the signs
14569 described in subdivision (2) of this subsection indicates that the work
14570 zone speed control system is operational or is not operational, (4) an
14571 appropriate sign is conspicuously placed at the end of a highway work
14572 zone with a work zone speed control system that is operational, and (5)
14573 a notice identifying the location of a work zone speed control system is
14574 available on the Internet web site of the department.

14575 (c) A work zone speed control system shall be used in a manner to
14576 only record images of motor vehicles that are exceeding the posted
14577 highway work zone speed limit by fifteen miles per hour or more in
14578 violation of the provisions of section 332 of this act. Any recorded

14579 images collected as part of a work zone speed control system shall not
14580 be used for any surveillance purpose. The department or work zone
14581 speed control system operator shall certify to the Division of State Police
14582 when a work zone speed control system is operational.

14583 (d) The Commissioner of Transportation may (1) enter into
14584 agreements with vendors for the design, operation or maintenance, or
14585 any combination thereof, of work zone speed control systems, and (2)
14586 retain and employ consultants and assistants on a contract or other basis
14587 for rendering legal, financial, professional, technical or other assistance
14588 and advice necessary for the design, operation and maintenance of work
14589 zone speed control systems. If a vendor provides, deploys or operates a
14590 work zone control system, the vendor's fee may not be contingent on the
14591 number of violations issued or fines paid pursuant to the provisions of
14592 section 332 of this act.

14593 Sec. 332. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2021*) (a) No person operating a
14594 motor vehicle shall exceed the posted speed limit by fifteen or more
14595 miles per hour, as detected by a work zone speed control system, within
14596 a highway work zone.

14597 (b) The owner of a motor vehicle identified by a work zone speed
14598 camera control system as violating the provisions of subsection (a) of
14599 this section shall, (1) for a first violation, receive a written warning, (2)
14600 for a second violation, be fined seventy-five dollars, (3) for a subsequent
14601 violation, be fined one hundred fifty dollars. The owner shall be liable
14602 for any such fine imposed unless the driver of the motor vehicle received
14603 a citation from a law enforcement officer at the time of the violation.

14604 (c) All amounts received in respect to the violation of subsection (a)
14605 of this section shall be deposited into the Special Transportation Fund,
14606 established pursuant to section 13b-68 of the general statutes and
14607 maintained pursuant to article thirty-second of the amendments to the
14608 Constitution of the state.

14609 Sec. 333. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2021*) (a) (1) Whenever a work

14610 zone speed control system detects and produces recorded images of a
14611 motor vehicle allegedly committing a violation of section 332 of this act,
14612 a sworn member or authorized member of the Division of State Police
14613 within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection
14614 shall review the recorded images provided by such system. If, after such
14615 review, such member determines that there are reasonable grounds to
14616 believe that a violation has occurred, such member may issue a notice
14617 of violation for the alleged violation. Such notice of violation shall be
14618 sworn or affirmed by such member and shall be prima facia evidence of
14619 the facts contained in the notice. Such notice of violation shall include
14620 written verification that the work zone speed control system was
14621 operating correctly at the time of the alleged violation and specify the
14622 date of the most recent inspection that confirms the work zone speed
14623 control system to be operating properly.

14624 (2) A work zone speed control system operator shall complete
14625 training offered by the manufacturer of such system, including training
14626 on any devices critical to the operation of such system or the
14627 manufacturer's representative in the procedures for setting up, testing
14628 and operating such system. Upon completion of the training, the
14629 manufacturer or manufacturer's representative shall issue a signed
14630 certificate to the work zone speed control system operator. Such signed
14631 certificate shall be admitted as evidence in any court proceeding for an
14632 alleged violation of section 332 of this act.

14633 (3) A work zone speed control system operator shall complete and
14634 sign a daily log for a work zone control system. Such daily log shall (A)
14635 state the date, time and location of such system's set-up, (B) state that
14636 the work zone speed control system operator successfully performed,
14637 and the work zone speed system passed, the testing specified by the
14638 manufacturer of the work zone speed system, (C) be kept on file at the
14639 principle office of the operator, and (D) be admitted in any court
14640 proceeding for an alleged violation of section 332 of this act.

14641 (b) A work zone speed control system shall undergo an annual

14642 calibration check performed at a calibration laboratory. The calibration
14643 laboratory shall issue a signed certificate of calibration after the annual
14644 calibration check. Such signed certificate of calibration shall be kept on
14645 file and admitted as evidence in any court proceeding for an alleged
14646 violation of section 332 of this act.

14647 (c) The notice of violation for the alleged violation of section 332 of
14648 this act shall include (1) a copy of the recorded image showing the
14649 vehicle with its number plate visible, (2) the registration number and
14650 state of issuance of the vehicle registration, (3) verification that the work
14651 zone speed control system was operating correctly at the time of the
14652 alleged violation and the date of the most recent calibration check, and
14653 (4) the date, time and location of the alleged violation.

14654 (d) In the case of an alleged violation of section 332 of this act
14655 involving a motor vehicle registered in the state, the notice of violation
14656 shall be mailed not later than thirty days after the commission of the
14657 alleged violation or after the identity of the owner is ascertained,
14658 whichever is later, to the address of the owner that is in the records of
14659 the Department of Motor Vehicles.

14660 (e) In the case of an alleged violation of section 332 of this act
14661 involving a motor vehicle registered in another jurisdiction, the notice
14662 of the violation shall be mailed not later than thirty days after the
14663 identity of the owner is ascertained to the address of the owner that is
14664 in the records of the official in the other jurisdiction issuing such
14665 registration.

14666 (f) A notice of violation shall be invalid unless mailed to an owner not
14667 later than ninety days after the alleged violation of section 332 of this
14668 act.

14669 (g) The notice of violation shall be sent by first class mail. A manual
14670 or automatic record of mailing prepared by the work zone speed control
14671 system operator in the ordinary course of business shall be prima facie
14672 evidence of mailing and shall be admissible in any court proceeding as

14673 to the facts contained in the notice.

14674 (h) A violation of section 332 of this act shall not (1) be included in the
14675 operating record of the driver maintained pursuant to section 14-137a of
14676 the general statutes, (2) be the subject to merit rating for insurance
14677 purposes, or (3) authorize the imposition of surcharge points in the
14678 provision of motor vehicle insurance coverage.

14679 (i) The following defenses shall be available to the owner of a motor
14680 vehicle identified by a work zone speed camera control system as
14681 allegedly violating section 332 of this act: (1) The violation took place
14682 during a period of time in which the motor vehicle had been reported
14683 as being stolen to a law enforcement unit, as defined in section 7-294a of
14684 the general statutes, and had not been recovered prior to the time of the
14685 violation, (2) the owner was not operating the motor vehicle at the time
14686 of the violation, and (3) the work zone speed control system used to
14687 determine speed was not in compliance with the provisions of this
14688 section relating to tests for accuracy, certification or calibration.

14689 (j) An owner who receives a notice of violation pursuant to the
14690 provisions of this section shall follow the procedures set forth in section
14691 51-164n of the general statutes.

14692 Sec. 334. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2021*) The Department of Motor
14693 Vehicles shall provide the Department of Transportation and any
14694 vendor with information regarding the owner of a motor vehicle
14695 identified by a work zone speed camera control system as allegedly
14696 violating the provisions of section 332 of this act. Such information shall
14697 include, but need not be limited to, the make and number plate of such
14698 motor vehicle and the name and address of the owner of such motor
14699 vehicle.

14700 Sec. 335. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2021*) If an owner does not pay
14701 the fine imposed for a violation of section 332 of this act or after being
14702 found guilty at a trial for the commission of such violation, the
14703 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may refuse to register or suspend the

14704 registration of the motor vehicle operated at the time of such violation.

14705 Sec. 336. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2021*) (a) No personally
14706 identifiable information shall be sold or disclosed by the department or
14707 a vendor to any person or entity except where the disclosure is made (1)
14708 in connection with the charging, collection and enforcement of the fines
14709 imposed pursuant to section 332 of this act, (2) pursuant to a judicial
14710 order, including a search warrant or subpoena, in a criminal proceeding,
14711 or (3) to comply with federal or state laws or regulations.

14712 (b) No personally identifiable information shall be stored or retained
14713 by the department or a vendor unless such information is necessary for
14714 the collection and enforcement of the fines imposed pursuant to section
14715 332 of this act.

14716 (c) The department or a vendor may disclose aggregate information
14717 and other data gathered from work zone speed control systems that
14718 does not directly or indirectly identify an owner or a motor vehicle for
14719 research purposes authorized by the Commissioner of Transportation.

14720 (d) Except as otherwise provided by law or in connection with an
14721 administrative summons or judicial order, including a search warrant
14722 or subpoena, in a criminal proceeding, the department or a vendor shall
14723 destroy personally identifiable information and other data that
14724 specifically identifies a motor vehicle and relates to a violation of section
14725 332 of this act not later than one year after any fine is imposed or the
14726 resolution of a trial conducted for the alleged commission of such
14727 violation.

14728 (e) Personally identifiable customer information shall not be deemed
14729 a public record, for purposes of the Freedom of Information Act, as
14730 defined in section 1-200 of the general statutes.

14731 Sec. 337. (*Effective October 1, 2021*) The Commissioner of
14732 Transportation may adopt regulations, in accordance with the
14733 provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to implement the

14734 provisions of section 331 to 336, inclusive, of this act, and establish
14735 standards and procedures for work zone speed control systems.

14736 Sec. 338. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2021*) Not later than January 1,
14737 2023, the Commissioner of Transportation shall assess the efficacy of the
14738 pilot program established pursuant to section 331 of this act and submit
14739 a report on such assessment to the joint standing committees of the
14740 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
14741 transportation and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, in
14742 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

14743 Sec. 339. Subsection (b) of section 51-164n of the general statutes is
14744 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
14745 *1, 2021*):

14746 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, any person
14747 who is alleged to have committed (1) a violation under the provisions of
14748 section 1-9, 1-10, 1-11, 4b-13, 7-13, 7-14, 7-35, 7-41, 7-83, 7-283, 7-325, 7-
14749 393, 8-12, 8-25, 8-27, 9-63, 9-322, 9-350, 10-193, 10-197, 10-198, 10-230, 10-
14750 251, 10-254, 12-52, 12-170aa, 12-292, 12-314b or 12-326g, subdivision (4)
14751 of section 12-408, subdivision (3), (5) or (6) of section 12-411, section 12-
14752 435c, 12-476a, 12-476b, 12-487, 13a-71, 13a-107, 13a-113, 13a-114, 13a-115,
14753 13a-117b, 13a-123, 13a-124, 13a-139, 13a-140, 13a-143b, 13a-247 or 13a-
14754 253, subsection (f) of section 13b-42, section 13b-90, 13b-221, 13b-292,
14755 13b-336, 13b-337, 13b-338, 13b-410a, 13b-410b or 13b-410c, subsection
14756 (a), (b) or (c) of section 13b-412, section 13b-414, subsection (d) of section
14757 14-12, section 14-20a or 14-27a, subsection (f) of section 14-34a,
14758 subsection (d) of section 14-35, section 14-43, 14-49, 14-50a or 14-58,
14759 subsection (b) of section 14-66, section 14-66a or 14-67a, subsection (g)
14760 of section 14-80, subsection (f) of section 14-80h, section 14-97a, 14-100b,
14761 14-103a, 14-106a, 14-106c, 14-146, 14-152, 14-153 or 14-163b, a first
14762 violation as specified in subsection (f) of section 14-164i, section 14-219
14763 as specified in subsection (e) of said section, subdivision (1) of section
14764 14-223a, section 14-240, 14-250 or 14-253a, subsection (a) of section 14-
14765 261a, section 14-262, 14-264, 14-267a, 14-269, 14-270, 14-275a, 14-278 or

14766 14-279, subsection (e) or (h) of section 14-283, section 14-291, 14-293b, 14-
14767 296aa, 14-300, 14-300d, 14-319, 14-320, 14-321, 14-325a, 14-326, 14-330 or
14768 14-332a, subdivision (1), (2) or (3) of section 14-386a, section 15-25 or 15-
14769 33, subdivision (1) of section 15-97, subsection (a) of section 15-115,
14770 section 16-44, 16-256e, 16a-15 or 16a-22, subsection (a) or (b) of section
14771 16a-22h, section 17a-24, 17a-145, 17a-149, 17a-152, 17a-465, 17b-124, 17b-
14772 131, 17b-137, 19a-30, 19a-33, 19a-39 or 19a-87, subsection (b) of section
14773 19a-87a, section 19a-91, 19a-105, 19a-107, 19a-113, 19a-215, 19a-219, 19a-
14774 222, 19a-224, 19a-286, 19a-287, 19a-297, 19a-301, 19a-309, 19a-335, 19a-
14775 336, 19a-338, 19a-339, 19a-340, 19a-425, 19a-502, 20-7a, 20-14, 20-158, 20-
14776 231, 20-249, 20-257, 20-265, 20-324e, subsection (b) of section 20-334, 20-
14777 341l, 20-366, 20-597, 20-608, 20-610, 21-1, 21-38, 21-39, 21-43, 21-47, 21-48,
14778 21-63 or 21-76a, subsection (c) of section 21a-2, subdivision (1) of section
14779 21a-19, section 21a-21, subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 21a-
14780 25, section 21a-26 or 21a-30, subsection (a) of section 21a-37, section 21a-
14781 46, 21a-61, 21a-63 or 21a-77, subsection (b) of section 21a-79, section 21a-
14782 85 or 21a-154, subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 21a-159,
14783 subsection (a) of section 21a-279a, section 22-12b, 22-13, 22-14, 22-15, 22-
14784 16, 22-26g, 22-29, 22-34, 22-35, 22-36, 22-38, 22-39, 22-39a, 22-39b, 22-39c,
14785 22-39d, 22-39e, 22-49 or 22-54, subsection (d) of section 22-84, section 22-
14786 89, 22-90, 22-98, 22-99, 22-100, 22-111o, 22-167, 22-279, 22-280a, 22-318a,
14787 22-320h, 22-324a, 22-326 or 22-342, subsection (b), (e) or (f) of section 22-
14788 344, section 22-359, 22-366, 22-391, 22-413, 22-414, 22-415, 22a-66a or 22a-
14789 246, subsection (a) of section 22a-250, subsection (e) of section 22a-256h,
14790 section 22a-363 or 22a-381d, subsections (c) and (d) of section 22a-381e,
14791 section 22a-449, 22a-461, 23-38, 23-46 or 23-61b, subsection (a) or
14792 subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 23-65, section 25-37 or 25-40,
14793 subsection (a) of section 25-43, section 25-43d, 25-135, 26-18, 26-19, 26-
14794 21, 26-31, 26-40, 26-40a, 26-42, 26-49, 26-54, 26-55, 26-56, 26-58 or 26-59,
14795 subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of section 26-61, section 26-64,
14796 subdivision (1) of section 26-76, section 26-79, 26-87, 26-89, 26-91, 26-94,
14797 26-97, 26-98, 26-104, 26-105, 26-107, 26-117, 26-128, 26-131, 26-132, 26-138
14798 or 26-141, subdivision (1) of section 26-186, section 26-207, 26-215, 26-
14799 217 or 26-224a, subdivision (1) of section 26-226, section 26-227, 26-230,

14800 26-232, 26-244, 26-257a, 26-260, 26-276, 26-284, 26-285, 26-286, 26-288, 26-
14801 294, 28-13, 29-6a, 29-25, 29-143o, 29-143z or 29-156a, subsection (b), (d),
14802 (e) or (g) of section 29-161q, section 29-161y or 29-161z, subdivision (1)
14803 of section 29-198, section 29-210, 29-243 or 29-277, subsection (c) of
14804 section 29-291c, section 29-316, 29-318, 29-381, 30-48a, 30-86a, 31-3, 31-
14805 10, 31-11, 31-12, 31-13, 31-14, 31-15, 31-16, 31-18, 31-23, 31-24, 31-25, 31-
14806 32, 31-36, 31-38, 31-40, 31-44, 31-47, 31-48, 31-51, 31-52, 31-52a or 31-54,
14807 subsection (a) or (c) of section 31-69, section 31-70, 31-74, 31-75, 31-76,
14808 31-76a, 31-89b or 31-134, subsection (i) of section 31-273, section 31-288,
14809 subdivision (1) of section 35-20, section 36a-787, 42-230, 45a-283, 45a-
14810 450, 45a-634 or 45a-658, subdivision (13) or (14) of section 46a-54, section
14811 46a-59, 46b-22, 46b-24, 46b-34, 47-34a, 47-47, 49-8a, 49-16, 53-133, 53-199,
14812 53-212a, 53-249a, 53-252, 53-264, 53-280, 53-302a, 53-303e, 53-311a, 53-
14813 321, 53-322, 53-323, 53-331 or 53-344, subsection (c) of section 53-344b,
14814 [or] section 53-450 or section 332 of this act, or (2) a violation under the
14815 provisions of chapter 268, or (3) a violation of any regulation adopted in
14816 accordance with the provisions of section 12-484, 12-487 or 13b-410, or
14817 (4) a violation of any ordinance, regulation or bylaw of any town, city or
14818 borough, except violations of building codes and the health code, for
14819 which the penalty exceeds ninety dollars but does not exceed two
14820 hundred fifty dollars, unless such town, city or borough has established
14821 a payment and hearing procedure for such violation pursuant to section
14822 7-152c, shall follow the procedures set forth in this section.

14823 Sec. 340. Section 41 of house bill 6689 of the 2021 regular session, as
14824 amended by House amendment Schedule "A", is amended to read as
14825 follows (*Effective from passage*):

14826 The following sums are allocated, in accordance with the provisions
14827 of special act 21-1, from the federal funds designated for the state
14828 pursuant to the provisions of section 602 of Subtitle M of Title IX of the
14829 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, P.L. 117-2, as amended from time to
14830 time, for the annual periods indicated for the purposes described.

T433		FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
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T434				
T435	BOARD OF REGENTS			
T436	Enhance Student Retention at Community Colleges	6,500,000	6,500,000	6,500,000
T437				
T438	CONNECTICUT STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES			
T439	Higher Education - CSCU	10,000,000	5,000,000	
T440				
T441	DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE			
T442	Senior Food Vouchers	100,000	100,000	
T443	Farmer's Market Nutrition	100,000	100,000	
T444	Farm-to-School Grant	250,000	250,000	
T445	Food Insecurity Grants to Food Pantries and Food Banks	1,000,000		
T446				
T447	DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES			
T448	Respite Care for Family Caregivers	3,000,000	-	
T449				
T450	DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT			
T451	Beardsley Zoo	246,121	246,121	
T452	Amistad	200,000	200,000	
T453	Maritime Center Authority	196,295	196,295	
T454	Mystic Aquarium	177,603	177,603	
T455	Music Haven	100,000	100,000	
T456	Norwalk Symphony	50,000	50,000	
T457	Riverfront Recapture	250,000	250,000	
T458	Connecticut Main Street Center	350,000	350,000	
T459	Middletown Downtown Business District	100,000	100,000	

T460	CRDA Economic Support for Venues	5,000,000	2,500,000	
T461	Working Cities Challenge	1,000,000	1,000,000	
T462	Charter Oak Temple Restoration Association	100,000	100,000	
T463	[Veterans Memorial Park]	[7,000]	-	
T464	West Haven Veterans Museum	25,000	25,000	
T465	VFW Rocky Hill	15,000	15,000	
T466	Playhouse on Park	15,000	15,000	
T467	Family Justice Center	50,000	50,000	
T468	East Hartford Little League	50,000		
T469	Hartford YMCA	1,000,000		
T470	ESF/Dream Camp of Hartford	100,000		
T471	Beta Iota Boule Foundation - Youth Services	100,000		
T472	Legacy Foundation for Health and Disparities	100,000		
T473	Connecticut Center for Advanced Technologies	1,000,000		
T474	Middlesex YMCA	50,000		
T475	Shatterproof	100,000		
T476	Summer Experience at Connecticut's Top Venues	15,000,000		
T477	<u>Statewide Marketing</u>	<u>7,107,000</u>		
T478	<u>Governor's Workforce Initiatives</u>	<u>70,000,000</u>		
T479	<u>CT Hospitality Industry Support</u>	<u>30,000,000</u>		
T480	<u>Regulatory Modernization</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>		
T481	<u>Historic Wooster Square Association</u>	<u>500,000</u>		
T482	<u>Humane Commission/ Animal Shelter of New Haven</u>	<u>500,000</u>		
T483	<u>Ball and Sockets - Cheshire</u>	<u>200,000</u>		
T484	<u>Junta for Progressive Action</u>	<u>750,000</u>		
T485	<u>CT Airport Authority</u>	<u>2,000,000</u>		
T486				
T487	DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION			
T488	Right to Read		12,860,000	12,860,000

T489	Faith Acts Priority School Districts	5,000,000	5,000,000	
T490	CT Writing Project	79,750	79,750	
T491	Ascend Mentoring - Windsor	150,000	150,000	
T492	Women in Manufacturing - Platt Tech Regional Vocational Technical School	5,000	65,000	
T493	Elevate Bridgeport	400,000	400,000	
T494	Grant to RHAM Manufacturing Program	22,000	-	
T495	East Hartford Youth Services	200,000		
T496	Student Achievement Through Opportunity	100,000		
T497	Summer Camp Scholarships for Families	[3,000,000] <u>3,500,000</u>		
T498	<u>New Haven Local Little League</u>	<u>500,000</u>		
T499	<u>Hamden Before and After School Programming</u>	<u>400,000</u>		
T500	<u>Hamden Pre-K Programming</u>	<u>100,000</u>		
T501				
T502	DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION			
T503	Air Quality Study	20,000	-	
T504	Swimming Lessons to DEEP	500,000	500,000	500,000
T505	[Batterson Park]	[10,000,000]	-	
T506	Health and Safety Barriers to Housing Remediation	7,000,000	-	
T507	Efficient Energy Retrofit for Housing	7,000,000	-	
T508	<u>Quinnipiac Avenue Canoe Launch</u>	<u>250,000</u>		
T509				
T510	DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING			
T511	[Legal Representation for Tenant Eviction]	[10,000,000]	[10,000,000]	
T512	<u>Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen</u>	<u>200,000</u>		
T513	<u>Hands on Hartford</u>	<u>100,000</u>		

T514				
T515	DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH			
T516	DPH Loan Repayment	500,000	500,000	
T517	Community Health Workers	3,000,000	3,000,000	
T518	[Community Action Agencies]	[5,000,000]		
T519	<u>Obesity & COVID-19 Study</u>	<u>500,000</u>	<u>500,000</u>	
T520	<u>Cornell Scott- Hill Health</u>	<u>250,000</u>		
T521				
T522	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION			
T523	Groton Water Taxi	100,000	100,000	
T524				
T525	LABOR DEPARTMENT			
T526	Domestic Worker Grants	200,000	200,000	
T527	Veterans Employment Opportunity PILOT	350,000	350,000	
T528	Opportunities for Long Term Unemployed Returning Citizens	750,000	750,000	
T529	TBICO Danbury Women's Employment Program	25,000	25,000	
T530	Boys and Girls Club Workforce Development - Milford	50,000	50,000	
T531	Women's Mentoring Network-Strategic Life Skills Workshop	5,000	5,000	
T532	Senior Jobs Bank - West Hartford	10,000	10,000	
T533	Greater Bridgeport OIC Job Development and Training Program	250,000	250,000	
T534	Unemployment Trust Fund	155,000,000	-	
T535	<u>Unemployment Support</u>	<u>15,000,000</u>		
T536				
T537	LABOR DEPARTMENT - BANKING FUND			
T538	Customized Services for Mortgage Crisis Jobs Training Program	550,000	550,000	
T539				

T540	OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD			
T541	Care4Kids Parent Fees	5,300,000	-	
T542	Parents Fees for 3-4 Year Old's at State Funded Childcare Centers	3,500,000	-	
T543	<u>Universal Home Visiting</u>	<u>8,000,000</u>		
T544				
T545	OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION			
T546	Roberta Willis Need-Based Scholarships	20,000,000	20,000,000	
T547	Summer College Corps	1,500,000	-	
T548				
T549	OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT			
T550	Private Providers	30,000,000	30,000,000	[30,000,000]
T551	PPE & Supplies	10,000,000	10,000,000	
T552	<u>State Employee Essential Workers and National Guard Premium Pay</u>	<u>20,000,000</u>		
T553				
T554	UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT			
T555	Higher Education - UConn	[10,000,000] <u>20,000,000</u>	5,000,000	
T556				
T557	UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT HEALTH CENTER			
T558	Revenue Impact	35,000,000		
T559	University of Connecticut Health Center	38,000,000	-	
T560				
T561	DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES			
T562	Fostering Community	10,000	10,000	
T563	Casa Boricua-Meriden	50,000	50,000	
T564	<u>Children's Mental Health Initiatives</u>	<u>10,500,000</u>		

T565	<u>Child First</u>	<u>5,100,000</u>	<u>5,100,000</u>	
T566				
T567	JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT			
T568	Mothers Against Violence	25,000	25,000	
T569	<u>Legal Representation for Tenant Eviction</u>	<u>10,000,000</u>	<u>10,000,000</u>	
T570	<u>New Haven Police Activities League</u>	<u>100,000</u>		
T571				
T572	DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION			
T573	TRUE Unit - Cheshire CI	500,000	500,000	
T574	WORTH Program York CI	250,000	250,000	
T575	Vocational Village Dept Corrections	20,000,000	-	
T576				
T577	DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES			
T578	Fair Haven Clinic	10,000,000	-	
T579	Workforce Development, Education and Training	1,000,000		
T580	<u>Nursing Home Facility Support</u>	<u>10,000,000</u>		
T581	<u>MyCT Resident One Stop</u>	<u>2,500,000</u>		
T582	<u>New Reach Life Haven Shelter</u>	<u>500,000</u>		
T583	<u>Mary Wade</u>	<u>750,000</u>		
T584	<u>Community Action Agencies</u>	<u>5,000,000</u>		
T585				
T586	LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT			
T587	CTN	1,000,000	-	
T588				
T589	DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL <u>HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES</u>			
T590	<u>DMHAS Private Providers</u>	<u>25,000,000</u>	<u>25,000,000</u>	
T591				
T592	<u>DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES</u>			

T593	<u>Blind and Deaf Community Supports</u>	<u>2,000,000</u>		
T594				
T595	Revenue	[859,900,000] <u>559,900,000</u>	[894,900,000"] <u>1,194,900,000</u>	

14831 Sec. 341. (*Effective from passage*) The following sums are allocated, in
14832 accordance with the provisions of special act 21-1, from the federal
14833 funds designated for the state pursuant to the provisions of section 604
14834 of Subtitle M of Title IX of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, P.L.
14835 117-2, as amended from time to time, for the annual periods indicated
14836 for the purposes described.

T596		FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
T597				
T598	OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT			
T599	Statewide GIS capacity for broadband mapping/data and other critical services supporting remote work, health, and education	9,532,000		
T600	Connectivity for Health and Mental Health Centers/Organizations		25,000,000	
T601				
T602	DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION			
T603	Low-Income/Multi-family Curb-to-home Broadband infrastructure buildout	10,000,000		
T604	Underserved Area Broadband Infrastructure Grants	10,000,000		
T605				
T606	DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES			

T607	Connecticut Education Network Wi-Fi connectivity and broadband for public spaces	10,000,000		
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14837 Sec. 342. Section 29 of house bill 6689 of the 2021 regular session, as
 14838 amended by House amendment Schedule "A", is amended to read as
 14839 follows (*Effective from passage*):

14840 (a) The unexpended balances of funds appropriated to the following
 14841 accounts in section 1 of public act 19-117, as amended by section 7 of
 14842 public act 19-1 of the December special session, shall not lapse on June
 14843 30, 2021, and such funds shall be transferred and made available as
 14844 provided in subsection (b) of this section: (1) The Department of Social
 14845 Services, for Medicaid, (2) the Department of Children and Families, for
 14846 Personal Services, (3) the Department of Children and Families, for
 14847 Board and Care for Children – Foster, (4) Legislative Management, for
 14848 Personal Services, (5) the Department of Administrative Services, for
 14849 Personal Services, (6) the Department of Revenue Services, for Personal
 14850 Services, (7) the Department of Developmental Services, for Personal
 14851 Services, (8) the Department of Developmental Services, for Behavioral
 14852 Services Program, (9) the Office of Early Childhood, for Early Care and
 14853 Education, (10) the Department of Education, for Magnet Schools, (11)
 14854 the Department of Social Services, for Connecticut Home Care Program,
 14855 (12) the Department of Social Services, for Temporary Family Assistance
 14856 – TANF, (13) the Department of Social Services, for Aid To The Disabled,
 14857 (14) the Teachers' Retirement Board, for Retirees Health Service Cost,
 14858 (15) the State Comptroller – Fringe Benefits, for Higher Education
 14859 Alternative Retirement System, (16) the Department of Public Health,
 14860 for Personal Services, (17) the Department of Social Services, for HUSKY
 14861 B Program, (18) the Department of Social Services, for Old Age
 14862 Assistance, (19) the Department of Social Services, for State
 14863 Administered General Assistance, (20) the Department of Children and
 14864 Families, for Board and Care for Children – Short-term and Residential,
 14865 (21) the Judicial Department, for Personal Services, and (22) the State

14866 Comptroller – Fringe Benefits, for Retired State Employees Health
14867 Service Cost.

14868 (b) (1) Up to \$1,500,000 to the Department of Social Services, for
14869 Medicaid, for each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2022, and June 30,
14870 2023, to fund the state share of an increase in the personal needs
14871 allowance to seventy-five dollars;

14872 (2) (A) Up to \$2,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, and
14873 up to \$21,700,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, to the Office of
14874 Policy and Management, for Private Providers, for costs associated with
14875 a settlement between the state and Department of Developmental
14876 Services' contracted providers; and

14877 (B) Up to \$13,150,000 to the Office of Policy and Management, for
14878 Private Providers, for each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2022, and
14879 June 30, 2023, for private providers of human services to provide a cost-
14880 of-living adjustment (COLA) to employees who provide state
14881 administered human services in the Departments of Correction,
14882 Housing, Public Health, Social Services, Children and Families, Aging
14883 and Disability Services, Mental Health and Addiction Services, the
14884 Office of Early Childhood and the Judicial Department. The secretary
14885 shall transfer such funds to the affected contracting agencies. Not later
14886 than January 1, 2022, July 1, 2022, January 1, 2023, and July 1, 2023, the
14887 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall report, in
14888 accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint
14889 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
14890 matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, on
14891 the amount of such funds paid to each contracted provider by
14892 contracting agency and account;

14893 (3) Up to \$40,000,000 to the Department of Social Services, for
14894 Medicaid, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, for nursing home
14895 settlement (temporary rate increases);

14896 (4) Up to \$2,500,000 for deposit into the passport to the parks account

14897 established pursuant to section 23-15h of the general statutes, for each
14898 of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2022, and June 30, 2023;

14899 (5) (A) Up to \$14,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, and
14900 up to \$15,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, to the
14901 Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, for Debt Free Community
14902 College;

14903 (B) Up to \$21,332,962 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, and up
14904 to \$22,165,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, to the Connecticut
14905 State Colleges and Universities, for Community Tech College System;

14906 (C) Up to \$22,568,668 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, and up
14907 to \$25,150,479 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, to the Connecticut
14908 State Colleges and Universities, for Connecticut State University;

14909 (D) Up to \$889,254 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, and up to
14910 \$988,447 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, to the Connecticut State
14911 Colleges and Universities, for Charter Oak State College;

14912 (E) Up to \$140,000 to the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities,
14913 for Charter Oak State College, for each of the fiscal years ending June
14914 30, 2022, and June 30, 2023, for the costs associated with the waiver of
14915 graduation fees; and

14916 (F) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, any
14917 amount transferred pursuant to this subdivision shall not be eligible for
14918 fringe benefit recovery by The Connecticut State Colleges and
14919 Universities from the Comptroller's General Fund fringe benefit
14920 accounts.

14921 (6) (A) Up to [\$7,516,899 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, and
14922 up to \$8,570,352] \$6,087,251 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, to
14923 The University of Connecticut, for Operating Expenses;

14924 (B) Up to \$4,900,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, and up
14925 to \$30,200,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, to The University

14926 of Connecticut Health Center, for Operating Expenses;

14927 (C) Up to \$250,000 for each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2022,
14928 and June 30, 2023, to The University of Connecticut, for Operating
14929 Expenses, for the purposes of the University of Connecticut Vets
14930 Program;

14931 (D) Up to \$2,500,000 for each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2022,
14932 and June 30, 2023, to The University of Connecticut, for Operating
14933 Expenses, for the purposes of the Connecticut Institute for Resilience &
14934 Climate Adaptation; and

14935 (E) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, any
14936 amount transferred pursuant to this subdivision shall not be eligible for
14937 fringe benefit recovery from the Comptroller's General Fund fringe
14938 benefit accounts.

14939 (7) Up to \$600,000 to the Department of Education, for American
14940 School for the Deaf, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022;

14941 (8) Up to \$1,700,000 to the Department of Correction, for Community
14942 Support Services, for each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2022, and
14943 June 30, 2023;

14944 (9) Up to ~~[\$15,000,000]~~ \$7,893,000 to the Department of Economic and
14945 Community Development, for Statewide Marketing, for the fiscal year
14946 ending June 30, 2022, and made available for such purposes;

14947 (10) Up to \$4,000,000 to the Commission on Human Rights and
14948 Opportunities, for Other Expenses, for the fiscal year ending June 30,
14949 2022, and made available to conduct a disparity study and equity study;

14950 (11) Up to \$2,300,000 to the Department of Transportation, for Other
14951 Expenses, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, to conduct a feasibility
14952 study and develop an operational plan concerning ground
14953 transportation services in eastern Connecticut;

14954 (12) Up to \$1,350,000 to the Department of Emergency Services and
14955 Public Protection, for Other Expenses, for the fiscal year ending June 30,
14956 2022, for fire department support as follows: (A) \$750,000 for Baltic Fire
14957 Engine #1 for construction and equipment, (B) \$100,000 for Occum Fire
14958 Department for facility upgrades, and (C) \$500,000 for Marlborough Fire
14959 Department for facility upgrades;

14960 (13) Up to \$20,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, and up
14961 to \$10,700,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, to the Department
14962 of Economic and Community Development, for Other Expenses, to be
14963 made available for grants to Connecticut Humanities in said fiscal years;

14964 (14) Up to \$34,000,000 to [Workers' Compensation Claims -
14965 Administrative Services, for Workers' Compensation Claims,] the State
14966 Comptroller, for Other Expenses, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022;

14967 (15) Up to \$5,000,000 to the Department of Energy and Environmental
14968 Protection, for Solid Waste Management, for the fiscal year ending June
14969 30, 2022, to establish and administer a program to support solid waste
14970 reduction strategies, including a redemption center grant program;

14971 (16) Up to \$10,000 to the Department of Energy and Environmental
14972 Protection, for Other Expenses, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022,
14973 to support initiatives related to sewage spills;

14974 (17) Up to \$20,000 to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, for the fiscal
14975 year ending June 30, 2022, for Other Expenses, for initiatives related to
14976 members of the Hmong Laotian Special Guerilla Units;

14977 (18) Up to \$30,000 to the Department of Revenue Services, for Other
14978 Expenses, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, for tax system
14979 modifications associated with beverage container redemptions;

14980 (19) Up to \$779,853 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, and up to
14981 \$519,902 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, to the Department of
14982 Economic and Community Development, for Other Expenses, to be

14983 made available in said fiscal years for grants to flagship producing
14984 theatres;

14985 (20) Up to \$2,473,278 to the Department of Economic and Community
14986 Development, for Other Expenses, for each of the fiscal years ending
14987 June 30, 2022, and June 30, 2023, to be made available in each said fiscal
14988 year for grants to performing arts centers;

14989 (21) Up to \$1,145,259 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, and up
14990 to \$763,506 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, to the Department of
14991 Economic and Community Development, for Other Expenses, for each
14992 to be made available in said fiscal years for grants to performing arts
14993 theatres;

14994 (22) Up to \$3,000,000 to the Department of Economic and Community
14995 Development, for Other Expenses, for each of the fiscal years ending
14996 June 30, 2022, and June 30, 2023, to be made available in each said fiscal
14997 year for grants to small theatres;

14998 (23) Up to \$2,500,000 to the Department of Economic and Community
14999 Development, for Other Expenses, for each of the fiscal years ending
15000 June 30, 2022, and June 30, 2023, to be made available in each said fiscal
15001 year for grants to children's museums;

15002 (24) Up to \$250,000 to the Department of Agriculture, for Other
15003 Expenses, for each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2022, and June 30,
15004 2023, for the costs associated with the Connecticut Veterinary Medical
15005 Diagnostic Laboratory;

15006 (25) Up to \$360,000 to the Department of Education, for Other
15007 Expenses, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, to support the
15008 development of a model curriculum for grades kindergarten through
15009 eight;

15010 (26) Up to \$1,000,000 to the Department of Emergency Services and
15011 Public Protection, for Other Expenses, for each of the fiscal years ending

15012 June 30, 2022, and June 30, 2023, for the Western Connecticut School
15013 Safety program;

15014 (27) Up to \$5,000,000 to the Department of Housing, for
15015 Housing/Homeless Services, for each of the fiscal years ending June 30,
15016 2022, and June 30, 2023, to be made available in each said fiscal year for
15017 homeless shelters;

15018 (28) Up to \$1,650,000 to the Office of Early Childhood, for Birth to
15019 Three, for each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2022, and June 30, 2023,
15020 for parent fees and costs to expand coverage to children who turn age
15021 three on or after May first of each said year, until the start of the school
15022 year;

15023 (29) Up to \$200,000 to the Department of Emergency Services and
15024 Public Protection, for Other Expenses, for the fiscal year ending June 30,
15025 2022, for the opioid CRISIS initiative pilot program;

15026 (30) Up to \$150,000 to the Secretary of the State, for Other Expenses,
15027 for each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2022, and June 30, 2023, for
15028 the costs of an election monitor for the city of Bridgeport;

15029 (31) Up to \$500,000 to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, for Other
15030 Expenses, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, to reduce reliance on
15031 the Institutional General Welfare account;

15032 (32) Up to \$650,000 to the Office of the Attorney General, for Other
15033 Expenses, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, to support one-time
15034 costs of information technology projects;

15035 (33) Up to \$5,000,000 to the Department of Energy and Environmental
15036 Protection, for Solid Waste Management, for the fiscal year ending June
15037 30, 2022, and made available to establish and administer a program to
15038 support solid waste reduction strategies;

15039 (34) Up to \$100,000 to the Department of Children and Families, for
15040 Other Expenses, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, and made

15041 available for Careline upgrades;

15042 (35) [Up to \$500,000 to the Insurance Department, for Other Expenses,
15043 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, for technology funding;] Up to
15044 \$1,100,000 to the Department of Education, for Other Expenses, for the
15045 fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, to be made available for a grant for
15046 Wilbur Cross Fields;

15047 (36) Up to \$5,000,000 to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
15048 Management, for Other Expenses, for the fiscal year ending June 30,
15049 2022, for costs associated with the legalization of cannabis. The secretary
15050 shall transfer funds to the affected agencies;

15051 (37) Up to \$3,000,000 to the Department of Energy and Environmental
15052 Protection, for Other Expenses, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022,
15053 to provide the following grants: (A) \$1,500,000 for the Eastern Pequot
15054 Tribe for design and construction of a well, septic system and access
15055 road, (B) \$1,000,000 to the Schaghticoke Tribe for design and
15056 construction of a retaining wall related to a cemetery, and (C) \$500,000
15057 for the Golden Hill Paugussett Tribe for design and construction of a
15058 community building;

15059 (38) Up to \$149,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, and up to
15060 \$101,900 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, to the Department of
15061 Housing, for Other Expenses, for housing data;

15062 (39) Up to \$2,500,000 to the Department of Social Services, for
15063 Medicaid, for each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2022, and June 30,
15064 2023, for social worker staffing at nursing homes;

15065 (40) Up to \$500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, to the
15066 Judicial Department, for Personal Services, for information technology
15067 consultants to complete necessary system changes;

15068 (41) Up to \$650,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, to the
15069 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, for Personal

15070 Services, for information technology consultants to complete necessary
15071 technology changes;

15072 (42) Up to \$30,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, to the
15073 Office of Policy and Management, for Reserve for Salary Adjustments,
15074 for collective bargaining costs;

15075 (43) Up to \$21,000,000 for deposit into the State Employees
15076 Retirement Fund established pursuant to chapter 66 of the general
15077 statutes to support an agreement to reduce unfunded pension liabilities;
15078 [and]

15079 (44) Up to \$6,150,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, and up
15080 to \$5,050,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, to the Department
15081 of Economic and Community Development, for Other Expenses, to be
15082 made available for the following grants in said fiscal years:

T608	Grantee	Grant	Grant
T609		2021-2022	2022-2023
T610	RYASAP Bridgeport	150,000	150,000
T611	Cradle to Career Stamford	100,000	100,000
T612	Color a Positive Thought Bridgeport	100,000	100,000
T613	Project Longevity	350,000	350,000
T614	EMERGE	100,000	100,000
T615	Hartford Gay and Lesbian Health Collective	100,000	100,000
T616	True Colors, Inc., provided not less than ninety per cent of such grants shall be used for direct services to LGBTQ+ youth	100,000	100,000
T617	New Haven Pride Center	100,000	100,000
T618	Wilson Gray YMCA SDE	250,000	250,000
T619	Jewish Federation DSS	100,000	100,000

T620	Upper Albany	250,000	250,000
T621	Youth Service Bureaus & Juvenile Review Boards	500,000	500,000
T622	r Kids	100,000	100,000
T623	CT Violence Intervention Program	100,000	100,000
T624	Hartford Communities that Care	100,000	100,000
T625	Street Safe Bridgeport	100,000	100,000
T626	Covenant Center - Stamford	35,000	35,000
T627	House of Bread - Hartford	50,000	50,000
T628	Parent Trust Fund	100,000	100,000
T629	Reach out and read	150,000	150,000
T630	Walter Lockett Foundation	100,000	100,000
T631	AHM Andover, Marlborough, Hebron Columbia	100,000	100,000
T632	Prudence Crandall Center	100,000	100,000
T633	Madonna Place	100,000	100,000
T634	New London Boys and Girls Club	100,000	100,000
T635	Youth Arts	250,000	250,000
T636	Lebanon Library	1,000,000	-
T637	Hartford Boys and Girls Club	100,000	100,000
T638	Applied Behavioral Rehabilitation Institute, Inc.	100,000	100,000
T639	SAMA	50,000	50,000
T640	Blue Hills Civic Association	200,000	200,000
T641	SAVE - Norwalk	100,000	100,000
T642	Meriden Boys and Girls Club	100,000	100,000
T643	Sound Waters Summer Camp	50,000	50,000
T644	100 Girls Leading, Inc. Bridgeport	50,000	50,000
T645	Stamford Public Education Foundation Summer Start Program	100,000	-
T646	Justice Action Center	50,000	50,000

T647	Stocke Jewish Center	15,000	15,000
T648	Nature Center Trumbull	75,000	75,000
T649	PRIDE Willimantic Police Department	50,000	50,000
T650	Annex Little League Baseball	50,000	50,000
T651	Dom Aitro League Baseball	50,000	50,000
T652	Marine Cadets of America Company A First Battalion	50,000	50,000
T653	MARC	50,000	50,000
T654	TEAM Inc	50,000	50,000
T655	Fixing Fathers - Hamden	75,000	75,000
T656	Boys & Girls Club of Stamford	100,000	100,000

15083 (45) Up to \$11,000,000 to the Department of Energy and
15084 Environmental Protection, for Other Expenses, for the fiscal year ending
15085 June 30, 2022, to be made available for the following grants: (A)
15086 \$10,000,000 to Batterson Park, (B) \$500,000 to Peat Meadow Park, and
15087 (C) \$500,000 to East Shore Park; and

15088 (46) Up to \$5,007,000 to the Department of Economic and Community
15089 Development, for Other Expenses, for the fiscal year ending June 30,
15090 2022, to be made available for the following grants: (A) \$3,000,000 to
15091 Keney Golf Course, (B) \$2,000,000 to Elizabeth Park, and (C) \$7,000 to
15092 Joseph St. Germain American Legion Post 85 for Veterans Memorial
15093 Park.

15094 Sec. 343. Section 15-31b of the general statutes is repealed and the
15095 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

15096 (a) The purposes of the Connecticut Port Authority shall be to
15097 coordinate the development of Connecticut's ports and harbors, with a
15098 focus on private and public investments, pursue federal and state funds
15099 for dredging and other infrastructure improvements to increase cargo

15100 movement through the ports and maintain navigability of all ports and
15101 harbors, market the economic development of such ports and harbors,
15102 work with the Department of Economic and Community Development
15103 and other state, local and private entities to maximize the economic
15104 potential of the ports and harbors, support and enhance the overall
15105 development of the state's maritime commerce and industries,
15106 coordinate the planning and funding of capital projects promoting the
15107 development of the ports and harbors, develop strategic entrepreneurial
15108 initiatives that may be available to the state, coordinate the state's
15109 maritime policy activities, serve as the Governor's principal maritime
15110 policy advisor and undertake such other responsibilities as may be
15111 assigned to it. To accomplish the purposes of the authority, the authority
15112 shall have the duty and power to:

15113 (1) Have perpetual succession as a body politic and corporate and to
15114 adopt bylaws for the regulation of its affairs and the conduct of its
15115 business;

15116 (2) Adopt an official seal and alter the same at pleasure;

15117 (3) Maintain an office at such place or places as it may designate;

15118 (4) Sue and be sued in its own name, and plead and be impleaded;

15119 (5) Develop an organizational and management structure that will
15120 best accomplish the goals of the authority concerning Connecticut ports
15121 and harbors;

15122 (6) Create a code of conduct for the board of directors of the authority
15123 consistent with part I of chapter 10;

15124 (7) Adopt rules for the conduct of its business, which shall not be
15125 considered regulations as defined in section 4-166;

15126 (8) Adopt an annual budget and plan of operations, including a
15127 requirement of board approval before the budget or plan may take
15128 effect;

15129 (9) Make and enter into all contracts and agreements that are
15130 necessary, desirable or incidental to the conduct of its business;

15131 (10) Enter into joint ventures and invest in, and participate with, any
15132 person or entity, including, without limitation, governmental or private
15133 business entities in the formation, ownership, management and
15134 operation of business entities, including stock and nonstock
15135 corporations, limited liability companies and general and limited
15136 partnerships, formed to advance the purposes of the authority. The
15137 officers, employees and members of the board of directors of the
15138 authority may serve, without compensation, as directors or officers of
15139 any such business entities formed and such service shall be deemed to
15140 be within the discharge of the duties of such officers, employees or
15141 directors to the authority;

15142 (11) Receive and accept, from any source, aid or contributions,
15143 including money, property, labor and other things of value;

15144 (12) Award grants and subsidies, make loans and provide other
15145 forms of financial assistance to any person or entity under a written
15146 policy, adopted in accordance with the provisions of section 1-121,
15147 setting forth the eligibility criteria, application process, and such other
15148 provisions as may be necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes of
15149 this section;

15150 (13) Charge reasonable fees for the services it performs and waive,
15151 suspend, reduce or otherwise modify such fees in accordance with
15152 written criteria established by the authority, and provided, that no
15153 change may be made in fees without at least thirty days prior notice,
15154 published in accordance with the provisions of section 1-121;

15155 (14) Employ such assistants, agents and other employees as may be
15156 necessary or desirable to carry out its purposes. (A) The executive
15157 director and such employees shall be exempt from the classified service
15158 and, except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, shall
15159 not be employees, as defined in subsection (b) of section 5-270. The

15160 authority shall fix appropriate compensation for such employees and
15161 establish all necessary or appropriate personnel practices and policies,
15162 including those relating to hiring, promotion, compensation, retirement
15163 and collective bargaining, which need not be in accordance with chapter
15164 68, and the authority shall not be an employer, as defined in subsection
15165 (a) of section 5-270, and may engage consultants, attorneys and
15166 appraisers as may be necessary or desirable to carry out its purposes in
15167 accordance with sections 15-31a to 15-31i, inclusive. (B) For purposes of
15168 group welfare benefits and retirement, including, but not limited to,
15169 those provided under chapter 66 and sections 5-257 and 5-259, the
15170 officers and all other employees of the authority shall be state
15171 employees. The authority shall reimburse the appropriate state agencies
15172 for all costs incurred by such designation;

15173 (15) Invest in, acquire, lease, purchase, own, manage, hold and
15174 dispose of real property and lease, convey or deal in or enter into
15175 agreements with respect to such property on any terms necessary or
15176 incidental to carrying out the purposes of sections 15-31a to 15-31i,
15177 inclusive, provided such transactions shall not be subject to approval,
15178 review or regulation by any state agency pursuant to title 4b or any other
15179 provision of the general statutes, except (A) the authority shall not
15180 convey fee simple ownership in any property associated with the ports
15181 or harbors under its jurisdiction and control without the approval of the
15182 State Properties Review Board and the Attorney General, and (B) as
15183 provided in subsection (c) of this section; and

15184 (16) Adopt any policies and procedures necessary to carry out the
15185 provisions of this section in accordance with the provisions of section 1-
15186 121.

15187 (b) The authority shall continue as long as it has bonds or other
15188 obligations outstanding and until its existence is terminated by law,
15189 provided no such termination shall affect any outstanding contractual
15190 obligation of the authority and the state shall succeed to the obligations
15191 of the authority under any contract. Upon the termination of the

15192 existence of the authority, all its rights and properties shall pass to and
15193 be vested in the state of Connecticut.

15194 (c) On and after the effective date of this section, until July 1, 2026, the
15195 authority shall be a state contracting agency for the purposes of chapter
15196 62, except for the provisions of section 4e-16, and shall be subject to the
15197 authority of the State Contracting Standards Board established under
15198 section 4e-2.

15199 Sec. 344. Section 38a-495c of the general statutes is repealed and the
15200 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

15201 (a) Each insurance company, fraternal benefit society, hospital service
15202 corporation, medical service corporation, health care center or other
15203 entity in this state that delivers, issues for delivery, continues or renews
15204 any Medicare supplement insurance policies or certificates shall base
15205 the premium rates charged on a community rate. Such rate shall not be
15206 based on age, gender, previous claims history or the medical condition
15207 of the person covered by such policy or certificate. Except as provided
15208 in subsection (c) of this section, coverage shall not be denied on the basis
15209 of age, gender, previous claim history or the medical condition of the
15210 person covered by such policy or certificate.

15211 (b) Nothing in this section shall prohibit an insurance company,
15212 fraternal benefit society, hospital service corporation, medical service
15213 corporation, health care center or other entity in this state issuing
15214 Medicare supplement insurance policies or certificates from using its
15215 usual and customary underwriting procedures, provided no such
15216 company, society, corporation, center or other entity shall issue a
15217 Medicare supplement policy or certificate based on the age, gender,
15218 previous claims history or the medical condition of the applicant.

15219 (c) Nothing in this section shall prohibit an insurance company,
15220 fraternal benefit society, hospital service corporation, medical service
15221 corporation, health care center or other entity in this state when granting
15222 coverage under a Medicare supplement policy or certificate from

15223 excluding benefits for losses incurred within six months from the
15224 effective date of coverage based on a preexisting condition, in
15225 accordance with section 38a-495a and the regulations adopted pursuant
15226 to section 38a-495a.

15227 (d) Each insurance company, fraternal benefit society, hospital
15228 service corporation, medical service corporation, health care center or
15229 other entity in the state issuing Medicare supplement policies or
15230 certificates for plan "A", "B", [or] "C" or "D", or any combination thereof,
15231 to persons eligible for Medicare by reason of age, shall offer for sale the
15232 same such policies or certificates to persons eligible for Medicare by
15233 reason of disability, except no such company, society, corporation,
15234 center or other entity issuing any Medicare supplement policy or
15235 certificate for plan "C" shall be required to offer for sale such policy or
15236 certificate to any person who is a newly eligible Medicare beneficiary,
15237 as defined in 42 USC 1395ss(z)(2).

15238 (e) To the extent permissible by federal law, each insurance company,
15239 fraternal benefit society, hospital service corporation, medical service
15240 corporation, health care center or other entity in the state issuing
15241 Medicare supplement policies or certificates for plan "A", "B", [or] "C" or
15242 "D", or any combination thereof, may deliver or issue for delivery such
15243 policy to a qualified Medicare beneficiary, as defined in 42 USC
15244 1396d(p).

15245 (f) Each insurance company, fraternal benefit society, hospital service
15246 corporation, medical service corporation, health care center or other
15247 entity in the state issuing Medicare supplement policies or certificates
15248 shall make all necessary arrangements with the Medicare Part B carrier
15249 and all Medicare Part A intermediaries to allow for the forwarding, to
15250 the issuing entity, of all Medicare claims containing the name of the
15251 entity issuing a Medicare supplement policy or certificate and the
15252 identification number of an insured. The entity issuing the Medicare
15253 supplement policy or certificate shall process all benefits available to an
15254 insured from a Medicare claim so forwarded, without requiring any

15255 additional action on the part of the insured.

15256 (g) The Insurance Commissioner may adopt regulations, in
15257 accordance with chapter 54, to implement this section.

15258 Sec. 345. Subsection (a) of section 38a-688a of the general statutes is
15259 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective June*
15260 *30, 2021*):

15261 (a) Notwithstanding the requirements of sections 38a-389 and 38a-
15262 688 with respect to personal risk insurance with the exception of
15263 residual market rates, and on and after July 1, 2006, and until July 1,
15264 [2021] 2025, an insurer may file a rate with the Insurance Commissioner
15265 pursuant to this section and such rate shall take effect the date it is filed
15266 provided the rate provides for an overall state-wide rate increase or
15267 decrease of not more than six per cent in the aggregate and not more
15268 than a fifteen per cent increase in any individual territory for all
15269 coverages that are subject to the filing. Such percentage limits shall not
15270 apply on an individual insured basis. Not more than one filing may be
15271 made by an insurer pursuant to this section within any twelve-month
15272 period unless the filing, when combined with one or more filings made
15273 by the insurer within the preceding twelve months, does not result in an
15274 overall state-wide increase or decrease of more than six per cent in the
15275 aggregate and not more than a fifteen per cent increase in any individual
15276 territory for all coverages that are subject to the filing.

15277 Sec. 346. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2021*) (a) Not later than April 1,
15278 2022, and biennially thereafter until April 1, 2032, the Insurance
15279 Commissioner shall submit a report, in accordance with section 11-4a of
15280 the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General
15281 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to insurance. The
15282 report shall disclose, for the preceding two calendar years, the Insurance
15283 Department's:

15284 (1) Progress toward:

15285 (A) Addressing climate-related risks, including, but not limited to,
15286 the department's progress toward integrating such risks into:

15287 (i) Risk-based capital requirements;

15288 (ii) Regular supervisory examinations; and

15289 (iii) Own risk and solvency assessments; and

15290 (B) Incorporating the reduced levels of emissions of greenhouse gas
15291 established in section 22a-200a of the general statutes into the
15292 department's regulatory and supervisory actions by, among other
15293 things, addressing the impacts of thermal coal, tar sands and Arctic oil
15294 and gas; and

15295 (2) Regulatory and supervisory actions to bolster the resilience of
15296 insurers to the physical impacts of climate change.

15297 (b) The commissioner may engage the services of third-party
15298 actuaries, professionals and specialists that the commissioner deems
15299 necessary to assist the commissioner in fulfilling the requirements of
15300 this section.

15301 Sec. 347. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2022*) (a) For the purposes of this
15302 section:

15303 (1) "Health carrier" has the same meaning as provided in section 38a-
15304 1080 of the general statutes; and

15305 (2) "Third-party administrator" has the same meaning as provided in
15306 section 38a-720 of the general statutes.

15307 (b) Each health carrier or third-party administrator that issues a card
15308 to an individual in this state for the purpose of enabling such individual
15309 to prove that such individual has health coverage shall include in such
15310 card a statement disclosing whether such coverage is fully insured or
15311 self-insured. Such statement shall be prominently displayed on such

15312 card in a readily understandable, standardized form prescribed by the
15313 Insurance Commissioner.

15314 (c) The Insurance Commissioner may adopt regulations, in
15315 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to
15316 implement the provisions of this section.

15317 Sec. 348. Section 38a-490 of the general statutes is repealed and the
15318 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2022*):

15319 (a) Each individual health insurance policy delivered, issued for
15320 delivery, renewed, amended or continued in this state providing
15321 coverage of the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (6), (10), (11)
15322 and (12) of section 38a-469 for a family member of the insured or
15323 subscriber shall, as to such family member's coverage, also provide that
15324 the health insurance benefits applicable for children shall be payable
15325 with respect to a newly born child of the insured or subscriber from the
15326 moment of birth.

15327 (b) Coverage for such newly born child shall consist of coverage for
15328 injury and sickness including necessary care and treatment of medically
15329 diagnosed congenital defects and birth abnormalities within the limits
15330 of the policy.

15331 (c) If payment of a specific premium or subscription fee is required to
15332 provide coverage for a child, the policy or contract may require that
15333 notification of birth of such newly born child and payment of the
15334 required premium or fees shall be furnished to the insurer, hospital
15335 service corporation, medical service corporation or health care center
15336 not later than [sixty-one] one hundred twenty-one days after the date of
15337 birth or the date of discharge from the hospital, whichever is later, in
15338 order to continue coverage beyond such [sixty-one-day] period,
15339 provided failure to furnish such notice or pay such premium or fees
15340 shall not prejudice any claim originating within such [sixty-one-day]
15341 period.

15342 Sec. 349. Section 38a-516 of the general statutes is repealed and the
15343 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2022*):

15344 (a) Each group health insurance policy delivered, issued for delivery,
15345 renewed, amended or continued in this state providing coverage of the
15346 type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (6), (11) and (12) of section 38a-
15347 469 for a family member of the insured or subscriber shall, as to such
15348 family member's coverage, also provide that the health insurance
15349 benefits applicable for children shall be payable with respect to a newly
15350 born child of the insured or subscriber from the moment of birth.

15351 (b) Coverage for such newly born child shall consist of coverage for
15352 injury and sickness including necessary care and treatment of medically
15353 diagnosed congenital defects and birth abnormalities within the limits
15354 of the policy.

15355 (c) If payment of a specific premium fee is required to provide
15356 coverage for a child, the policy may require that notification of birth of
15357 such newly born child and payment of the required premium or fees
15358 shall be furnished to the insurer, hospital service corporation, medical
15359 service corporation or health care center not later than [sixty-one] one
15360 hundred twenty-one days after the date of birth or the date of discharge
15361 from the hospital, whichever is later, in order to continue coverage
15362 beyond such [sixty-one-day] period, provided failure to furnish such
15363 notice or pay such premium shall not prejudice any claim originating
15364 within such [sixty-one-day] period.

15365 Sec. 350. Subsection (h) of section 10-183g of the general statutes is
15366 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
15367 *passage*):

15368 (h) (1) A benefit computed under subsections (a) to (d), inclusive, of
15369 this section and under subsections (a) to (g), inclusive, of section 10-
15370 183aa shall continue until the death of the member.

15371 (2) For any member who [retires] accumulates ten years of credited

15372 service in the public schools of Connecticut prior to July 1, 2019, [if
15373 twenty-five per cent of the aggregate benefits paid to a member prior to
15374 death are less than such member's accumulated regular contributions,
15375 including any one per cent contributions withheld prior to July 1, 1989,
15376 and any voluntary contributions plus credited interest,] the member's
15377 designated beneficiary shall be paid on the death of the member a lump
15378 sum amount equal to the [difference between such aggregate payments
15379 and such accumulated contributions] sum of such member's
15380 accumulated regular contributions, including any one per cent
15381 contributions withheld prior to July 1, 1989, and any voluntary
15382 contributions plus credited interest that had been accrued to the date
15383 benefits commenced, less an amount equal to twenty-five per cent of the
15384 aggregate benefits paid to such member prior to death.

15385 (3) For any member who [retires] accumulates ten years of credited
15386 service in the public schools of Connecticut on or after July 1, 2019,
15387 [notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (2) of section 10-183c, if
15388 twenty-five per cent of the aggregate benefits paid to a member before
15389 July 1, 2019, and prior to death, plus fifty per cent of the aggregate
15390 benefits paid to a member on or after July 1, 2019, and prior to death, are
15391 less than such member's accumulated regular contributions, including
15392 any one per cent contributions withheld prior to July 1, 1989, and any
15393 voluntary contributions plus credited interest,] the member's
15394 designated beneficiary shall be paid on the death of the member a lump
15395 sum amount equal to [the difference between such aggregate payments
15396 and such accumulated contributions] the sum of such member's
15397 accumulated regular contributions, including any one per cent
15398 contributions withheld prior to July 1, 1989, and any voluntary
15399 contributions plus credited interest that had been accrued to the date
15400 benefits commenced, less an amount equal to fifty per cent of the
15401 aggregate benefits paid to such member prior to death.

15402 Sec. 351. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding any provision of
15403 the general statutes, not later than July 1, 2021, the Commissioner of
15404 Consumer Protection shall, upon receipt of a complete application from

15405 the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe, or an instrumentality or an affiliate
15406 wholly-owned by said tribe, the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of
15407 Connecticut, or an instrumentality or an affiliate wholly-owned by said
15408 tribe, or the Connecticut Lottery Corporation, on a form prescribed by
15409 the commissioner, issue a provisional license to operate fantasy contests
15410 to such tribe, instrumentality, affiliate or corporation, as applicable, and
15411 such provisional license shall permit such license holder to operate
15412 fantasy contests, as defined in section 1 of public act 21-23, off the
15413 reservation of the tribes and within the state, provided:

15414 (1) Prior to the issuance of such provisional licenses, the
15415 Mashantucket Pequot Tribe and the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of
15416 Connecticut each enter into a memorandum of understanding with the
15417 Governor concerning the operation of fantasy contests in Connecticut
15418 pursuant to a provisional license to operate fantasy contests.
15419 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 3-6c of the general statutes,
15420 each memorandum of understanding entered into pursuant to this
15421 subdivision shall be considered approved by the General Assembly
15422 under section 3-6c of the general statutes upon the Governor entering
15423 into such memorandum of understanding, without any further action
15424 required by the General Assembly;

15425 (2) Prior to the issuance of such provisional licenses, the
15426 Mashantucket Pequot Tribe, or an instrumentality or an affiliate wholly-
15427 owned by said tribe, the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut, or an
15428 instrumentality or an affiliate wholly-owned by said tribe, and the
15429 Connecticut Lottery Corporation shall provide to the Commissioner of
15430 Consumer Protection a certification, by the president or the chief officer
15431 who is the top ranking official of such tribe, instrumentality, affiliate or
15432 corporation, that such tribe, instrumentality, affiliate or corporation will
15433 operate all fantasy contests in conformance with standards of operation
15434 and management that are substantially in compliance with the goals of
15435 public act 21-23 and remain in compliance with the provisions of this
15436 section during any period of time that the provisional license is valid;
15437 and

15438 (3) All such provisional licenses issued pursuant to this section shall
15439 expire simultaneously on the earlier of September 30, 2021, or the date
15440 on which all the master wagering licenses described in sections 3 and 4
15441 of public act 21-23 have been issued, provided prior to expiration, a
15442 holder of a provisional license to operate fantasy contests may obtain
15443 from the commissioner a one-time extension of not more than one
15444 hundred fifty days, as necessary for the continued operation of fantasy
15445 contests pursuant to this section, during which time the commissioner
15446 may require that such licensee bring such licensee's fantasy contest
15447 operations into compliance with the department's regulations or
15448 proposed regulations published on the state's eRegulations System.

15449 (b) Each holder of a provisional license under this section may
15450 contract with an individual or entity to operate fantasy contests under
15451 this section, provided such individual or entity maintains a valid license
15452 to operate fantasy contests or a valid license to offer fantasy contests
15453 pursuant to a regulatory framework in at least one other state, except no
15454 individual or entity which has operated fantasy contests in this state
15455 prior to July 1, 2021, shall be eligible to provide any services in
15456 connection with the operation of fantasy contests under this section
15457 unless such individual or entity makes, prior to entering into a contract
15458 with a provisional licensee under this section, a payment to the State
15459 Treasurer in an amount determined by the formula set forth in
15460 subsection (b) of section 12-578bb of the general statutes, as said section
15461 was in effect prior to July 1, 2021, for the period beginning July 1, 2019,
15462 and ending May 31, 2021.

15463 (c) No person may offer or operate fantasy contests unless such
15464 person (1) has a provisional license to operate fantasy contests or is
15465 operating pursuant to a contract with a provisional licensee pursuant to
15466 this section, or (2) is licensed pursuant to section 3 or 4 of public act 21-
15467 23 to operate fantasy contests or is providing services to such a licensee
15468 as an online gaming operator licensed under section 8 of public act 21-
15469 23.

15470 Sec. 352. (*Effective from passage*) Up to \$500,000 of the unexpended
15471 balance of funds appropriated to the Insurance Department, for
15472 Personal Services, in section 6 of Public Act 19-117, shall not lapse on
15473 June 30, 2021, and such funds shall be transferred to Other Expenses for
15474 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, and made available for technology
15475 upgrades.

15476 Sec. 353. Subsection (b) of section 17b-106 of the general statutes is
15477 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
15478 *2021*):

15479 (b) [Effective July 1, 2011, the] The commissioner shall provide a state
15480 supplement payment for recipients of Medicaid and the federal
15481 Supplemental Security Income Program who reside in long-term care
15482 facilities sufficient to increase their personal needs allowance to [sixty]
15483 seventy-five dollars per month. Such state supplement payment shall be
15484 made to the long-term care facility to be deposited into the personal
15485 fund account of each such recipient. For the purposes of this subsection,
15486 "long-term care facility" means a licensed chronic and convalescent
15487 nursing home, a chronic disease hospital, a rest home with nursing
15488 supervision, an intermediate care facility for individuals with
15489 intellectual disabilities or a state humane institution.

15490 Sec. 354. Section 17b-272 of the general statutes is repealed and the
15491 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

15492 [Effective July 1, 2011, the] The Commissioner of Social Services shall
15493 permit patients residing in nursing homes, chronic disease hospitals and
15494 state humane institutions who are medical assistance recipients under
15495 sections 17b-260 to 17b-262, inclusive, 17b-264 to 17b-285, inclusive, and
15496 17b-357 to 17b-361, inclusive, to have a monthly personal fund
15497 allowance of [sixty] seventy-five dollars.

15498 Sec. 355. Section 17b-340d of the general statutes is repealed and the
15499 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

15500 (a) The Commissioner of Social Services [may] shall implement an
15501 acuity-based methodology for Medicaid reimbursement of nursing
15502 home services [. In the course of developing such a system, the
15503 commissioner shall review the skilled nursing facility prospective
15504 payment system developed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
15505 Services, as well as other methodologies used nationally, and shall
15506 consider recommendations from the nursing home industry.] effective
15507 July 1, 2022. Notwithstanding section 17b-340, for the fiscal year ending
15508 June 30, 2023, and annually thereafter, the Commissioner of Social
15509 Services shall establish Medicaid rates paid to nursing home facilities
15510 based on cost years ending on September thirtieth in accordance with
15511 the following:

15512 (1) Case-mix adjustments to the direct care component, which will be
15513 based on Minimum Data Set resident assessment data as well as cost
15514 data reported for the cost year ending September 30, 2019, shall be made
15515 effective beginning July 1, 2022, and updated every quarter thereafter.
15516 After modeling such case-mix adjustments, the Commissioner of Social
15517 Services shall evaluate impact on a facility by facility basis and, not later
15518 than October 1, 2021, (A) make recommendations to the Secretary of the
15519 Office of Policy and Management, and (B) submit a report on the
15520 recommendations, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to
15521 the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
15522 cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state
15523 agencies and human services on any adjustments needed to facilitate the
15524 transition to the new methodology on July 1, 2022. This evaluation may
15525 include a review of inflationary allowances, case mix and budget
15526 adjustment factors and stop loss and stop gain corridors and the ability
15527 to make such adjustments within available appropriations.

15528 (2) Beginning July 1, 2022, facilities will be required to comply with
15529 collection and reporting of quality metrics as specified by the
15530 Department of Social Services, after consultation with the nursing home
15531 industry, consumers, employees and the Department of Public Health.
15532 Rate adjustments based on performance on quality metrics will be

15533 phased in, beginning July 1, 2022, with a period of reporting only.

15534 (3) Geographic peer groupings of facilities shall be established by the
15535 Department of Social Services pursuant to regulations adopted in
15536 accordance with subsection (b) of this section.

15537 (4) Allowable costs shall be divided into the following five cost
15538 components: (A) Direct costs, which shall include salaries for nursing
15539 personnel, related fringe benefits and nursing pool costs; (B) indirect
15540 costs, which shall include professional fees, dietary expenses,
15541 housekeeping expenses, laundry expenses, supplies related to patient
15542 care, salaries for indirect care personnel and related fringe benefits; (C)
15543 fair rent, which shall be defined in regulations adopted in accordance
15544 with subsection (b) of this section; (D) capital-related costs, which shall
15545 include property taxes, insurance expenses, equipment leases and
15546 equipment depreciation; and (E) administrative and general costs,
15547 which shall include maintenance and operation of plant expenses,
15548 salaries for administrative and maintenance personnel and related
15549 fringe benefits. For (i) direct costs, the maximum cost shall be equal to
15550 one hundred thirty-five per cent of the median allowable cost of that
15551 peer grouping; (ii) indirect costs, the maximum cost shall be equal to one
15552 hundred fifteen per cent of the state-wide median allowable cost; (iii)
15553 fair rent, the amount shall be calculated utilizing the amount approved
15554 pursuant to section 17b-353; (iv) capital-related costs, there shall be no
15555 maximum; and (v) administrative and general costs, the maximum shall
15556 be equal to the state-wide median allowable cost.

15557 (5) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, the commissioner may, in
15558 the commissioner's discretion and within available appropriations,
15559 provide pro rata fair rent increases to facilities which have documented
15560 fair rent additions placed in service in the cost report year ending
15561 September 30, 2020, that are not otherwise included in the rates issued.

15562 (6) There shall be no increase to rates based on inflation or any
15563 inflationary factor for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2022, and June 30,

15564 2023, unless otherwise authorized under subdivision (1) of this
15565 subsection.

15566 (7) For purposes of computing minimum allowable patient days,
15567 utilization of a facility's certified beds shall be determined at a minimum
15568 of ninety per cent of capacity, except for facilities that have undergone
15569 a change in ownership, new facilities, and facilities which are certified
15570 for additional beds which may be permitted a lower occupancy rate for
15571 the first three months of operation after the effective date of licensure.

15572 (8) Rates determined under this section shall comply with federal
15573 laws and regulations.

15574 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services may implement policies as
15575 necessary to carry out the provisions of this section while in the process
15576 of adopting the policies as regulations, provided that prior to
15577 implementation the policies are posted (1) on the eRegulations System
15578 established pursuant to section 4-173b₂ and (2) the Department of Social
15579 Services' Internet web site.

15580 Sec. 356. Section 17b-340 of the general statutes is repealed and the
15581 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

15582 (a) For purposes of this subsection, (1) a "related party" includes, but
15583 is not limited to, any company related to a chronic and convalescent
15584 nursing home through family association, common ownership, control
15585 or business association with any of the owners, operators or officials of
15586 such nursing home; (2) "company" means any person, partnership,
15587 association, holding company, limited liability company or corporation;
15588 (3) "family association" means a relationship by birth, marriage or
15589 domestic partnership; and (4) "profit and loss statement" means the
15590 most recent annual statement on profits and losses finalized by a related
15591 party before the annual report mandated under this subsection. The
15592 rates to be paid by or for persons aided or cared for by the state or any
15593 town in this state to licensed chronic and convalescent nursing homes,
15594 to chronic disease hospitals associated with chronic and convalescent

15595 nursing homes, to rest homes with nursing supervision, to licensed
15596 residential care homes, as defined by section 19a-490, and to residential
15597 facilities for persons with intellectual disability that are licensed
15598 pursuant to section 17a-227 and certified to participate in the Title XIX
15599 Medicaid program as intermediate care facilities for individuals with
15600 intellectual disabilities, for room, board and services specified in
15601 licensing regulations issued by the licensing agency shall be determined
15602 annually, except as otherwise provided in this subsection [, after a
15603 public hearing,] by the Commissioner of Social Services, to be effective
15604 July first of each year except as otherwise provided in this subsection.
15605 Such rates shall be determined on a basis of a reasonable payment for
15606 such necessary services, which basis shall take into account as a factor
15607 the costs of such services. Cost of such services shall include reasonable
15608 costs mandated by collective bargaining agreements with certified
15609 collective bargaining agents or other agreements between the employer
15610 and employees, provided "employees" shall not include persons
15611 employed as managers or chief administrators or required to be licensed
15612 as nursing home administrators, and compensation for services
15613 rendered by proprietors at prevailing wage rates, as determined by
15614 application of principles of accounting as prescribed by said
15615 commissioner. Cost of such services shall not include amounts paid by
15616 the facilities to employees as salary, or to attorneys or consultants as
15617 fees, where the responsibility of the employees, attorneys, or consultants
15618 is to persuade or seek to persuade the other employees of the facility to
15619 support or oppose unionization. Nothing in this subsection shall
15620 prohibit inclusion of amounts paid for legal counsel related to the
15621 negotiation of collective bargaining agreements, the settlement of
15622 grievances or normal administration of labor relations. The
15623 commissioner may, in the commissioner's discretion, allow the inclusion
15624 of extraordinary and unanticipated costs of providing services that were
15625 incurred to avoid an immediate negative impact on the health and safety
15626 of patients. The commissioner may, in the commissioner's discretion,
15627 based upon review of a facility's costs, direct care staff to patient ratio
15628 and any other related information, revise a facility's rate for any

15629 increases or decreases to total licensed capacity of more than ten beds or
15630 changes to its number of licensed rest home with nursing supervision
15631 beds and chronic and convalescent nursing home beds. The
15632 commissioner may, in the commissioner's discretion, revise the rate of a
15633 facility that is closing. An interim rate issued for the period during
15634 which a facility is closing shall be based on a review of facility costs, the
15635 expected duration of the close-down period, the anticipated impact on
15636 Medicaid costs, available appropriations and the relationship of the rate
15637 requested by the facility to the average Medicaid rate for a close-down
15638 period. The commissioner may so revise a facility's rate established for
15639 the fiscal year ending June 30, 1993, and thereafter for any bed increases,
15640 decreases or changes in licensure effective after October 1, 1989.
15641 Effective July 1, 1991, in facilities that have both a chronic and
15642 convalescent nursing home and a rest home with nursing supervision,
15643 the rate for the rest home with nursing supervision shall not exceed such
15644 facility's rate for its chronic and convalescent nursing home. All such
15645 facilities for which rates are determined under this subsection shall
15646 report on a fiscal year basis ending on September thirtieth. Such report
15647 shall be submitted to the commissioner by February fifteenth. Each for-
15648 profit chronic and convalescent nursing home that receives state
15649 funding pursuant to this section shall include in such annual report a
15650 profit and loss statement from each related party that receives from such
15651 chronic and convalescent nursing home fifty thousand dollars or more
15652 per year for goods, fees and services. No cause of action or liability shall
15653 arise against the state, the Department of Social Services, any state
15654 official or agent for failure to take action based on the information
15655 required to be reported under this subsection. The commissioner may
15656 reduce the rate in effect for a facility that fails to submit a complete and
15657 accurate report on or before February fifteenth by an amount not to
15658 exceed ten per cent of such rate. If a licensed residential care home fails
15659 to submit a complete and accurate report, the department shall notify
15660 such home of the failure and the home shall have thirty days from the
15661 date the notice was issued to submit a complete and accurate report. If
15662 a licensed residential care home fails to submit a complete and accurate

15663 report not later than thirty days after the date of notice, such home may
15664 not receive a retroactive rate increase, in the commissioner's discretion.
15665 The commissioner shall, annually, on or before April first, report the
15666 data contained in the reports of such facilities [to the joint standing
15667 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
15668 relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies] on the
15669 department's Internet web site. For the cost reporting year commencing
15670 October 1, 1985, and for subsequent cost reporting years, facilities shall
15671 report the cost of using the services of any nursing pool employee by
15672 separating said cost into two categories, the portion of the cost equal to
15673 the salary of the employee for whom the nursing pool employee is
15674 substituting shall be considered a nursing cost and any cost in excess of
15675 such salary shall be further divided so that seventy-five per cent of the
15676 excess cost shall be considered an administrative or general cost and
15677 twenty-five per cent of the excess cost shall be considered a nursing cost,
15678 provided if the total nursing pool costs of a facility for any cost year are
15679 equal to or exceed fifteen per cent of the total nursing expenditures of
15680 the facility for such cost year, no portion of nursing pool costs in excess
15681 of fifteen per cent shall be classified as administrative or general costs.
15682 The commissioner, in determining such rates, shall also take into
15683 account the classification of patients or boarders according to special
15684 care requirements or classification of the facility according to such
15685 factors as facilities and services and such other factors as the
15686 commissioner deems reasonable, including anticipated fluctuations in
15687 the cost of providing such services. The commissioner may establish a
15688 separate rate for a facility or a portion of a facility for traumatic brain
15689 injury patients who require extensive care but not acute general hospital
15690 care. Such separate rate shall reflect the special care requirements of
15691 such patients. If changes in federal or state laws, regulations or
15692 standards adopted subsequent to June 30, 1985, result in increased costs
15693 or expenditures in an amount exceeding one-half of one per cent of
15694 allowable costs for the most recent cost reporting year, the
15695 commissioner shall adjust rates and provide payment for any such
15696 increased reasonable costs or expenditures within a reasonable period

15697 of time retroactive to the date of enforcement. Nothing in this section
15698 shall be construed to require the Department of Social Services to adjust
15699 rates and provide payment for any increases in costs resulting from an
15700 inspection of a facility by the Department of Public Health. Such
15701 assistance as the commissioner requires from other state agencies or
15702 departments in determining rates shall be made available to the
15703 commissioner at the commissioner's request. Payment of the rates
15704 established pursuant to this section shall be conditioned on the
15705 establishment by such facilities of admissions procedures that conform
15706 with this section, section 19a-533 and all other applicable provisions of
15707 the law and the provision of equality of treatment to all persons in such
15708 facilities. The established rates shall be the maximum amount
15709 chargeable by such facilities for care of such beneficiaries, and the
15710 acceptance by or on behalf of any such facility of any additional
15711 compensation for care of any such beneficiary from any other person or
15712 source shall constitute the offense of aiding a beneficiary to obtain aid
15713 to which the beneficiary is not entitled and shall be punishable in the
15714 same manner as is provided in subsection (b) of section 17b-97. [For the
15715 fiscal year ending June 30, 1992, rates for licensed residential care homes
15716 and intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual
15717 disabilities may receive an increase not to exceed the most recent annual
15718 increase in the Regional Data Resources Incorporated McGraw-Hill
15719 Health Care Costs: Consumer Price Index (all urban)-All Items. Rates
15720 for newly certified intermediate care facilities for individuals with
15721 intellectual disabilities shall not exceed one hundred fifty per cent of the
15722 median rate of rates in effect on January 31, 1991, for intermediate care
15723 facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities certified prior to
15724 February 1, 1991.] Notwithstanding any provision of this section, the
15725 Commissioner of Social Services may, within available appropriations,
15726 provide an interim rate increase for a licensed chronic and convalescent
15727 nursing home or a rest home with nursing supervision for rate periods
15728 no earlier than April 1, 2004, only if the commissioner determines that
15729 the increase is necessary to avoid the filing of a petition for relief under
15730 Title 11 of the United States Code; imposition of receivership pursuant

15731 to sections 19a-542 and 19a-543; or substantial deterioration of the
15732 facility's financial condition that may be expected to adversely affect
15733 resident care and the continued operation of the facility, and the
15734 commissioner determines that the continued operation of the facility is
15735 in the best interest of the state. The commissioner shall consider any
15736 requests for interim rate increases on file with the department from
15737 March 30, 2004, and those submitted subsequently for rate periods no
15738 earlier than April 1, 2004. When reviewing an interim rate increase
15739 request the commissioner shall, at a minimum, consider: (A) Existing
15740 chronic and convalescent nursing home or rest home with nursing
15741 supervision utilization in the area and projected bed need; (B) physical
15742 plant long-term viability and the ability of the owner or purchaser to
15743 implement any necessary property improvements; (C) licensure and
15744 certification compliance history; (D) reasonableness of actual and
15745 projected expenses; and (E) the ability of the facility to meet wage and
15746 benefit costs. No interim rate shall be increased pursuant to this
15747 subsection in excess of one hundred fifteen per cent of the median rate
15748 for the facility's peer grouping, established pursuant to subdivision (2)
15749 of subsection (f) of this section, unless recommended by the
15750 commissioner and approved by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
15751 Management after consultation with the commissioner. Such median
15752 rates shall be published by the Department of Social Services not later
15753 than April first of each year. In the event that a facility granted an
15754 interim rate increase pursuant to this section is sold or otherwise
15755 conveyed for value to an unrelated entity less than five years after the
15756 effective date of such rate increase, the rate increase shall be deemed
15757 rescinded and the department shall recover an amount equal to the
15758 difference between payments made for all affected rate periods and
15759 payments that would have been made if the interim rate increase was
15760 not granted. The commissioner may seek recovery of such payments
15761 from any facility with common ownership. With the approval of the
15762 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, the commissioner
15763 may waive recovery and rescission of the interim rate for good cause
15764 shown that is not inconsistent with this section, including, but not

15765 limited to, transfers to family members that were made for no value. The
15766 commissioner shall provide written quarterly reports to the joint
15767 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
15768 matters relating to aging, human services and appropriations and the
15769 budgets of state agencies, that identify each facility requesting an
15770 interim rate increase, the amount of the requested rate increase for each
15771 facility, the action taken by the commissioner and the secretary pursuant
15772 to this subsection, and estimates of the additional cost to the state for
15773 each approved interim rate increase. Nothing in this subsection shall
15774 prohibit the commissioner from increasing the rate of a licensed chronic
15775 and convalescent nursing home or a rest home with nursing supervision
15776 for allowable costs associated with facility capital improvements or
15777 increasing the rate in case of a sale of a licensed chronic and convalescent
15778 nursing home or a rest home with nursing supervision [, pursuant to
15779 subdivision (15) of subsection (f) of this section,] if receivership has been
15780 imposed on such home.

15781 (b) [The Commissioner of Social Services shall adopt regulations in
15782 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 to specify other allowable
15783 services. For purposes of this section, other allowable services means
15784 those services required by any medical assistance beneficiary residing
15785 in such home or hospital which are not already covered in the rate set
15786 by the commissioner in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a)
15787 of this section.] The Commissioner of Social Services may implement
15788 policies and procedures as necessary to carry out the provisions of this
15789 section while in the process of adopting the policies and procedures as
15790 regulations, provided notice of intent to adopt the regulations is
15791 published in accordance with the provisions of section 17b-10 not later
15792 than twenty days after the date of implementation.

15793 (c) No facility subject to the requirements of this section shall accept
15794 payment in excess of the rate set by the commissioner pursuant to
15795 subsection (a) of this section for any medical assistance patient from this
15796 or any other state. No facility shall accept payment in excess of the
15797 reasonable and necessary costs of other allowable services as specified

15798 by the commissioner pursuant to the regulations adopted under
15799 subsection (b) of this section for any public assistance patient from this
15800 or any other state. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection,
15801 the commissioner may authorize a facility to accept payment in excess
15802 of the rate paid for a medical assistance patient in this state for a patient
15803 who receives medical assistance from another state.

15804 (d) In any instance where the Commissioner of Social Services finds
15805 that a facility subject to the requirements of this section is accepting
15806 payment for a medical assistance beneficiary in violation of subsection
15807 (c) of this section, the commissioner shall proceed to recover through the
15808 rate set for the facility any sum in excess of the stipulated per diem and
15809 other allowable costs, as provided for in regulations adopted pursuant
15810 to subsections (a) and (b) of this section. The commissioner shall make
15811 the recovery prospectively at the time of the next annual rate
15812 redetermination.

15813 (e) Except as provided in this subsection, the provisions of
15814 subsections (c) and (d) of this section shall not apply to any facility
15815 subject to the requirements of this section, which on October 1, 1981, (1)
15816 was accepting payments from the commissioner in accordance with the
15817 provisions of subsection (a) of this section, (2) was accepting medical
15818 assistance payments from another state for at least twenty per cent of its
15819 patients, and (3) had not notified the commissioner of any intent to
15820 terminate its provider agreement, in accordance with section 17b-271,
15821 provided no patient residing in any such facility on May 22, 1984, shall
15822 be removed from such facility for purposes of meeting the requirements
15823 of this subsection. If the commissioner finds that the number of beds
15824 available to medical assistance patients from this state in any such
15825 facility is less than fifteen per cent the provisions of subsections (c) and
15826 (d) of this section shall apply to that number of beds which is less than
15827 said percentage.

15828 (f) For the fiscal years ending on or before June 30, 2022, rates for
15829 nursing home facilities shall be set in accordance with this subsection.

15830 On and after July 1, 2022, such rates shall be set in accordance with
15831 section 17b-340d. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1992, the rates paid
15832 by or for persons aided or cared for by the state or any town in this state
15833 to facilities for room, board and services specified in licensing
15834 regulations issued by the licensing agency, except intermediate care
15835 facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities and residential care
15836 homes, shall be based on the cost year ending September 30, 1989. For
15837 the fiscal years ending June 30, 1993, and June 30, 1994, such rates shall
15838 be based on the cost year ending September 30, 1990. Such rates shall be
15839 determined by the Commissioner of Social Services in accordance with
15840 this section and the regulations of Connecticut state agencies
15841 promulgated by the commissioner and in effect on April 1, 1991, except
15842 that:

15843 (1) Allowable costs shall be divided into the following five cost
15844 components: (A) Direct costs, which shall include salaries for nursing
15845 personnel, related fringe benefits and nursing pool costs; (B) indirect
15846 costs, which shall include professional fees, dietary expenses,
15847 housekeeping expenses, laundry expenses, supplies related to patient
15848 care, salaries for indirect care personnel and related fringe benefits; (C)
15849 fair rent, which shall be defined in accordance with subsection (f) of
15850 section 17-311-52 of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies; (D)
15851 capital-related costs, which shall include property taxes, insurance
15852 expenses, equipment leases and equipment depreciation; and (E)
15853 administrative and general costs, which shall include (i) maintenance
15854 and operation of plant expenses, (ii) salaries for administrative and
15855 maintenance personnel, and (iii) related fringe benefits. The
15856 commissioner may provide a rate adjustment for nonemergency
15857 transportation services required by nursing facility residents. Such
15858 adjustment shall be a fixed amount determined annually by the
15859 commissioner based upon a review of costs and other associated
15860 information. Allowable costs shall not include costs for ancillary
15861 services payable under Part B of the Medicare program.

15862 (2) Two geographic peer groupings of facilities shall be established

15863 for each level of care, as defined by the Department of Social Services
15864 for the determination of rates, for the purpose of determining allowable
15865 direct costs. One peer grouping shall be comprised of those facilities
15866 located in Fairfield County. The other peer grouping shall be comprised
15867 of facilities located in all other counties.

15868 (3) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1992, per diem maximum
15869 allowable costs for each cost component shall be as follows: For direct
15870 costs, the maximum shall be equal to one hundred forty per cent of the
15871 median allowable cost of that peer grouping; for indirect costs, the
15872 maximum shall be equal to one hundred thirty per cent of the state-wide
15873 median allowable cost; for fair rent, the amount shall be calculated
15874 utilizing the amount approved by the Office of Health Care Access
15875 pursuant to section 19a-638; for capital-related costs, there shall be no
15876 maximum; and for administrative and general costs, the maximum shall
15877 be equal to one hundred twenty-five per cent of the state-wide median
15878 allowable cost. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1993, per diem
15879 maximum allowable costs for each cost component shall be as follows:
15880 For direct costs, the maximum shall be equal to one hundred forty per
15881 cent of the median allowable cost of that peer grouping; for indirect
15882 costs, the maximum shall be equal to one hundred twenty-five per cent
15883 of the state-wide median allowable cost; for fair rent, the amount shall
15884 be calculated utilizing the amount approved by the Office of Health
15885 Care Access pursuant to section 19a-638; for capital-related costs, there
15886 shall be no maximum; and for administrative and general costs the
15887 maximum shall be equal to one hundred fifteen per cent of the state-
15888 wide median allowable cost. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1994, per
15889 diem maximum allowable costs for each cost component shall be as
15890 follows: For direct costs, the maximum shall be equal to one hundred
15891 thirty-five per cent of the median allowable cost of that peer grouping;
15892 for indirect costs, the maximum shall be equal to one hundred twenty
15893 per cent of the state-wide median allowable cost; for fair rent, the
15894 amount shall be calculated utilizing the amount approved by the Office
15895 of Health Care Access pursuant to section 19a-638; for capital-related

15896 costs, there shall be no maximum; and for administrative and general
15897 costs the maximum shall be equal to one hundred ten per cent of the
15898 state-wide median allowable cost. For the fiscal year ending June 30,
15899 1995, per diem maximum allowable costs for each cost component shall
15900 be as follows: For direct costs, the maximum shall be equal to one
15901 hundred thirty-five per cent of the median allowable cost of that peer
15902 grouping; for indirect costs, the maximum shall be equal to one hundred
15903 twenty per cent of the state-wide median allowable cost; for fair rent,
15904 the amount shall be calculated utilizing the amount approved by the
15905 Office of Health Care Access pursuant to section 19a-638; for capital-
15906 related costs, there shall be no maximum; and for administrative and
15907 general costs the maximum shall be equal to one hundred five per cent
15908 of the state-wide median allowable cost. For the fiscal year ending June
15909 30, 1996, and any succeeding fiscal year, except for the fiscal years
15910 ending June 30, 2000, and June 30, 2001, for facilities with an interim rate
15911 in one or both periods, per diem maximum allowable costs for each cost
15912 component shall be as follows: For direct costs, the maximum shall be
15913 equal to one hundred thirty-five per cent of the median allowable cost
15914 of that peer grouping; for indirect costs, the maximum shall be equal to
15915 one hundred fifteen per cent of the state-wide median allowable cost;
15916 for fair rent, the amount shall be calculated utilizing the amount
15917 approved pursuant to section 19a-638; for capital-related costs, there
15918 shall be no maximum; and for administrative and general costs the
15919 maximum shall be equal to the state-wide median allowable cost. For
15920 the fiscal years ending June 30, 2000, and June 30, 2001, for facilities with
15921 an interim rate in one or both periods, per diem maximum allowable
15922 costs for each cost component shall be as follows: For direct costs, the
15923 maximum shall be equal to one hundred forty-five per cent of the
15924 median allowable cost of that peer grouping; for indirect costs, the
15925 maximum shall be equal to one hundred twenty-five per cent of the
15926 state-wide median allowable cost; for fair rent, the amount shall be
15927 calculated utilizing the amount approved pursuant to section 19a-638;
15928 for capital-related costs, there shall be no maximum; and for
15929 administrative and general costs, the maximum shall be equal to the

15930 state-wide median allowable cost and such medians shall be based upon
15931 the same cost year used to set rates for facilities with prospective rates.
15932 Costs in excess of the maximum amounts established under this
15933 subsection shall not be recognized as allowable costs, except that the
15934 Commissioner of Social Services (A) may allow costs in excess of
15935 maximum amounts for any facility with patient days covered by
15936 Medicare, including days requiring coinsurance, in excess of twelve per
15937 cent of annual patient days which also has patient days covered by
15938 Medicaid in excess of fifty per cent of annual patient days; (B) may
15939 establish a pilot program whereby costs in excess of maximum amounts
15940 shall be allowed for beds in a nursing home which has a managed care
15941 program and is affiliated with a hospital licensed under chapter 368v;
15942 and (C) may establish rates whereby allowable costs may exceed such
15943 maximum amounts for beds approved on or after July 1, 1991, which are
15944 restricted to use by patients with acquired immune deficiency syndrome
15945 or traumatic brain injury.

15946 (4) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1992, (A) no facility shall receive
15947 a rate that is less than the rate it received for the rate year ending June
15948 30, 1991; (B) no facility whose rate, if determined pursuant to this
15949 subsection, would exceed one hundred twenty per cent of the state-wide
15950 median rate, as determined pursuant to this subsection, shall receive a
15951 rate which is five and one-half per cent more than the rate it received for
15952 the rate year ending June 30, 1991; and (C) no facility whose rate, if
15953 determined pursuant to this subsection, would be less than one hundred
15954 twenty per cent of the state-wide median rate, as determined pursuant
15955 to this subsection, shall receive a rate which is six and one-half per cent
15956 more than the rate it received for the rate year ending June 30, 1991. For
15957 the fiscal year ending June 30, 1993, no facility shall receive a rate that is
15958 less than the rate it received for the rate year ending June 30, 1992, or six
15959 per cent more than the rate it received for the rate year ending June 30,
15960 1992. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1994, no facility shall receive a
15961 rate that is less than the rate it received for the rate year ending June 30,
15962 1993, or six per cent more than the rate it received for the rate year

15963 ending June 30, 1993. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1995, no facility
15964 shall receive a rate that is more than five per cent less than the rate it
15965 received for the rate year ending June 30, 1994, or six per cent more than
15966 the rate it received for the rate year ending June 30, 1994. For the fiscal
15967 years ending June 30, 1996, and June 30, 1997, no facility shall receive a
15968 rate that is more than three per cent more than the rate it received for
15969 the prior rate year. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998, a facility shall
15970 receive a rate increase that is not more than two per cent more than the
15971 rate that the facility received in the prior year. For the fiscal year ending
15972 June 30, 1999, a facility shall receive a rate increase that is not more than
15973 three per cent more than the rate that the facility received in the prior
15974 year and that is not less than one per cent more than the rate that the
15975 facility received in the prior year, exclusive of rate increases associated
15976 with a wage, benefit and staffing enhancement rate adjustment added
15977 for the period from April 1, 1999, to June 30, 1999, inclusive. For the fiscal
15978 year ending June 30, 2000, each facility, except a facility with an interim
15979 rate or replaced interim rate for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999, and
15980 a facility having a certificate of need or other agreement specifying rate
15981 adjustments for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, shall receive a rate
15982 increase equal to one per cent applied to the rate the facility received for
15983 the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999, exclusive of the facility's wage,
15984 benefit and staffing enhancement rate adjustment. For the fiscal year
15985 ending June 30, 2000, no facility with an interim rate, replaced interim
15986 rate or scheduled rate adjustment specified in a certificate of need or
15987 other agreement for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, shall receive a
15988 rate increase that is more than one per cent more than the rate the facility
15989 received in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999. For the fiscal year ending
15990 June 30, 2001, each facility, except a facility with an interim rate or
15991 replaced interim rate for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, and a
15992 facility having a certificate of need or other agreement specifying rate
15993 adjustments for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, shall receive a rate
15994 increase equal to two per cent applied to the rate the facility received for
15995 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, subject to verification of wage
15996 enhancement adjustments pursuant to subdivision (14) of this

15997 subsection. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, no facility with an
15998 interim rate, replaced interim rate or scheduled rate adjustment
15999 specified in a certificate of need or other agreement for the fiscal year
16000 ending June 30, 2001, shall receive a rate increase that is more than two
16001 per cent more than the rate the facility received for the fiscal year ending
16002 June 30, 2000. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002, each facility shall
16003 receive a rate that is two and one-half per cent more than the rate the
16004 facility received in the prior fiscal year. For the fiscal year ending June
16005 30, 2003, each facility shall receive a rate that is two per cent more than
16006 the rate the facility received in the prior fiscal year, except that such
16007 increase shall be effective January 1, 2003, and such facility rate in effect
16008 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002, shall be paid for services
16009 provided until December 31, 2002, except any facility that would have
16010 been issued a lower rate effective July 1, 2002, than for the fiscal year
16011 ending June 30, 2002, due to interim rate status or agreement with the
16012 department shall be issued such lower rate effective July 1, 2002, and
16013 have such rate increased two per cent effective June 1, 2003. For the fiscal
16014 year ending June 30, 2004, rates in effect for the period ending June 30,
16015 2003, shall remain in effect, except any facility that would have been
16016 issued a lower rate effective July 1, 2003, than for the fiscal year ending
16017 June 30, 2003, due to interim rate status or agreement with the
16018 department shall be issued such lower rate effective July 1, 2003. For the
16019 fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, rates in effect for the period ending June
16020 30, 2004, shall remain in effect until December 31, 2004, except any
16021 facility that would have been issued a lower rate effective July 1, 2004,
16022 than for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, due to interim rate status
16023 or agreement with the department shall be issued such lower rate
16024 effective July 1, 2004. Effective January 1, 2005, each facility shall receive
16025 a rate that is one per cent greater than the rate in effect December 31,
16026 2004. Effective upon receipt of all the necessary federal approvals to
16027 secure federal financial participation matching funds associated with
16028 the rate increase provided in this subdivision, but in no event earlier
16029 than July 1, 2005, and provided the user fee imposed under section 17b-
16030 320 is required to be collected, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006,

16031 the department shall compute the rate for each facility based upon its
16032 2003 cost report filing or a subsequent cost year filing for facilities
16033 having an interim rate for the period ending June 30, 2005, as provided
16034 under section 17-311-55 of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies.
16035 For each facility not having an interim rate for the period ending June
16036 30, 2005, the rate for the period ending June 30, 2006, shall be determined
16037 beginning with the higher of the computed rate based upon its 2003 cost
16038 report filing or the rate in effect for the period ending June 30, 2005. Such
16039 rate shall then be increased by eleven dollars and eighty cents per day
16040 except that in no event shall the rate for the period ending June 30, 2006,
16041 be thirty-two dollars more than the rate in effect for the period ending
16042 June 30, 2005, and for any facility with a rate below one hundred ninety-
16043 five dollars per day for the period ending June 30, 2005, such rate for the
16044 period ending June 30, 2006, shall not be greater than two hundred
16045 seventeen dollars and forty-three cents per day and for any facility with
16046 a rate equal to or greater than one hundred ninety-five dollars per day
16047 for the period ending June 30, 2005, such rate for the period ending June
16048 30, 2006, shall not exceed the rate in effect for the period ending June 30,
16049 2005, increased by eleven and one-half per cent. For each facility with
16050 an interim rate for the period ending June 30, 2005, the interim
16051 replacement rate for the period ending June 30, 2006, shall not exceed
16052 the rate in effect for the period ending June 30, 2005, increased by eleven
16053 dollars and eighty cents per day plus the per day cost of the user fee
16054 payments made pursuant to section 17b-320 divided by annual resident
16055 service days, except for any facility with an interim rate below one
16056 hundred ninety-five dollars per day for the period ending June 30, 2005,
16057 the interim replacement rate for the period ending June 30, 2006, shall
16058 not be greater than two hundred seventeen dollars and forty-three cents
16059 per day and for any facility with an interim rate equal to or greater than
16060 one hundred ninety-five dollars per day for the period ending June 30,
16061 2005, the interim replacement rate for the period ending June 30, 2006,
16062 shall not exceed the rate in effect for the period ending June 30, 2005,
16063 increased by eleven and one-half per cent. Such July 1, 2005, rate
16064 adjustments shall remain in effect unless (i) the federal financial

16065 participation matching funds associated with the rate increase are no
16066 longer available; or (ii) the user fee created pursuant to section 17b-320
16067 is not in effect. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, each facility shall
16068 receive a rate that is three per cent greater than the rate in effect for the
16069 period ending June 30, 2006, except any facility that would have been
16070 issued a lower rate effective July 1, 2006, than for the rate period ending
16071 June 30, 2006, due to interim rate status or agreement with the
16072 department, shall be issued such lower rate effective July 1, 2006. For the
16073 fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, each facility shall receive a rate that is
16074 two and nine-tenths per cent greater than the rate in effect for the period
16075 ending June 30, 2007, except any facility that would have been issued a
16076 lower rate effective July 1, 2007, than for the rate period ending June 30,
16077 2007, due to interim rate status or agreement with the department, shall
16078 be issued such lower rate effective July 1, 2007. For the fiscal year ending
16079 June 30, 2009, rates in effect for the period ending June 30, 2008, shall
16080 remain in effect until June 30, 2009, except any facility that would have
16081 been issued a lower rate for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, due to
16082 interim rate status or agreement with the department shall be issued
16083 such lower rate. For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2010, and June 30,
16084 2011, rates in effect for the period ending June 30, 2009, shall remain in
16085 effect until June 30, 2011, except any facility that would have been issued
16086 a lower rate for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, or the fiscal year
16087 ending June 30, 2011, due to interim rate status or agreement with the
16088 department, shall be issued such lower rate. For the fiscal years ending
16089 June 30, 2012, and June 30, 2013, rates in effect for the period ending June
16090 30, 2011, shall remain in effect until June 30, 2013, except any facility that
16091 would have been issued a lower rate for the fiscal year ending June 30,
16092 2012, or the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, due to interim rate status
16093 or agreement with the department, shall be issued such lower rate. For
16094 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, the department shall determine
16095 facility rates based upon 2011 cost report filings subject to the provisions
16096 of this section and applicable regulations except: (I) A ninety per cent
16097 minimum occupancy standard shall be applied; (II) no facility shall
16098 receive a rate that is higher than the rate in effect on June 30, 2013; and

16099 (III) no facility shall receive a rate that is more than four per cent lower
16100 than the rate in effect on June 30, 2013, except that any facility that would
16101 have been issued a lower rate effective July 1, 2013, than for the rate
16102 period ending June 30, 2013, due to interim rate status or agreement
16103 with the department, shall be issued such lower rate effective July 1,
16104 2013. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, rates in effect for the
16105 period ending June 30, 2014, shall remain in effect until June 30, 2015,
16106 except any facility that would have been issued a lower rate effective
16107 July 1, 2014, than for the rate period ending June 30, 2014, due to interim
16108 rate status or agreement with the department, shall be issued such lower
16109 rate effective July 1, 2014. For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2016, and
16110 June 30, 2017, rates shall not exceed those in effect for the period ending
16111 June 30, 2015, except the rate paid to a facility may be higher than the
16112 rate paid to the facility for the period ending June 30, 2015, if the
16113 commissioner provides, within available appropriations, pro rata fair
16114 rent increases, which may, at the discretion of the commissioner, include
16115 increases for facilities which have undergone a material change in
16116 circumstances related to fair rent additions or moveable equipment
16117 placed in service in cost report years ending September 30, 2014, and
16118 September 30, 2015, and not otherwise included in rates issued. For the
16119 fiscal years ending June 30, 2016, and June 30, 2017, and each succeeding
16120 fiscal year, any facility that would have been issued a lower rate, due to
16121 interim rate status or agreement with the department, shall be issued
16122 such lower rate. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, facilities that
16123 received a rate decrease due to the expiration of a 2015 fair rent asset
16124 shall receive a rate increase of an equivalent amount effective July 1,
16125 2017. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the department shall
16126 determine facility rates based upon 2016 cost report filings subject to the
16127 provisions of this section and applicable regulations, provided no
16128 facility shall receive a rate that is higher than the rate in effect on
16129 December 31, 2016, and no facility shall receive a rate that is more than
16130 two per cent lower than the rate in effect on December 31, 2016. For the
16131 fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, no facility shall receive a rate that is
16132 higher than the rate in effect on June 30, 2018, except the rate paid to a

16133 facility may be higher than the rate paid to the facility for the period
16134 ending June 30, 2018, if the commissioner provides, within available
16135 appropriations, pro rata fair rent increases, which may, at the discretion
16136 of the commissioner, include increases for facilities which have
16137 undergone a material change in circumstances related to fair rent
16138 additions or moveable equipment placed in service in the cost report
16139 year ending September 30, 2017, and not otherwise included in rates
16140 issued. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, the department shall
16141 determine facility rates based upon 2018 cost report filings subject to the
16142 provisions of this section, adjusted to reflect any rate increases provided
16143 after the cost report year ending September 30, 2018, and applicable
16144 regulations, provided no facility shall receive a rate that is higher than
16145 the rate in effect on June 30, 2019, except the rate paid to a facility may
16146 be higher than the rate paid to the facility for the fiscal year ending June
16147 30, 2019, if the commissioner provides, within available appropriations,
16148 pro rata fair rent increases, which may, at the discretion of the
16149 commissioner, include increases for facilities which have undergone a
16150 material change in circumstances related to fair rent additions in the cost
16151 report year ending September 30, 2018, and are not otherwise included
16152 in rates issued. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, no facility shall
16153 receive a rate that is more than two per cent lower than the rate in effect
16154 on June 30, 2019, unless the facility has an occupancy level of less than
16155 seventy per cent, as reported in the 2018 cost report, or an overall rating
16156 on Medicare's Nursing Home Compare of one star for the three most
16157 recent reporting periods as of July 1, 2019, unless the facility is under an
16158 interim rate due to new ownership. For the fiscal year ending June 30,
16159 2021, no facility shall receive a rate that is higher than the rate in effect
16160 on June 30, 2020, except the rate paid to a facility may be higher than the
16161 rate paid to the facility for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, if the
16162 commissioner provides, within available appropriations, pro rata fair
16163 rent increases, which may, at the discretion of the commissioner, include
16164 increases for facilities which have undergone a material change in
16165 circumstances related to fair rent additions in the cost report year
16166 ending September 30, 2019, and are not otherwise included in rates

16167 issued. The Commissioner of Social Services shall add fair rent increases
16168 to any other rate increases established pursuant to this subdivision for a
16169 facility which has undergone a material change in circumstances related
16170 to fair rent, except for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2010, June 30, 2011,
16171 and June 30, 2012, such fair rent increases shall only be provided to
16172 facilities with an approved certificate of need pursuant to section 17b-
16173 352, 17b-353, 17b-354 or 17b-355. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013,
16174 the commissioner may, within available appropriations, provide pro
16175 rata fair rent increases for facilities which have undergone a material
16176 change in circumstances related to fair rent additions placed in service
16177 in cost report years ending September 30, 2008, to September 30, 2011,
16178 inclusive, and not otherwise included in rates issued. For the fiscal years
16179 ending June 30, 2014, and June 30, 2015, the commissioner may, within
16180 available appropriations, provide pro rata fair rent increases, which may
16181 include moveable equipment at the discretion of the commissioner, for
16182 facilities which have undergone a material change in circumstances
16183 related to fair rent additions or moveable equipment placed in service
16184 in cost report years ending September 30, 2012, and September 30, 2013,
16185 and not otherwise included in rates issued. The commissioner shall add
16186 fair rent increases associated with an approved certificate of need
16187 pursuant to section 17b-352, 17b-353, 17b-354 or 17b-355. Interim rates
16188 may take into account reasonable costs incurred by a facility, including
16189 wages and benefits. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the
16190 Commissioner of Social Services may, subject to available
16191 appropriations, increase or decrease rates issued to licensed chronic and
16192 convalescent nursing homes and licensed rest homes with nursing
16193 supervision. Notwithstanding any provision of this section, the
16194 Commissioner of Social Services shall, effective July 1, 2015, within
16195 available appropriations, adjust facility rates in accordance with the
16196 application of standard accounting principles as prescribed by the
16197 commissioner, for each facility subject to subsection (a) of this section.
16198 Such adjustment shall provide a pro-rata increase based on direct and
16199 indirect care employee salaries reported in the 2014 annual cost report,
16200 and adjusted to reflect subsequent salary increases, to reflect reasonable

16201 costs mandated by collective bargaining agreements with certified
16202 collective bargaining agents, or otherwise provided by a facility to its
16203 employees. For purposes of this subsection, "employee" shall not
16204 include a person employed as a facility's manager, chief administrator,
16205 a person required to be licensed as a nursing home administrator or any
16206 individual who receives compensation for services pursuant to a
16207 contractual arrangement and who is not directly employed by the
16208 facility. The commissioner may establish an upper limit for reasonable
16209 costs associated with salary adjustments beyond which the adjustment
16210 shall not apply. Nothing in this section shall require the commissioner
16211 to distribute such adjustments in a way that jeopardizes anticipated
16212 federal reimbursement. Facilities that receive such adjustment but do
16213 not provide increases in employee salaries as described in this
16214 subsection on or before July 31, 2015, may be subject to a rate decrease
16215 in the same amount as the adjustment by the commissioner. Of the
16216 amount appropriated for this purpose, no more than nine million
16217 dollars shall go to increases based on reasonable costs mandated by
16218 collective bargaining agreements. Notwithstanding the provisions of
16219 this subsection, and section 17b-340d, effective July 1, 2019, October 1,
16220 2020, [and] January 1, 2021, July 1, 2021, and July 1, 2022, the
16221 commissioner shall, within available appropriations, increase rates for
16222 the purpose of wage and benefit enhancements for facility employees.
16223 The commissioner shall adjust the rate paid to the facility in the form of
16224 a rate adjustment to reflect any rate increases paid after the cost report
16225 year ending September 30, 2018. Facilities that receive a rate adjustment
16226 for the purpose of wage and benefit enhancements but do not provide
16227 increases in employee salaries as described in this subsection on or
16228 before September 30, 2019, October 31, 2020, [and] January 31, 2021, July
16229 31, 2021, and July 31, 2022, respectively, may be subject to a rate decrease
16230 in the same amount as the adjustment by the commissioner.

16231 (5) For the purpose of determining allowable fair rent, a facility with
16232 allowable fair rent less than the twenty-fifth percentile of the state-wide
16233 allowable fair rent shall be reimbursed as having allowable fair rent

16234 equal to the twenty-fifth percentile of the state-wide allowable fair rent,
16235 provided for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1996, and June 30, 1997, the
16236 reimbursement may not exceed the twenty-fifth percentile of the state-
16237 wide allowable fair rent for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1995. On and
16238 after July 1, 1998, the Commissioner of Social Services may allow
16239 minimum fair rent as the basis upon which reimbursement associated
16240 with improvements to real property is added. Beginning with the fiscal
16241 year ending June 30, 1996, any facility with a rate of return on real
16242 property other than land in excess of eleven per cent shall have such
16243 allowance revised to eleven per cent. Any facility or its related realty
16244 affiliate which finances or refinances debt through bonds issued by the
16245 State of Connecticut Health and Education Facilities Authority shall
16246 report the terms and conditions of such financing or refinancing to the
16247 Commissioner of Social Services within thirty days of completing such
16248 financing or refinancing. The Commissioner of Social Services may
16249 revise the facility's fair rent component of its rate to reflect any financial
16250 benefit the facility or its related realty affiliate received as a result of such
16251 financing or refinancing, including but not limited to, reductions in the
16252 amount of debt service payments or period of debt repayment. The
16253 commissioner shall allow actual debt service costs for bonds issued by
16254 the State of Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority if
16255 such costs do not exceed property costs allowed pursuant to subsection
16256 (f) of section 17-311-52 of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies,
16257 provided the commissioner may allow higher debt service costs for such
16258 bonds for good cause. For facilities which first open on or after October
16259 1, 1992, the commissioner shall determine allowable fair rent for real
16260 property other than land based on the rate of return for the cost year in
16261 which such bonds were issued. The financial benefit resulting from a
16262 facility financing or refinancing debt through such bonds shall be shared
16263 between the state and the facility to an extent determined by the
16264 commissioner on a case-by-case basis and shall be reflected in an
16265 adjustment to the facility's allowable fair rent.

16266 (6) A facility shall receive cost efficiency adjustments for indirect costs

16267 and for administrative and general costs if such costs are below the
16268 state-wide median costs. The cost efficiency adjustments shall equal
16269 twenty-five per cent of the difference between allowable reported costs
16270 and the applicable median allowable cost established pursuant to this
16271 subdivision.

16272 (7) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1992, allowable operating costs,
16273 excluding fair rent, shall be inflated using the Regional Data Resources
16274 Incorporated McGraw-Hill Health Care Costs: Consumer Price Index
16275 (all urban)-All Items minus one and one-half per cent. For the fiscal year
16276 ending June 30, 1993, allowable operating costs, excluding fair rent, shall
16277 be inflated using the Regional Data Resources Incorporated McGraw-
16278 Hill Health Care Costs: Consumer Price Index (all urban)-All Items
16279 minus one and three-quarters per cent. For the fiscal years ending June
16280 30, 1994, and June 30, 1995, allowable operating costs, excluding fair
16281 rent, shall be inflated using the Regional Data Resources Incorporated
16282 McGraw-Hill Health Care Costs: Consumer Price Index (all urban)-All
16283 Items minus two per cent. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996,
16284 allowable operating costs, excluding fair rent, shall be inflated using the
16285 Regional Data Resources Incorporated McGraw-Hill Health Care Costs:
16286 Consumer Price Index (all urban)-All Items minus two and one-half per
16287 cent. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997, allowable operating costs,
16288 excluding fair rent, shall be inflated using the Regional Data Resources
16289 Incorporated McGraw-Hill Health Care Costs: Consumer Price Index
16290 (all urban)-All Items minus three and one-half per cent. For the fiscal
16291 year ending June 30, 1992, and any succeeding fiscal year, allowable fair
16292 rent shall be those reported in the annual report of long-term care
16293 facilities for the cost year ending the immediately preceding September
16294 thirtieth. The inflation index to be used pursuant to this subsection shall
16295 be computed to reflect inflation between the midpoint of the cost year
16296 through the midpoint of the rate year. The Department of Social Services
16297 shall study methods of reimbursement for fair rent and shall report its
16298 findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the
16299 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human

16300 services on or before January 15, 1993.

16301 (8) On and after July 1, 1994, costs shall be rebased no more frequently
16302 than every two years and no less frequently than every four years, as
16303 determined by the commissioner. The commissioner shall determine
16304 whether and to what extent a change in ownership of a facility shall
16305 occasion the rebasing of the facility's costs.

16306 (9) The method of establishing rates for new facilities shall be
16307 determined by the commissioner in accordance with the provisions of
16308 this subsection until June 30, 2022.

16309 (10) Rates determined under this section shall comply with federal
16310 laws and regulations.

16311 (11) Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, interim rates
16312 issued for facilities on and after July 1, 1991, shall be subject to applicable
16313 fiscal year cost component limitations established pursuant to
16314 subdivision (3) of this subsection.

16315 (12) A chronic and convalescent nursing home having an ownership
16316 affiliation with and operated at the same location as a chronic disease
16317 hospital may request that the commissioner approve an exception to
16318 applicable rate-setting provisions for chronic and convalescent nursing
16319 homes and establish a rate for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1992, and
16320 June 30, 1993, in accordance with regulations in effect June 30, 1991. Any
16321 such rate shall not exceed one hundred sixty-five per cent of the median
16322 rate established for chronic and convalescent nursing homes established
16323 under this section for the applicable fiscal year.

16324 (13) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, and any succeeding fiscal
16325 year, for purposes of computing minimum allowable patient days,
16326 utilization of a facility's certified beds shall be determined at a minimum
16327 of ninety per cent of capacity, except for new facilities and facilities
16328 which are certified for additional beds which may be permitted a lower
16329 occupancy rate for the first three months of operation after the effective

16330 date of licensure.

16331 (14) The Commissioner of Social Services shall adjust facility rates
16332 from April 1, 1999, to June 30, 1999, inclusive, by a per diem amount
16333 representing each facility's allocation of funds appropriated for the
16334 purpose of wage, benefit and staffing enhancement. A facility's per diem
16335 allocation of such funding shall be computed as follows: (A) The
16336 facility's direct and indirect component salary, wage, nursing pool and
16337 allocated fringe benefit costs as filed for the 1998 cost report period
16338 deemed allowable in accordance with this section and applicable
16339 regulations without application of cost component maximums specified
16340 in subdivision (3) of this subsection shall be totalled; (B) such total shall
16341 be multiplied by the facility's Medicaid utilization based on the 1998 cost
16342 report; (C) the resulting amount for the facility shall be divided by the
16343 sum of the calculations specified in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of this
16344 subdivision for all facilities to determine the facility's percentage share
16345 of appropriated wage, benefit and staffing enhancement funding; (D)
16346 the facility's percentage share shall be multiplied by the amount of
16347 appropriated wage, benefit and staffing enhancement funding to
16348 determine the facility's allocated amount; and (E) such allocated amount
16349 shall be divided by the number of days of care paid for by Medicaid on
16350 an annual basis including days for reserved beds specified in the 1998
16351 cost report to determine the per diem wage and benefit rate adjustment
16352 amount. The commissioner may adjust a facility's reported 1998 cost and
16353 utilization data for the purposes of determining a facility's share of
16354 wage, benefit and staffing enhancement funding when reported 1998
16355 information is not substantially representative of estimated cost and
16356 utilization data for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, due to special
16357 circumstances during the 1998 cost report period including change of
16358 ownership with a part year cost filing or reductions in facility capacity
16359 due to facility renovation projects. Upon completion of the calculation
16360 of the allocation of wage, benefit and staffing enhancement funding, the
16361 commissioner shall not adjust the allocations due to revisions submitted
16362 to previously filed 1998 annual cost reports. In the event that a facility's

16363 rate for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999, is an interim rate or the rate
16364 includes an increase adjustment due to a rate request to the
16365 commissioner or other reasons, the commissioner may reduce or
16366 withhold the per diem wage, benefit and staffing enhancement
16367 allocation computed for the facility. Any enhancement allocations not
16368 applied to facility rates shall not be reallocated to other facilities and
16369 such unallocated amounts shall be available for the costs associated with
16370 interim rates and other Medicaid expenditures. The wage, benefit and
16371 staffing enhancement per diem adjustment for the period from April 1,
16372 1999, to June 30, 1999, inclusive, shall also be applied to rates for the
16373 fiscal years ending June 30, 2000, and June 30, 2001, except that the
16374 commissioner may increase or decrease the adjustment to account for
16375 changes in facility capacity or operations. Any facility accepting a rate
16376 adjustment for wage, benefit and staffing enhancements shall apply
16377 payments made as a result of such rate adjustment for increased
16378 allowable employee wage rates and benefits and additional direct and
16379 indirect component staffing. Adjustment funding shall not be applied to
16380 wage and salary increases provided to the administrator, assistant
16381 administrator, owners or related party employees. Enhancement
16382 payments may be applied to increases in costs associated with staffing
16383 purchased from staffing agencies provided such costs are deemed
16384 necessary and reasonable by the commissioner. The commissioner shall
16385 compare expenditures for wages, benefits and staffing for the 1998 cost
16386 report period to such expenditures in the 1999, 2000 and 2001 cost report
16387 periods to verify whether a facility has applied additional payments to
16388 specified enhancements. In the event that the commissioner determines
16389 that a facility did not apply additional payments to specified
16390 enhancements, the commissioner shall recover such amounts from the
16391 facility through rate adjustments or other means. The commissioner
16392 may require facilities to file cost reporting forms, in addition to the
16393 annual cost report, as may be necessary, to verify the appropriate
16394 application of wage, benefit and staffing enhancement rate adjustment
16395 payments. For the purposes of this subdivision, "Medicaid utilization"
16396 means the number of days of care paid for by Medicaid on an annual

16397 basis including days for reserved beds as a percentage of total resident
16398 days.

16399 [(15) The interim rate established to become effective upon sale of any
16400 licensed chronic and convalescent home or rest home with nursing
16401 supervision for which a receivership has been imposed pursuant to
16402 sections 19a-541 to 19a-549, inclusive, shall not exceed the rate in effect
16403 for the facility at the time of the imposition of the receivership, subject
16404 to any annual increases permitted by this section; provided the
16405 Commissioner of Social Services may, in the commissioner's discretion,
16406 and after consultation with the receiver, establish an increased rate for
16407 the facility if the commissioner with approval of the Secretary of the
16408 Office of Policy and Management determines that such higher rate is
16409 needed to keep the facility open and to ensure the health, safety and
16410 welfare of the residents at such facility.]

16411 (g) The established interim rate to become effective upon sale of any
16412 licensed chronic and convalescent home or rest home with nursing
16413 supervision for which a receivership has been imposed pursuant to
16414 sections 19a-541 to 19a-549, inclusive, shall not exceed the rate in effect
16415 for the facility at the time of the imposition of the receivership, subject
16416 to any annual increases permitted by this section, provided the
16417 Commissioner of Social Services may, in the commissioner's discretion
16418 and after consultation with the receiver, establish an increased rate for
16419 the facility if the commissioner, with the approval of the Secretary of the
16420 Office of Policy and Management, determines that such higher rate is
16421 needed to keep the facility open and to ensure the health, safety and
16422 welfare of the residents at such facility.

16423 [(g)] (h) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1993, any intermediate care
16424 facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities with an operating
16425 cost component of its rate in excess of one hundred forty per cent of the
16426 median of operating cost components of rates in effect January 1, 1992,
16427 shall not receive an operating cost component increase. For the fiscal
16428 year ending June 30, 1993, any intermediate care facility for individuals

16429 with intellectual disabilities with an operating cost component of its rate
16430 that is less than one hundred forty per cent of the median of operating
16431 cost components of rates in effect January 1, 1992, shall have an
16432 allowance for real wage growth equal to thirty per cent of the increase
16433 determined in accordance with subsection (q) of section 17-311-52 of the
16434 regulations of Connecticut state agencies, provided such operating cost
16435 component shall not exceed one hundred forty per cent of the median
16436 of operating cost components in effect January 1, 1992. Any facility with
16437 real property other than land placed in service prior to October 1, 1991,
16438 shall, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1995, receive a rate of return on
16439 real property equal to the average of the rates of return applied to real
16440 property other than land placed in service for the five years preceding
16441 October 1, 1993. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, and any
16442 succeeding fiscal year, the rate of return on real property for property
16443 items shall be revised every five years. The commissioner shall, upon
16444 submission of a request, allow actual debt service, comprised of
16445 principal and interest, in excess of property costs allowed pursuant to
16446 section 17-311-52 of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies,
16447 provided such debt service terms and amounts are reasonable in
16448 relation to the useful life and the base value of the property. For the fiscal
16449 year ending June 30, 1995, and any succeeding fiscal year, the inflation
16450 adjustment made in accordance with subsection (p) of section 17-311-52
16451 of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies shall not be applied to
16452 real property costs. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, and any
16453 succeeding fiscal year, the allowance for real wage growth, as
16454 determined in accordance with subsection (q) of section 17-311-52 of the
16455 regulations of Connecticut state agencies, shall not be applied. For the
16456 fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, and any succeeding fiscal year, no rate
16457 shall exceed three hundred seventy-five dollars per day unless the
16458 commissioner, in consultation with the Commissioner of
16459 Developmental Services, determines after a review of program and
16460 management costs, that a rate in excess of this amount is necessary for
16461 care and treatment of facility residents. For the fiscal year ending June
16462 30, 2002, rate period, the Commissioner of Social Services shall increase

16463 the inflation adjustment for rates made in accordance with subsection
16464 (p) of section 17-311-52 of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies
16465 to update allowable fiscal year 2000 costs to include a three and one-half
16466 per cent inflation factor. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, rate
16467 period, the commissioner shall increase the inflation adjustment for
16468 rates made in accordance with subsection (p) of section 17-311-52 of the
16469 regulations of Connecticut state agencies to update allowable fiscal year
16470 2001 costs to include a one and one-half per cent inflation factor, except
16471 that such increase shall be effective November 1, 2002, and such facility
16472 rate in effect for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002, shall be paid for
16473 services provided until October 31, 2002, except any facility that would
16474 have been issued a lower rate effective July 1, 2002, than for the fiscal
16475 year ending June 30, 2002, due to interim rate status or agreement with
16476 the department shall be issued such lower rate effective July 1, 2002, and
16477 have such rate updated effective November 1, 2002, in accordance with
16478 applicable statutes and regulations. For the fiscal year ending June 30,
16479 2004, rates in effect for the period ending June 30, 2003, shall remain in
16480 effect, except any facility that would have been issued a lower rate
16481 effective July 1, 2003, than for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, due
16482 to interim rate status or agreement with the department shall be issued
16483 such lower rate effective July 1, 2003. For the fiscal year ending June 30,
16484 2005, rates in effect for the period ending June 30, 2004, shall remain in
16485 effect until September 30, 2004. Effective October 1, 2004, each facility
16486 shall receive a rate that is five per cent greater than the rate in effect
16487 September 30, 2004. Effective upon receipt of all the necessary federal
16488 approvals to secure federal financial participation matching funds
16489 associated with the rate increase provided in subdivision (4) of
16490 subsection (f) of this section, but in no event earlier than October 1, 2005,
16491 and provided the user fee imposed under section 17b-320 is required to
16492 be collected, each facility shall receive a rate that is four per cent more
16493 than the rate the facility received in the prior fiscal year, except any
16494 facility that would have been issued a lower rate effective October 1,
16495 2005, than for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, due to interim rate
16496 status or agreement with the department, shall be issued such lower rate

16497 effective October 1, 2005. Such rate increase shall remain in effect unless:
16498 (1) The federal financial participation matching funds associated with
16499 the rate increase are no longer available; or (2) the user fee created
16500 pursuant to section 17b-320 is not in effect. For the fiscal year ending
16501 June 30, 2007, rates in effect for the period ending June 30, 2006, shall
16502 remain in effect until September 30, 2006, except any facility that would
16503 have been issued a lower rate effective July 1, 2006, than for the fiscal
16504 year ending June 30, 2006, due to interim rate status or agreement with
16505 the department, shall be issued such lower rate effective July 1, 2006.
16506 Effective October 1, 2006, no facility shall receive a rate that is more than
16507 three per cent greater than the rate in effect for the facility on September
16508 30, 2006, except any facility that would have been issued a lower rate
16509 effective October 1, 2006, due to interim rate status or agreement with
16510 the department, shall be issued such lower rate effective October 1, 2006.
16511 For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, each facility shall receive a rate
16512 that is two and nine-tenths per cent greater than the rate in effect for the
16513 period ending June 30, 2007, except any facility that would have been
16514 issued a lower rate effective July 1, 2007, than for the rate period ending
16515 June 30, 2007, due to interim rate status, or agreement with the
16516 department, shall be issued such lower rate effective July 1, 2007. For the
16517 fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, rates in effect for the period ending June
16518 30, 2008, shall remain in effect until June 30, 2009, except any facility that
16519 would have been issued a lower rate for the fiscal year ending June 30,
16520 2009, due to interim rate status or agreement with the department, shall
16521 be issued such lower rate. For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2010, and
16522 June 30, 2011, rates in effect for the period ending June 30, 2009, shall
16523 remain in effect until June 30, 2011, except any facility that would have
16524 been issued a lower rate for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, or the
16525 fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, due to interim rate status or agreement
16526 with the department, shall be issued such lower rate. For the fiscal year
16527 ending June 30, 2012, rates in effect for the period ending June 30, 2011,
16528 shall remain in effect until June 30, 2012, except any facility that would
16529 have been issued a lower rate for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012,
16530 due to interim rate status or agreement with the department, shall be

16531 issued such lower rate. For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2014, and
16532 June 30, 2015, rates shall not exceed those in effect for the period ending
16533 June 30, 2013, except the rate paid to a facility may be higher than the
16534 rate paid to the facility for the period ending June 30, 2013, if a capital
16535 improvement approved by the Department of Developmental Services,
16536 in consultation with the Department of Social Services, for the health or
16537 safety of the residents was made to the facility during the fiscal year
16538 ending June 30, 2014, or June 30, 2015, to the extent such rate increases
16539 are within available appropriations. Any facility that would have been
16540 issued a lower rate for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, or the fiscal
16541 year ending June 30, 2015, due to interim rate status or agreement with
16542 the department, shall be issued such lower rate. For the fiscal years
16543 ending June 30, 2016, and June 30, 2017, rates shall not exceed those in
16544 effect for the period ending June 30, 2015, except the rate paid to a
16545 facility may be higher than the rate paid to the facility for the period
16546 ending June 30, 2015, if a capital improvement approved by the
16547 Department of Developmental Services, in consultation with the
16548 Department of Social Services, for the health or safety of the residents
16549 was made to the facility during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, or
16550 June 30, 2017, to the extent such rate increases are within available
16551 appropriations. For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2016, and June 30,
16552 2017, and each succeeding fiscal year, any facility that would have been
16553 issued a lower rate, due to interim rate status, a change in allowable fair
16554 rent or agreement with the department, shall be issued such lower rate.
16555 For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2018, and June 30, 2019, rates shall
16556 not exceed those in effect for the period ending June 30, 2017, except the
16557 rate paid to a facility may be higher than the rate paid to the facility for
16558 the period ending June 30, 2017, if a capital improvement approved by
16559 the Department of Developmental Services, in consultation with the
16560 Department of Social Services, for the health or safety of the residents
16561 was made to the facility during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, or
16562 June 30, 2019, only to the extent such rate increases are within available
16563 appropriations. For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2020, and June 30,
16564 2021, rates shall not exceed those in effect for the fiscal year ending June

16565 30, 2019, except the rate paid to a facility may be higher than the rate
16566 paid to the facility for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, if a capital
16567 improvement approved by the Department of Developmental Services,
16568 in consultation with the Department of Social Services, for the health or
16569 safety of the residents was made to the facility during the fiscal year
16570 ending June 30, 2020, or June 30, 2021, only to the extent such rate
16571 increases are within available appropriations. For the fiscal year ending
16572 June 30, 2022, rates shall not exceed those in effect for the fiscal year
16573 ending June 30, 2021, except the commissioner may, in the
16574 commissioner's discretion and within available appropriations, provide
16575 pro rata fair rent increases to facilities that have documented fair rent
16576 additions placed in service in the cost report year ending September 30,
16577 2020, that are not otherwise included in rates issued. For the fiscal year
16578 ending June 30, 2023, rates shall not exceed those in effect for the fiscal
16579 year ending June 30, 2022, except the commissioner may, in the
16580 commissioner's discretion and within available appropriations, provide
16581 pro rata fair rent increases to facilities which have documented fair rent
16582 additions placed in service in the cost report year ending September 30,
16583 2021, that are not otherwise included in rates issued. For the fiscal years
16584 ending June 30, 2022, and June 30, 2023, a facility may receive a rate
16585 increase for a capital improvement approved by the Department of
16586 Developmental Services, in consultation with the Department of Social
16587 Services, for the health or safety of the residents during the fiscal year
16588 ending June 30, 2022, or June 30, 2023, only to the extent such rate
16589 increases are within available appropriations. Any facility that has a
16590 significant decrease in land and building costs shall receive a reduced
16591 rate to reflect such decrease in land and building costs. For the fiscal
16592 years ending June 30, 2012, June 30, 2013, June 30, 2014, June 30, 2015,
16593 June 30, 2016, June 30, 2017, June 30, 2018, June 30, 2019, June 30, 2020,
16594 [and] June 30, 2021, June 30, 2022, and June 30, 2023, the Commissioner
16595 of Social Services may provide fair rent increases to any facility that has
16596 undergone a material change in circumstances related to fair rent and
16597 has an approved certificate of need pursuant to section 17b-352, 17b-353,
16598 17b-354 or 17b-355. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the

16599 Commissioner of Social Services may, within available appropriations,
16600 increase or decrease rates issued to intermediate care facilities for
16601 individuals with intellectual disabilities to reflect a reduction in
16602 available appropriations as provided in subsection (a) of this section.
16603 For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2014, and June 30, 2015, the
16604 commissioner shall not consider rebasing in determining rates.
16605 Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, effective July 1, 2021,
16606 and July 1, 2022, the commissioner shall, within available
16607 appropriations, increase rates for the purpose of wage and benefit
16608 enhancements for employees of intermediate care facilities. Facilities
16609 that receive a rate adjustment for the purpose of wage and benefit
16610 enhancements but do not provide increases in employee salaries as
16611 described in this subsection on or before July 31, 2021, and July 31, 2022,
16612 respectively, may be subject to a rate decrease in the same amount as the
16613 adjustment by the commissioner.

16614 [(h) (1)] (i) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1993, any residential
16615 care home with an operating cost component of its rate in excess of one
16616 hundred thirty per cent of the median of operating cost components of
16617 rates in effect January 1, 1992, shall not receive an operating cost
16618 component increase. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1993, any
16619 residential care home with an operating cost component of its rate that
16620 is less than one hundred thirty per cent of the median of operating cost
16621 components of rates in effect January 1, 1992, shall have an allowance
16622 for real wage growth equal to sixty-five per cent of the increase
16623 determined in accordance with subsection (q) of section 17-311-52 of the
16624 regulations of Connecticut state agencies, provided such operating cost
16625 component shall not exceed one hundred thirty per cent of the median
16626 of operating cost components in effect January 1, 1992. Beginning with
16627 the fiscal year ending June 30, 1993, for the purpose of determining
16628 allowable fair rent, a residential care home with allowable fair rent less
16629 than the twenty-fifth percentile of the state-wide allowable fair rent shall
16630 be reimbursed as having allowable fair rent equal to the twenty-fifth
16631 percentile of the state-wide allowable fair rent. Beginning with the fiscal

16632 year ending June 30, 1997, a residential care home with allowable fair
16633 rent less than three dollars and ten cents per day shall be reimbursed as
16634 having allowable fair rent equal to three dollars and ten cents per day.
16635 Property additions placed in service during the cost year ending
16636 September 30, 1996, or any succeeding cost year shall receive a fair rent
16637 allowance for such additions as an addition to three dollars and ten
16638 cents per day if the fair rent for the facility for property placed in service
16639 prior to September 30, 1995, is less than or equal to three dollars and ten
16640 cents per day. Beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, a
16641 residential care home shall be reimbursed the greater of the allowable
16642 accumulated fair rent reimbursement associated with real property
16643 additions and land as calculated on a per day basis or three dollars and
16644 ten cents per day if the allowable reimbursement associated with real
16645 property additions and land is less than three dollars and ten cents per
16646 day. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, and any succeeding fiscal
16647 year, the allowance for real wage growth, as determined in accordance
16648 with subsection (q) of section 17-311-52 of the regulations of Connecticut
16649 state agencies, shall not be applied. For the fiscal year ending June 30,
16650 1996, and any succeeding fiscal year, the inflation adjustment made in
16651 accordance with subsection (p) of section 17-311-52 of the regulations of
16652 Connecticut state agencies shall not be applied to real property costs.
16653 Beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997, minimum allowable
16654 patient days for rate computation purposes for a residential care home
16655 with twenty-five beds or less shall be eighty-five per cent of licensed
16656 capacity. Beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002, for the
16657 purposes of determining the allowable salary of an administrator of a
16658 residential care home with sixty beds or less the department shall revise
16659 the allowable base salary to thirty-seven thousand dollars to be annually
16660 inflated thereafter in accordance with section 17-311-52 of the
16661 regulations of Connecticut state agencies. The rates for the fiscal year
16662 ending June 30, 2002, shall be based upon the increased allowable salary
16663 of an administrator, regardless of whether such amount was expended
16664 in the 2000 cost report period upon which the rates are based. Beginning
16665 with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, and until the fiscal year ending

16666 June 30, 2009, inclusive, the inflation adjustment for rates made in
16667 accordance with subsection (p) of section 17-311-52 of the regulations of
16668 Connecticut state agencies shall be increased by two per cent, and
16669 beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002, the inflation
16670 adjustment for rates made in accordance with subsection (c) of said
16671 section shall be increased by one per cent. Beginning with the fiscal year
16672 ending June 30, 1999, for the purpose of determining the allowable
16673 salary of a related party, the department shall revise the maximum
16674 salary to twenty-seven thousand eight hundred fifty-six dollars to be
16675 annually inflated thereafter in accordance with section 17-311-52 of the
16676 regulations of Connecticut state agencies and beginning with the fiscal
16677 year ending June 30, 2001, such allowable salary shall be computed on
16678 an hourly basis and the maximum number of hours allowed for a related
16679 party other than the proprietor shall be increased from forty hours to
16680 forty-eight hours per work week. For the fiscal year ending June 30,
16681 2005, each facility shall receive a rate that is two and one-quarter per
16682 cent more than the rate the facility received in the prior fiscal year,
16683 except any facility that would have been issued a lower rate effective
16684 July 1, 2004, than for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, due to interim
16685 rate status or agreement with the department shall be issued such lower
16686 rate effective July 1, 2004. Effective upon receipt of all the necessary
16687 federal approvals to secure federal financial participation matching
16688 funds associated with the rate increase provided in subdivision (4) of
16689 subsection (f) of this section, but in no event earlier than October 1, 2005,
16690 and provided the user fee imposed under section 17b-320 is required to
16691 be collected, each facility shall receive a rate that is determined in
16692 accordance with applicable law and subject to appropriations, except
16693 any facility that would have been issued a lower rate effective October
16694 1, 2005, than for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, due to interim rate
16695 status or agreement with the department, shall be issued such lower rate
16696 effective October 1, 2005. Such rate increase shall remain in effect unless:
16697 ~~[(A)]~~ (1) The federal financial participation matching funds associated
16698 with the rate increase are no longer available; or ~~[(B)]~~ (2) the user fee
16699 created pursuant to section 17b-320 is not in effect. For the fiscal year

16700 ending June 30, 2007, rates in effect for the period ending June 30, 2006,
16701 shall remain in effect until September 30, 2006, except any facility that
16702 would have been issued a lower rate effective July 1, 2006, than for the
16703 fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, due to interim rate status or agreement
16704 with the department, shall be issued such lower rate effective July 1,
16705 2006. Effective October 1, 2006, no facility shall receive a rate that is more
16706 than four per cent greater than the rate in effect for the facility on
16707 September 30, 2006, except for any facility that would have been issued
16708 a lower rate effective October 1, 2006, due to interim rate status or
16709 agreement with the department, shall be issued such lower rate effective
16710 October 1, 2006. For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2010, and June 30,
16711 2011, rates in effect for the period ending June 30, 2009, shall remain in
16712 effect until June 30, 2011, except any facility that would have been issued
16713 a lower rate for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, or the fiscal year
16714 ending June 30, 2011, due to interim rate status or agreement with the
16715 department, shall be issued such lower rate, except [(i)] (A) any facility
16716 that would have been issued a lower rate for the fiscal year ending June
16717 30, 2010, or the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, due to interim rate status
16718 or agreement with the Commissioner of Social Services shall be issued
16719 such lower rate; and [(ii)] (B) the commissioner may increase a facility's
16720 rate for reasonable costs associated with such facility's compliance with
16721 the provisions of section 19a-495a concerning the administration of
16722 medication by unlicensed personnel. For the fiscal year ending June 30,
16723 2012, rates in effect for the period ending June 30, 2011, shall remain in
16724 effect until June 30, 2012, except that [(I)] (i) any facility that would have
16725 been issued a lower rate for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, due to
16726 interim rate status or agreement with the Commissioner of Social
16727 Services shall be issued such lower rate; and [(II)] (ii) the commissioner
16728 may increase a facility's rate for reasonable costs associated with such
16729 facility's compliance with the provisions of section 19a-495a concerning
16730 the administration of medication by unlicensed personnel. For the fiscal
16731 year ending June 30, 2013, the Commissioner of Social Services may,
16732 within available appropriations, provide a rate increase to a residential
16733 care home. Any facility that would have been issued a lower rate for the

16734 fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, due to interim rate status or agreement
16735 with the Commissioner of Social Services shall be issued such lower
16736 rate. For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2012, and June 30, 2013, the
16737 Commissioner of Social Services may provide fair rent increases to any
16738 facility that has undergone a material change in circumstances related
16739 to fair rent and has an approved certificate of need pursuant to section
16740 17b-352, 17b-353, 17b-354 or 17b-355. For the fiscal years ending June 30,
16741 2014, and June 30, 2015, for those facilities that have a calculated rate
16742 greater than the rate in effect for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, the
16743 commissioner may increase facility rates based upon available
16744 appropriations up to a stop gain as determined by the commissioner.
16745 No facility shall be issued a rate that is lower than the rate in effect on
16746 June 30, 2013, except that any facility that would have been issued a
16747 lower rate for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, or the fiscal year
16748 ending June 30, 2015, due to interim rate status or agreement with the
16749 commissioner, shall be issued such lower rate. For the fiscal year ending
16750 June 30, 2014, and each fiscal year thereafter, a residential care home
16751 shall receive a rate increase for any capital improvement made during
16752 the fiscal year for the health and safety of residents and approved by the
16753 Department of Social Services, provided such rate increase is within
16754 available appropriations. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, and
16755 each succeeding fiscal year thereafter, costs of less than ten thousand
16756 dollars that are incurred by a facility and are associated with any land,
16757 building or nonmovable equipment repair or improvement that are
16758 reported in the cost year used to establish the facility's rate shall not be
16759 capitalized for a period of more than five years for rate-setting purposes.
16760 For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, subject to available
16761 appropriations, the commissioner may, at the commissioner's
16762 discretion: Increase the inflation cost limitation under subsection (c) of
16763 section 17-311-52 of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies,
16764 provided such inflation allowance factor does not exceed a maximum of
16765 five per cent; establish a minimum rate of return applied to real property
16766 of five per cent inclusive of assets placed in service during cost year
16767 2013; waive the standard rate of return under subsection (f) of section

16768 17-311-52 of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies for ownership
16769 changes or health and safety improvements that exceed one hundred
16770 thousand dollars and that are required under a consent order from the
16771 Department of Public Health; and waive the rate of return adjustment
16772 under subsection (f) of section 17-311-52 of the regulations of
16773 Connecticut state agencies to avoid financial hardship. For the fiscal
16774 years ending June 30, 2016, and June 30, 2017, rates shall not exceed
16775 those in effect for the period ending June 30, 2015, except the
16776 commissioner may, in the commissioner's discretion and within
16777 available appropriations, provide pro rata fair rent increases to facilities
16778 which have documented fair rent additions placed in service in cost
16779 report years ending September 30, 2014, and September 30, 2015, that
16780 are not otherwise included in rates issued. For the fiscal years ending
16781 June 30, 2016, and June 30, 2017, and each succeeding fiscal year, any
16782 facility that would have been issued a lower rate, due to interim rate
16783 status, a change in allowable fair rent or agreement with the department,
16784 shall be issued such lower rate. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018,
16785 rates shall not exceed those in effect for the period ending June 30, 2017,
16786 except the commissioner may, in the commissioner's discretion and
16787 within available appropriations, provide pro rata fair rent increases to
16788 facilities which have documented fair rent additions placed in service in
16789 the cost report year ending September 30, 2016, that are not otherwise
16790 included in rates issued. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, rates
16791 shall not exceed those in effect for the period ending June 30, 2018,
16792 except the commissioner may, in the commissioner's discretion and
16793 within available appropriations, provide pro rata fair rent increases to
16794 facilities which have documented fair rent additions placed in service in
16795 the cost report year ending September 30, 2017, that are not otherwise
16796 included in rates issued. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, rates
16797 shall not exceed those in effect for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019,
16798 except the commissioner may, in the commissioner's discretion and
16799 within available appropriations, provide pro rata fair rent increases to
16800 facilities which have documented fair rent additions placed in service in
16801 the cost report year ending September 30, 2018, that are not otherwise

16802 included in rates issued. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, rates
16803 shall not exceed those in effect for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020,
16804 except the commissioner may, in the commissioner's discretion and
16805 within available appropriations, provide pro rata fair rent increases to
16806 facilities which have documented fair rent additions placed in service in
16807 the cost report year ending September 30, 2019, that are not otherwise
16808 included in rates issued. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, the
16809 commissioner may, in the commissioner's discretion and within
16810 available appropriations, provide pro rata fair rent increases to facilities
16811 that have documented fair rent additions placed in service in the cost
16812 report year ending September 30, 2020, that are not otherwise included
16813 in rates issued. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the
16814 commissioner may, in the commissioner's discretion and within
16815 available appropriations, provide pro rata fair rent increases to facilities
16816 which have documented fair rent additions placed in service in the cost
16817 report year ending September 30, 2021, that are not otherwise included
16818 in rates issued. For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2022, and June 30,
16819 2023, a facility may receive a rate increase for a capital improvement
16820 approved by the Department of Social Services, for the health or safety
16821 of the residents during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, or June 30,
16822 2023, only to the extent such rate increases are within available
16823 appropriations.

16824 [(2) The commissioner shall, upon determining that a loan to be
16825 issued to a residential care home by the Connecticut Housing Finance
16826 Authority is reasonable in relation to the useful life and property cost
16827 allowance pursuant to section 17-311-52 of the regulations of
16828 Connecticut state agencies, allow actual debt service, comprised of
16829 principal, interest and a repair and replacement reserve on the loan, in
16830 lieu of allowed property costs whether actual debt service is higher or
16831 lower than such allowed property costs.

16832 (i) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the Commissioner
16833 of Social Services shall establish a fee schedule for payments to be made
16834 to chronic disease hospitals associated with chronic and convalescent

16835 nursing homes to be effective on and after July 1, 1995. The fee schedule
16836 may be adjusted annually beginning July 1, 1997, to reflect necessary
16837 increases in the cost of services.]

16838 (j) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, state rates of
16839 payment for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2018, June 30, 2019, June 30,
16840 2020, and June 30, 2021, for residential care homes and community
16841 living arrangements that receive the flat rate for residential services
16842 under section 17-311-54 of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies
16843 shall be set in accordance with section 298 of public act 19-117.

16844 Sec. 357. (*Effective July 1, 2021*) The Commissioner of Social Services
16845 shall, within the ten million dollars in federal funds allocated to the
16846 Department of Social Services pursuant to section 1 of special act 21-1,
16847 in accordance with the provisions of Subtitle M of Title IX of the
16848 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, P.L. 117-2, as amended from time to
16849 time, provide temporary financial relief to nursing home facilities. Grant
16850 allocations shall be made based on the per cent difference between the
16851 issued and calculated reimbursement rate. The commissioner, within
16852 the available ten million dollars in federal funding allocated to the
16853 department for this purpose, shall issue one-time grants subject to a pro
16854 rata adjustment based on available funding.

16855 Sec. 358. (*Effective July 1, 2021*) The Commissioner of Mental Health
16856 and Addiction Services shall, within federal funds allocated to the
16857 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services pursuant to
16858 section 1 of special act 21-1, in accordance with the provisions of Subtitle
16859 M of Title IX of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, P.L. 117-2, as
16860 amended from time to time, establish grant programs to assist private
16861 providers of services authorized by the department. The commissioner
16862 shall use fifteen million dollars allocated to the department in the fiscal
16863 years ending June 30, 2022, and June 30, 2023, for a grant program to
16864 enhance wages of employees and ten million dollars allocated to the
16865 department in the fiscal years ending June 30, 2022, and June 30, 2023,
16866 for a grant program for facility costs of private providers.

16867 Sec. 359. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
16868 sections 17b-340 and 17b-340d of the general statutes, the Commissioner
16869 of Social Services shall, within available appropriations, increase
16870 nursing home facility rates by four and one-half per cent for each of the
16871 fiscal years ending June 30, 2022, and June 30, 2023, provided such rate
16872 increases in each fiscal year are used for wage enhancements for facility
16873 employees. Facilities that receive a rate adjustment for wage
16874 enhancements for employees but do not provide such enhancements
16875 may be subject to a rate decrease in the same amount as the adjustment
16876 by the commissioner.

16877 Sec. 360. (*Effective from passage*) The sum of fifteen million four
16878 hundred thousand dollars appropriated in section 1 of house bill 6689
16879 of the 2021 regular session, as amended by House Amendment Schedule
16880 "A", to the Department of Social Services, for Medicaid, for the fiscal
16881 year ending June 30, 2023, shall be used for the purpose of adjusting
16882 rates of reimbursement to nursing home facilities that provide enhanced
16883 health care and pension benefits for facility employees. Facilities that
16884 receive a rate adjustment for the purpose of providing enhanced health
16885 care and pension benefits for employees but do not provide such
16886 enhanced benefits may be subject to a rate decrease in the same amount
16887 as the adjustment by the Commissioner of Social Services.

16888 Sec. 361. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
16889 section 17b-340 of the general statutes, for the fiscal years ending June
16890 30, 2022, and June 30, 2023, the Commissioner of Social Services shall
16891 increase the minimum per diem, per bed rate to five hundred one
16892 dollars for a residential facility licensed pursuant to section 17a-227 of
16893 the general statutes and certified to participate in the Title XIX Medicaid
16894 program as an intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual
16895 disability.

16896 Sec. 362. Subsections (i) and (j) of section 17b-342 of the general
16897 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
16898 (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

16899 (i) (1) [On and after July 1, 2015, the] The Commissioner of Social
16900 Services shall, within available appropriations, administer a state-
16901 funded portion of the program for persons (A) who are sixty-five years
16902 of age and older; (B) who are inappropriately institutionalized or at risk
16903 of inappropriate institutionalization; (C) whose income is less than or
16904 equal to the amount allowed under subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of
16905 this section; and (D) whose assets, if single, do not exceed one hundred
16906 fifty per cent of the federal minimum community spouse protected
16907 amount pursuant to 42 USC 1396r-5(f)(2) or, if married, the couple's
16908 assets do not exceed two hundred per cent of said community spouse
16909 protected amount. For program applications received by the
16910 Department of Social Services for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2016,
16911 and June 30, 2017, only persons who require the level of care provided
16912 in a nursing home shall be eligible for the state-funded portion of the
16913 program, except for persons residing in affordable housing under the
16914 assisted living demonstration project established pursuant to section
16915 17b-347e who are otherwise eligible in accordance with this section.

16916 (2) Except for persons residing in affordable housing under the
16917 assisted living demonstration project established pursuant to section
16918 17b-347e, as provided in subdivision (3) of this subsection, any person
16919 whose income is at or below two hundred per cent of the federal poverty
16920 level and who is ineligible for Medicaid shall contribute [nine] four and
16921 one-half per cent of the cost of his or her care. Any person whose income
16922 exceeds two hundred per cent of the federal poverty level shall
16923 contribute [nine] four and one-half per cent of the cost of his or her care
16924 in addition to the amount of applied income determined in accordance
16925 with the methodology established by the Department of Social Services
16926 for recipients of medical assistance. Any person who does not contribute
16927 to the cost of care in accordance with this subdivision shall be ineligible
16928 to receive services under this subsection. Notwithstanding any
16929 provision of sections 17b-60 and 17b-61, the department shall not be
16930 required to provide an administrative hearing to a person found
16931 ineligible for services under this subsection because of a failure to

16932 contribute to the cost of care.

16933 (3) Any person who resides in affordable housing under the assisted
16934 living demonstration project established pursuant to section 17b-347e
16935 and whose income is at or below two hundred per cent of the federal
16936 poverty level, shall not be required to contribute to the cost of care. Any
16937 person who resides in affordable housing under the assisted living
16938 demonstration project established pursuant to section 17b-347e and
16939 whose income exceeds two hundred per cent of the federal poverty
16940 level, shall contribute to the applied income amount determined in
16941 accordance with the methodology established by the Department of
16942 Social Services for recipients of medical assistance. Any person whose
16943 income exceeds two hundred per cent of the federal poverty level and
16944 who does not contribute to the cost of care in accordance with this
16945 subdivision shall be ineligible to receive services under this subsection.
16946 Notwithstanding any provision of sections 17b-60 and 17b-61, the
16947 department shall not be required to provide an administrative hearing
16948 to a person found ineligible for services under this subsection because
16949 of a failure to contribute to the cost of care.

16950 (4) The annualized cost of services provided to an individual under
16951 the state-funded portion of the program shall not exceed fifty per cent
16952 of the weighted average cost of care in nursing homes in the state, except
16953 an individual who received services costing in excess of such amount
16954 under the Department of Social Services in the fiscal year ending June
16955 30, 1992, may continue to receive such services, provided the annualized
16956 cost of such services does not exceed eighty per cent of the weighted
16957 average cost of such nursing home care. The commissioner may allow
16958 the cost of services provided to an individual to exceed the maximum
16959 cost established pursuant to this subdivision in a case of extreme
16960 hardship, as determined by the commissioner, provided in no case shall
16961 such cost exceed that of the weighted cost of such nursing home care.

16962 (j) The Commissioner of Social Services shall collect data on services
16963 provided under the program, including, but not limited to, the: (1)

16964 Number of participants before and after copayments are reduced
16965 pursuant to subsection (i) of this section, (2) average hours of care
16966 provided under the program per participant, and (3) estimated cost
16967 savings to the state by providing home care to participants who may
16968 otherwise receive care in a nursing home facility. The commissioner
16969 shall, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, report on the
16970 results of the data collection to the joint standing committees of the
16971 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to aging,
16972 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies and human services
16973 not later than July 1, 2022. The commissioner may implement revised
16974 criteria for the operation of the program while in the process of adopting
16975 such criteria in regulation form, provided the commissioner [prints]
16976 publishes notice of intention to adopt the regulations in [the Connecticut
16977 Law Journal within twenty days of implementing the policy] accordance
16978 with section 17b-10. Such criteria shall be valid until the time final
16979 regulations are effective.

16980 Sec. 363. Section 17b-112 of the general statutes is repealed and the
16981 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective November 1, 2021*):

16982 (a) The Department of Social Services shall administer a temporary
16983 family assistance program under which cash assistance shall be
16984 provided to eligible families in accordance with the temporary
16985 assistance for needy families program, established pursuant to the
16986 Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of
16987 1996. The Commissioner of Social Services may operate portions of the
16988 temporary family assistance program as a solely state-funded program,
16989 separate from the federal temporary assistance for needy families
16990 program, if the commissioner determines that doing so will enable the
16991 state to avoid fiscal penalties under the temporary assistance for needy
16992 families program. Families receiving assistance under the solely state-
16993 funded portion of the temporary family assistance program shall be
16994 subject to the same conditions of eligibility as those receiving assistance
16995 under the federal temporary assistance for needy families program.
16996 Under the temporary family assistance program, benefits shall be

16997 provided to a family for not longer than twenty-one months, except as
16998 provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section. For the purpose of
16999 calculating said twenty-one-month time limit, months of assistance
17000 received on and after January 1, 1996, pursuant to time limits under the
17001 aid to families with dependent children program, shall be included. For
17002 purposes of this section, "family" means one or more individuals who
17003 apply for or receive assistance together under the temporary family
17004 assistance program. If the commissioner determines that federal law
17005 allows individuals not otherwise in an eligible covered group for the
17006 temporary family assistance program to become covered, such family
17007 may also, at the discretion of the commissioner, be composed of (1) a
17008 pregnant woman, or (2) a parent, both parents or other caretaker relative
17009 and at least one child who is under the age of eighteen, or who is under
17010 the age of nineteen and a full-time student in a secondary school or its
17011 equivalent. A caretaker relative shall be related to the child or children
17012 by blood, marriage or adoption or shall be the legal guardian of such a
17013 child or pursuing legal proceedings necessary to achieve guardianship.
17014 If the commissioner elects to allow state eligibility consistent with any
17015 change in federal law, the commissioner may administratively transfer
17016 any qualifying family cases under the cash assistance portion of the
17017 state-administered general assistance program to the temporary family
17018 assistance program without regard to usual eligibility and enrollment
17019 procedures. If such families become an ineligible coverage group under
17020 the federal law, the commissioner shall administratively transfer such
17021 families back to the cash assistance portion of the state-administered
17022 general assistance program without regard to usual eligibility and
17023 enrollment procedures to the degree that such families are eligible for
17024 the state program.

17025 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services shall exempt a family from
17026 such time-limited benefits for circumstances including, but not limited
17027 to: (1) A family with a needy caretaker relative who is incapacitated or
17028 of an advanced age, as defined by the commissioner, if there is no other
17029 nonexempt caretaker relative in the household; (2) a family with a needy

17030 caretaker relative who is needed in the home because of the incapacity
17031 of another member of the household, if there is no other nonexempt
17032 caretaker relative in the household; (3) a family with a caretaker relative
17033 who is not legally responsible for the dependent children in the
17034 household if such relative's needs are not considered in calculating the
17035 amount of the benefit and there is no other nonexempt caretaker relative
17036 in the household; (4) a family with a caretaker relative caring for a child
17037 who is under one year of age [and who was born not more than ten
17038 months after the family's enrollment] if there is no other nonexempt
17039 caretaker relative in the household; (5) a family with a pregnant or
17040 postpartum caretaker relative if a physician has indicated that such
17041 relative is unable to work and there is no other nonexempt caretaker
17042 relative in the household; (6) a family with a caretaker relative
17043 determined by the commissioner to be unemployable and there is no
17044 other nonexempt caretaker relative in the household; and (7) minor
17045 parents attending and satisfactorily completing high school or high
17046 school equivalency programs.

17047 (c) A family who is subject to time-limited benefits may petition the
17048 Commissioner of Social Services for six-month extensions of such
17049 benefits. The commissioner shall grant not more than two extensions to
17050 such family who has made a good faith effort to comply with the
17051 requirements of the program and despite such effort has a total family
17052 income at a level below the payment standard, or has encountered
17053 circumstances preventing employment including, but not limited to: (1)
17054 Domestic violence or physical harm to such family's children; or (2)
17055 other circumstances beyond such family's control. The commissioner
17056 shall disregard ninety dollars of earned income in determining
17057 applicable family income. The commissioner may grant a subsequent
17058 six-month extension if each adult in the family meets one or more of the
17059 following criteria: (A) The adult is precluded from engaging in
17060 employment activities due to domestic violence or another reason
17061 beyond the adult's control; (B) the adult has two or more substantiated
17062 barriers to employment including, but not limited to, the lack of

17063 available child care, substance abuse or addiction, severe mental or
17064 physical health problems, one or more severe learning disabilities,
17065 domestic violence or a child who has a serious physical or behavioral
17066 health problem; (C) the adult is working thirty-five or more hours per
17067 week, is earning at least the minimum wage and continues to earn less
17068 than the family's temporary family assistance payment standard; or (D)
17069 the adult is employed and works less than thirty-five hours per week
17070 due to (i) a documented medical impairment that limits the adult's
17071 hours of employment, provided the adult works the maximum number
17072 of hours that the medical condition permits, or (ii) the need to care for a
17073 disabled member of the adult's household, provided the adult works the
17074 maximum number of hours the adult's caregiving responsibilities
17075 permit. Families receiving temporary family assistance shall be notified
17076 by the department of the right to petition for such extensions.
17077 Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the commissioner shall
17078 not provide benefits under the state's temporary family assistance
17079 program to a family that is subject to the twenty-one month benefit limit
17080 and has received benefits beginning on or after October 1, 1996, if such
17081 benefits result in that family's receiving more than sixty months of time-
17082 limited benefits unless that family experiences domestic violence, as
17083 defined in Section 402(a)(7)(B), P.L. 104-193. For the purpose of
17084 calculating said sixty-month limit: (I) A month shall count toward the
17085 limit if the family receives assistance for any day of the month, provided
17086 any months of temporary family assistance received during the public
17087 health emergency declared by Governor Ned Lamont related to the
17088 COVID-19 pandemic shall not be included, and (II) a month in which a
17089 family receives temporary assistance for needy families benefits that are
17090 issued from a jurisdiction other than Connecticut shall count toward the
17091 limit.

17092 (d) Under said program, ~~[(1)]~~ no family shall be eligible that has total
17093 gross earnings exceeding the federal poverty level, however, in the
17094 calculation of the benefit amount for eligible families and previously
17095 eligible families that become ineligible temporarily because of receipt of

17096 workers' compensation benefits by a family member who subsequently
17097 returns to work immediately after the period of receipt of such benefits,
17098 earned income shall be disregarded up to the federal poverty level; [
17099 and (2) the increase in benefits to a family in which an infant is born after
17100 the initial ten months of participation in the program shall be limited to
17101 an amount equal to fifty per cent of the average incremental difference
17102 between the amounts paid per each family size.] Except when
17103 determining eligibility for a six-month extension of benefits pursuant to
17104 subsection (c) of this section, the commissioner shall disregard the first
17105 fifty dollars per month of income attributable to current child support
17106 that a family receives in determining eligibility and benefit levels for
17107 temporary family assistance. Any current child support in excess of fifty
17108 dollars per month collected by the department on behalf of an eligible
17109 child shall be considered in determining eligibility but shall not be
17110 considered when calculating benefits and shall be taken as
17111 reimbursement for assistance paid under this section, except that when
17112 the current child support collected exceeds the family's monthly award
17113 of temporary family assistance benefits plus fifty dollars, the current
17114 child support shall be paid to the family and shall be considered when
17115 calculating benefits.

17116 (e) A family receiving assistance under said program shall cooperate
17117 with child support enforcement, under title IV-D of the Social Security
17118 Act. A family shall be ineligible for benefits for failure to cooperate with
17119 child support enforcement.

17120 (f) A family leaving assistance at the end of (1) said twenty-one-
17121 month time limit, including a family with income above the payment
17122 standard, or (2) the sixty-month limit shall have an interview for the
17123 purpose of being informed of services that may continue to be available
17124 to such family, including employment services available through the
17125 Labor Department. [Said] Such interview shall [contain] include (A) a
17126 determination of benefits available to [said] the family provided by the
17127 Department of Social Services; [. Said interview shall also include] and
17128 (B) a determination of whether such family is eligible for supplemental

17129 nutrition assistance or Medicaid. Information and referrals shall be
17130 made to such a family for services and benefits including, but not
17131 limited to, the earned income tax credit, rental subsidies emergency
17132 housing, employment services and energy assistance.

17133 (g) Notwithstanding section 17b-104, commencing on July 1, 2023, the
17134 Commissioner of Social Services shall provide an annual cost-of-living
17135 adjustment in temporary family assistance benefits equal to the most
17136 recent percentage increase in the consumer price index for urban
17137 consumers whenever funds appropriated for temporary family
17138 assistance lapse at the close of any fiscal year and such adjustment has
17139 not otherwise been included in the budget for the assistance program,
17140 provided the increase would not create a budget deficiency in
17141 succeeding years. The commissioner shall provide a prorated benefit
17142 increase from such available lapsed funds in any fiscal year when such
17143 funds are not sufficient to cover a cost-of-living adjustment in
17144 accordance with this subsection.

17145 ~~[(g)]~~ (h) An applicant or recipient of temporary family assistance who
17146 is adversely affected by a decision of the Commissioner of Social
17147 Services may request and shall be provided a hearing in accordance
17148 with section 17b-60.

17149 Sec. 364. Subsection (a) of section 17b-104 of the general statutes is
17150 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
17151 *2021*):

17152 (a) The Commissioner of Social Services shall administer the program
17153 of state supplementation to the Supplemental Security Income Program
17154 provided for by the Social Security Act and state law. The commissioner
17155 may delegate any powers and authority to any deputy, assistant,
17156 investigator or supervisor, who shall have, within the scope of the
17157 power and authority so delegated, all of the power and authority of the
17158 Commissioner of Social Services. The commissioner shall establish a
17159 standard of need based on the cost of living in this state for the

17160 temporary family assistance program and the state-administered
17161 general assistance program. The commissioner shall make a
17162 reinvestigation, at least every twelve months, of all cases receiving aid
17163 from the state, except that such reinvestigation may be conducted every
17164 twenty-four months for recipients of assistance to the elderly or disabled
17165 with stable circumstances, and shall maintain all case records of the
17166 several programs administered by the Department of Social Services so
17167 that such records show, at all times, full information with respect to
17168 eligibility of the applicant or recipient. In the determination of need
17169 under any public assistance program, such income or earnings shall be
17170 disregarded as federal law requires, and such income or earnings may
17171 be disregarded as federal law permits. In determining eligibility, the
17172 commissioner shall disregard from income (1) Aid and Attendance
17173 pension benefits granted to a veteran, as defined under section 27-103,
17174 or the surviving spouse of such veteran, and (2) any tax refund or
17175 advance payment with respect to a refundable credit to the same extent
17176 such refund or advance payment would be disregarded under 26 USC
17177 6409 in any federal program or state or local program financed in whole
17178 or in part with federal funds. The commissioner shall encourage and
17179 promulgate such incentive earning programs as are permitted by
17180 federal law and regulations.

17181 Sec. 365. Subsection (c) of section 17b-191 of the general statutes is
17182 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
17183 *2021*):

17184 (c) To be eligible for cash assistance under the program, a person shall
17185 (1) be (A) eighteen years of age or older; (B) a minor found by a court to
17186 be emancipated pursuant to section 46b-150; or (C) under eighteen years
17187 of age and the commissioner determines good cause for such person's
17188 eligibility, and (2) not have assets exceeding two hundred fifty dollars
17189 or, if such person is married, such person and his or her spouse shall not
17190 have assets exceeding five hundred dollars. In determining eligibility,
17191 the commissioner shall not consider as income (A) Aid and Attendance
17192 pension benefits granted to a veteran, as defined in section 27-103, or the

17193 surviving spouse of such veteran; and (B) any tax refund or advance
17194 payment with respect to a refundable credit to the same extent such
17195 refund or advance payment would be disregarded under 26 USC 6409
17196 in any federal program or state or local program financed in whole or in
17197 part with federal funds. No person who is a substance abuser and
17198 refuses or fails to enter available, appropriate treatment shall be eligible
17199 for cash assistance under the program until such person enters
17200 treatment. No person whose benefits from the temporary family
17201 assistance program have terminated as a result of time-limited benefits
17202 or for failure to comply with a program requirement shall be eligible for
17203 cash assistance under the program.

17204 Sec. 366. Subsection (l) of section 17b-342 of the general statutes is
17205 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
17206 *2021*):

17207 (l) In determining eligibility for the program described in this section,
17208 the commissioner shall not consider as income (1) Aid and Attendance
17209 pension benefits granted to a veteran, as defined in section 27-103, or the
17210 surviving spouse of such veteran, and (2) any tax refund or advance
17211 payment with respect to a refundable credit to the same extent such
17212 refund or advance payment would be disregarded under 26 USC 6409
17213 in any federal program or state or local program financed in whole or in
17214 part with federal funds.

17215 Sec. 367. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than October 1, 2021, the
17216 Commissioner of Social Services shall amend the Medicaid state plan to
17217 include services provided by acupuncturists licensed pursuant to
17218 section 20-206bb of the general statutes and chiropractors licensed
17219 pursuant to section 20-27 of the general statutes as optional services
17220 under the Medicaid program.

17221 Sec. 368. Section 17b-280c of the general statutes is repealed and the
17222 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

17223 (a) For purposes of this section: (1) "Methadone maintenance" means

17224 a chemical maintenance program under which an addiction to one drug,
17225 including, but not limited to, heroin, is treated with the drug methadone
17226 in a weekly program that includes on and off-site methadone
17227 administration, drug testing and counseling; and (2) "chemical
17228 maintenance provider" means a provider certified and licensed by the
17229 federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
17230 and the state Department of Public Health who meets all federal and
17231 state requirements, including, but not limited to, requirements specific
17232 to the provision of chemical maintenance services.

17233 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services shall amend the Medicaid
17234 state plan to provide a minimum weekly reimbursement rate of eighty-
17235 eight dollars and fifty-two cents to a chemical maintenance provider for
17236 methadone maintenance treatment of a Medicaid beneficiary, provided
17237 no such provider receiving a higher rate shall have such rate reduced to
17238 the minimum as a result of the implementation of a new minimum
17239 reimbursement rate.

17240 [(c) Notwithstanding subsection (b) of this section, on or after July 1,
17241 2020, any reimbursement to a chemical maintenance provider for
17242 methadone maintenance treatment shall be contingent upon meeting
17243 certain performance measures as determined by the commissioner. Such
17244 performance measures shall be developed in consultation with the
17245 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and chemical
17246 maintenance providers. Initial performance measures shall be
17247 developed by September 30, 2019, including the means by which such
17248 measures shall be evaluated. The initial evaluation period shall be based
17249 on the claims data for the quarter ending March 31, 2020. The
17250 performance measures and thresholds may be adjusted after the initial
17251 evaluation period. Failure to meet department-identified standards on
17252 performance measures shall result in a rate reduction of (1) up to five
17253 per cent for the quarters ending September 30, 2020, and December 31,
17254 2020, and (2) up to ten per cent beginning January 1, 2021. No provider
17255 shall receive a rate decrease under this subsection that is more than a ten
17256 per cent decrease annually.]

17257 [(d)] (c) The Commissioner of Social Services, pursuant to section 17b-
17258 10, may implement policies and procedures to administer the provisions
17259 of this section while in the process of adopting such policies and
17260 procedures in regulation form, provided the commissioner [prints]
17261 posts notice of the intent to adopt the regulations on the department's
17262 Internet web site and the eRegulations System not later than twenty
17263 days after the date of implementation. Such policies and procedures
17264 shall be valid until the time final regulations are adopted.

17265 Sec. 369. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Social Services
17266 shall adjust rates of reimbursement under the Medicaid program so that
17267 (1) a nurse-midwife licensed pursuant to chapter 377 of the general
17268 statutes receives the same rate as an obstetrician-gynecologist licensed
17269 pursuant to chapter 370 of the general statutes for performing the same
17270 medical service or procedure, and (2) a podiatrist licensed pursuant to
17271 chapter 375 of the general statutes receives the same rate as a physician
17272 licensed pursuant to chapter 370 of the general statutes for performing
17273 the same medical service or procedure. The commissioner shall seek
17274 federal approval to amend the Medicaid state plan, if necessary, to
17275 adjust rates of reimbursement in accordance with this section.

17276 Sec. 370. Section 17b-265 of the general statutes is repealed and the
17277 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

17278 (a) In accordance with 42 USC 1396k, the Department of Social
17279 Services shall be subrogated to any right of recovery or indemnification
17280 that an applicant or recipient of medical assistance or any legally liable
17281 relative of such applicant or recipient has against an insurer or other
17282 legally liable third party including, but not limited to, a self-insured
17283 plan, group health plan, as defined in Section 607(1) of the Employee
17284 Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, service benefit plan, managed
17285 care organization, health care center, pharmacy benefit manager, dental
17286 benefit manager, third-party administrator or other party that is, by
17287 statute, contract or agreement, legally responsible for payment of a
17288 claim for a health care item or service, for the cost of all health care items

17289 or services furnished to the applicant or recipient, including, but not
17290 limited to, hospitalization, pharmaceutical services, physician services,
17291 nursing services, behavioral health services, long-term care services and
17292 other medical services, not to exceed the amount expended by the
17293 department for such care and treatment of the applicant or recipient. In
17294 the case of such a recipient who is an enrollee in a care management
17295 organization under a Medicaid care management contract with the state
17296 or a legally liable relative of such an enrollee, the department shall be
17297 subrogated to any right of recovery or indemnification which the
17298 enrollee or legally liable relative has against such a private insurer or
17299 other third party for the medical costs incurred by the care management
17300 organization on behalf of an enrollee.

17301 (b) An applicant or recipient or legally liable relative, by the act of the
17302 applicant's or recipient's receiving medical assistance, shall be deemed
17303 to have made a subrogation assignment and an assignment of claim for
17304 benefits to the department. The department shall inform an applicant of
17305 such assignments at the time of application. Any entitlements from a
17306 contractual agreement with an applicant or recipient, legally liable
17307 relative or a state or federal program for such medical services, not to
17308 exceed the amount expended by the department, shall be so assigned.
17309 Such entitlements shall be directly reimbursable to the department by
17310 third party payors. The Department of Social Services may assign its
17311 right to subrogation or its entitlement to benefits to a designee or a
17312 health care provider participating in the Medicaid program and
17313 providing services to an applicant or recipient, in order to assist the
17314 provider in obtaining payment for such services. In accordance with
17315 subsection (b) of section 38a-472, a provider that has received an
17316 assignment from the department shall notify the recipient's health
17317 insurer or other legally liable third party including, but not limited to, a
17318 self-insured plan, group health plan, as defined in Section 607(1) of the
17319 Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, service benefit plan,
17320 managed care organization, health care center, pharmacy benefit
17321 manager, dental benefit manager, third-party administrator or other

17322 party that is, by statute, contract or agreement, legally responsible for
17323 payment of a claim for a health care item or service, of the assignment
17324 upon rendition of services to the applicant or recipient. Failure to so
17325 notify the health insurer or other legally liable third party shall render
17326 the provider ineligible for payment from the department. The provider
17327 shall notify the department of any request by the applicant or recipient
17328 or legally liable relative or representative of such applicant or recipient
17329 for billing information. This subsection shall not be construed to affect
17330 the right of an applicant or recipient to maintain an independent cause
17331 of action against such third party tortfeasor.

17332 (c) Claims for recovery or indemnification submitted by the
17333 department, or the department's designee, shall not be denied solely on
17334 the basis of the date of the submission of the claim, the type or format of
17335 the claim, the lack of prior authorization or the failure to present proper
17336 documentation at the point-of-service that is the basis of the claim, if (1)
17337 the claim is submitted by the state within the three-year period
17338 beginning on the date on which the item or service was furnished; and
17339 (2) any action by the state to enforce its rights with respect to such claim
17340 is commenced within six years of the state's submission of the claim.

17341 (d) When a recipient of medical assistance has personal health
17342 insurance in force covering care or other benefits provided under such
17343 program, payment or part-payment of the premium for such insurance
17344 may be made when deemed appropriate by the Commissioner of Social
17345 Services. [Effective January 1, 1992, the] The commissioner shall limit
17346 reimbursement to medical assistance providers for coinsurance and
17347 deductible payments under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act to
17348 assure that the combined Medicare and Medicaid payment to the
17349 provider shall not exceed the maximum allowable under the Medicaid
17350 program fee schedules.

17351 (e) No self-insured plan, group health plan, as defined in Section
17352 607(1) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, service
17353 benefit plan, managed care plan, or any plan offered or administered by

17354 a health care center, pharmacy benefit manager, dental benefit manager,
17355 third-party administrator or other party that is, by statute, contract or
17356 agreement, legally responsible for payment of a claim for a health care
17357 item or service, shall contain any provision that has the effect of denying
17358 or limiting enrollment benefits or excluding coverage because services
17359 are rendered to an insured or beneficiary who is eligible for or who
17360 received medical assistance under this chapter. No insurer, as defined
17361 in section 38a-497a, shall impose requirements on the state Medicaid
17362 agency, which has been assigned the rights of an individual eligible for
17363 Medicaid and covered for health benefits from an insurer, that differ
17364 from requirements applicable to an agent or assignee of another
17365 individual so covered.

17366 (f) The Commissioner of Social Services shall not pay for any services
17367 provided under this chapter if the individual eligible for medical
17368 assistance has coverage for the services under an accident or health
17369 insurance policy.

17370 (g) An insurer or other legally liable third party, upon receipt of a
17371 claim submitted by the department or the department's designee, in
17372 accordance with the requirements of subsection (c) of this section, for
17373 payment of a health care item or service covered under a state medical
17374 assistance program administered by the department, shall, not later
17375 than ninety days after receipt of the claim or not later than ninety days
17376 after the effective date of this section, whichever is later, (1) make
17377 payment on the claim, (2) request information necessary to determine
17378 its legal obligation to pay the claim, or (3) issue a written reason for
17379 denial of the claim. Failure to pay, request information necessary to
17380 determine legal obligation to pay or issue a written reason for denial of
17381 a claim not later than one hundred twenty days after receipt of the claim,
17382 or not later than one hundred twenty days after the effective date of this
17383 section, whichever is later, creates an uncontestable obligation to pay
17384 the claim. The provisions of this subsection shall apply to all claims,
17385 including claims submitted by the department or the department's
17386 designee prior to July 1, 2021.

17387 (h) On and after July 1, 2021, an insurer or other legally liable third
17388 party who has reimbursed the department for a health care item or
17389 service paid for and covered under a state medical assistance program
17390 administered by the department shall, upon determining it is not liable
17391 and at risk for cost of the health care item or service, request any refund
17392 from the department not later than twelve months from the date of its
17393 reimbursement to the department.

17394 Sec. 371. Section 17b-277 of the general statutes is amended by adding
17395 subsection (d) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

17396 (NEW) (d) On or after April 1, 2022, the commissioner shall extend
17397 Medicaid coverage for postpartum care for twelve months after birth to
17398 a woman otherwise eligible for Medicaid, to the extent permissible
17399 under federal law. The commissioner shall amend the Medicaid state
17400 plan in accordance with the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to
17401 provide federal reimbursement to the state for extending postpartum
17402 care and shall implement the extension of Medicaid coverage for such
17403 care following federal approval. The commissioner shall take any other
17404 action necessary under federal law to maintain federal reimbursement
17405 for such postpartum coverage.

17406 Sec. 372. Subsection (d) of section 17b-292 of the general statutes is
17407 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
17408 *passage*):

17409 (d) On or after April 1, 2022, the commissioner shall extend medical
17410 assistance for postpartum care for twelve months after birth to a HUSKY
17411 B beneficiary, to the extent permissible under federal law. The
17412 commissioner shall amend the state plan for the Children's Health
17413 Insurance Program in accordance with the American Rescue Plan Act of
17414 2021 to provide federal reimbursement to the state for such postpartum
17415 care extension and shall extend such coverage following federal
17416 approval. The commissioner shall take any other action necessary under
17417 federal law to maintain federal reimbursement for such postpartum

17418 coverage. A newborn child who otherwise meets the eligibility criteria
17419 for HUSKY B shall be eligible for benefits retroactive to his or her date
17420 of birth, provided an application is filed on behalf of the child not later
17421 than thirty days after such date. Any uninsured child born in a hospital
17422 in this state or in a border state hospital shall be enrolled on an expedited
17423 basis in HUSKY B, provided (1) the parent or caretaker relative of such
17424 child resides in this state, and (2) the parent or caretaker relative of such
17425 child authorizes enrollment in the program. The commissioner shall pay
17426 any premium cost such household would otherwise incur for the first
17427 four months of coverage.

17428 Sec. 373. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section, (1)
17429 "COVID-19" means the respiratory disease designated by the World
17430 Health Organization on February 11, 2020, as coronavirus 2019, and any
17431 related mutation thereof recognized by said organization as a
17432 communicable respiratory disease, (2) "loan forgiveness" means
17433 forgiveness of any paycheck protection program loan, in whole or in
17434 part, provided under the CARES Act, P.L. 116-136, or the Paycheck
17435 Program Flexibility Act of 2020, P.L. 116-142, and (3) "paycheck
17436 protection program loan" means a loan offered to a business or
17437 nonprofit organization during the COVID-19 pandemic under the
17438 CARES Act.

17439 (b) No state agency contracting with a nonprofit provider of human
17440 services may attempt to recover or otherwise offset funds obtained or
17441 retained by such nonprofit provider through loan forgiveness. For
17442 purposes of this subsection "attempt to recover or otherwise offset"
17443 means reductions in contracted amounts for the same or similar services
17444 from the contract period before such loan forgiveness to the next
17445 contract period or demands for reimbursement of state funds from such
17446 providers in the amount of any loan forgiveness.

17447 Sec. 374. (*Effective July 1, 2021*) The sum of four million six hundred
17448 twenty-five thousand dollars appropriated in section 1 of house bill 6689
17449 of the 2021 regular session, as amended by House Amendment Schedule

17450 "A", to the Department of Social Services, for Medicaid, and the sum of
17451 three hundred seventy-five thousand dollars appropriated in section 1
17452 of house bill 6689 of the 2021 regular session, as amended by House
17453 Amendment Schedule "A", to the Department of Social Services, for the
17454 Connecticut Home Care Program for the Elderly, for the fiscal years
17455 ending June 30, 2022, and June 30, 2023, shall be used for the purpose of
17456 funding an increase in (1) the Medicaid reimbursement rate for certain
17457 Medicaid-funded home and community-based waiver program services
17458 and home health care and (2) the reimbursement rate for the state-
17459 funded portion of the Connecticut Home Care Program for the Elderly.
17460 The following shall receive such rate increase: (A) Pediatric skilled
17461 nursing services in home health programs, (B) the Money Follows the
17462 Person Program, (C) autism home and community-based waiver
17463 services, (D) mental health home and community-based waiver
17464 services, (E) personal care assistant services in home and community-
17465 based waiver programs, (F) acquired brain injury waiver services, and
17466 (G) Connecticut home care program waiver services.

17467 Sec. 375. Subsection (c) of section 4-216 of the general statutes is
17468 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
17469 *2021*):

17470 (c) The secretary shall establish [a pilot] an incentive program for
17471 nonprofit providers of human services that shall (1) allow providers
17472 who otherwise meet contractual requirements to retain [a percentage of]
17473 any savings realized by the providers from the contracted cost for
17474 services, and (2) provide that future contracted amounts from the state
17475 for the same types of services are not reduced solely to reflect savings
17476 achieved in previous contracts by such providers. [The pilot incentive
17477 program shall include eight nonprofit providers of human services with
17478 state contracts of the following amounts: (A) Two with contracts of at
17479 least fifty million dollars, (B) two with contracts of at least twenty
17480 million dollars but less than fifty million dollars, (C) two with contracts
17481 of at least five million dollars but less than twenty million dollars, and
17482 (D) two with contracts of less than five million dollars.] For purposes of

17483 this subsection, "nonprofit providers of human services" includes, but is
17484 not limited to, nonprofit providers of services to persons with
17485 intellectual, physical or mental disabilities or autism spectrum disorder.
17486 Any nonprofit provider of human services allowed to retain savings
17487 under the incentive program shall submit a report to the secretary on
17488 how excess funds were reinvested to strengthen quality, invest in
17489 deferred maintenance and make asset improvements.

17490 Sec. 376. (*Effective from passage*) Effective July 1, 2021, the
17491 Commissioner of Social Services shall increase the Medicaid (1)
17492 emergency and nonemergency ambulance service rates, excluding the
17493 mileage reimbursement rate, by ten per cent, and (2) ambulance mileage
17494 rate for all emergency and nonemergency transports by three dollars.

17495 Sec. 377. (*Effective July 1, 2021*) The Secretary of the Office of Policy
17496 and Management shall allocate available funds for the fiscal years
17497 ending June 30, 2022, and June 30, 2023, to increase rates to state-
17498 contracted providers for the purpose of wage enhancements and related
17499 Federal Insurance Contributions Act, workers compensation, and
17500 unemployment insurance expenses for employees who provide services
17501 to individuals with intellectual disability authorized to receive supports
17502 and services through the Department of Developmental Services.
17503 Providers that receive a rate adjustment for the purpose of wage
17504 enhancements but do not provide increases in employee salaries as
17505 described in this section on or before July 31, 2021, and July 31, 2022,
17506 respectively, may be subject to a rate decrease in the same amount as the
17507 adjustment by the Commissioner of Developmental Services. In
17508 addition, the commissioner shall, within available resources and at the
17509 commissioner's discretion, make funds available to support enhanced
17510 benefits. Nothing in this section shall require the commissioner to
17511 distribute funding in a way that jeopardizes anticipated federal
17512 reimbursement.

17513 Sec. 378. (*Effective July 1, 2021*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
17514 section 17b-239 of the general statutes, the Commissioner of Social

17515 Services, within available appropriations, shall increase the per diem
17516 rate for chronic disease hospitals by four per cent.

17517 Sec. 379. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
17518 section 17b-239 of the general statutes, for the fiscal year beginning July
17519 1, 2021, the Commissioner of Social Services shall provide an inpatient,
17520 per diem Medicaid payment rate of not less than nine hundred seventy-
17521 five dollars for Natchaug Hospital.

17522 Sec. 380. Section 4 of house bill 6687 of the 2021 regular session, as
17523 amended by House Amendment Schedule "A", is repealed and the
17524 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

17525 As used in this section, "unborn child option" means a state option
17526 available under the Children's Health Insurance Program pursuant to
17527 Title XXI of the Social Security Act, as amended from time to time, that
17528 allows states to consider an unborn child a low-income child eligible for
17529 coverage of prenatal care if other conditions of eligibility under the
17530 Children's Health Insurance Program are met. Not later than April 1,
17531 2022, the Commissioner of Social Services shall provide medical
17532 assistance for prenatal care through the unborn child option under the
17533 medical assistance program established pursuant to section 17b-292 of
17534 the general statutes. The commissioner shall amend the state plan for
17535 the Children's Health Insurance Program to provide such medical
17536 assistance to needy pregnant women whose families have an income not
17537 exceeding two hundred fifty-eight per cent of the federal poverty level.

17538 Sec. 381. Subsection (a) of section 19a-507 of the general statutes is
17539 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
17540 *2021*):

17541 (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 368z, New Horizons,
17542 Inc., a nonprofit, nonsectarian organization, or a subsidiary
17543 organization controlled by New Horizons, Inc., is authorized to
17544 construct and operate an independent living facility for severely
17545 physically disabled adults, in the town of Farmington, provided such

17546 facility shall be constructed in accordance with applicable building
17547 codes. The Farmington Housing Authority, or any issuer acting on
17548 behalf of said authority, subject to the provisions of this section, may
17549 issue tax-exempt revenue bonds on a competitive or negotiated basis for
17550 the purpose of providing construction and permanent mortgage
17551 financing for the facility in accordance with Section 103 of the Internal
17552 Revenue Code. Prior to the issuance of such bonds, plans for the
17553 construction of the facility shall be submitted to and approved by the
17554 Health Systems Planning Unit of the Office of Health Strategy. The unit
17555 shall approve or disapprove such plans within thirty days of receipt
17556 thereof. If the plans are disapproved they may be resubmitted. Failure
17557 of the unit to act on the plans within such thirty-day period shall be
17558 deemed approval thereof. The payments to residents of the facility who
17559 are eligible for assistance under the state supplement program for room
17560 and board and necessary services, shall be determined annually to be
17561 effective July first of each year. Such payments shall be determined on a
17562 basis of a reasonable payment for necessary services, which basis shall
17563 take into account as a factor the costs of providing those services and
17564 such other factors as the commissioner deems reasonable, including
17565 anticipated fluctuations in the cost of providing services. Such payments
17566 shall be calculated in accordance with the manner in which rates are
17567 calculated pursuant to subsection [(h)] (i) of section 17b-340 and the
17568 cost-related reimbursement system pursuant to said section except that
17569 efficiency incentives shall not be granted. The commissioner may adjust
17570 such rates to account for the availability of personal care services for
17571 residents under the Medicaid program. The commissioner shall, upon
17572 submission of a request, allow actual debt service, comprised of
17573 principal and interest, in excess of property costs allowed pursuant to
17574 section 17-313b-5 of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies,
17575 provided such debt service terms and amounts are reasonable in
17576 relation to the useful life and the base value of the property. The cost
17577 basis for such payment shall be subject to audit, and a recomputation of
17578 the rate shall be made based upon such audit. The facility shall report
17579 on a fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of September on forms

17580 provided by the commissioner. The required report shall be received by
17581 the commissioner no later than December thirty-first of each year. The
17582 Department of Social Services may use its existing utilization review
17583 procedures to monitor utilization of the facility. If the facility is
17584 aggrieved by any decision of the commissioner, the facility may, within
17585 ten days, after written notice thereof from the commissioner, obtain by
17586 written request to the commissioner, a hearing on all items of
17587 aggrievement. If the facility is aggrieved by the decision of the
17588 commissioner after such hearing, the facility may appeal to the Superior
17589 Court in accordance with the provisions of section 4-183.

17590 Sec. 382. Section 10-262j of the general statutes is repealed and the
17591 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

17592 (a) Except as otherwise provided under the provisions of subsections
17593 [(c)] (b) to (h), inclusive, of this section, for [the] any fiscal year, [ending
17594 June 30, 2020,] the budgeted appropriation for education shall be not
17595 less than the budgeted appropriation for education for the prior fiscal
17596 year, [ending June 30, 2019,] plus any aid increase described in
17597 subsection (d) of section 10-262i, except that a town may reduce its
17598 budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year, [ending June
17599 30, 2020,] by one or more of the following:

17600 (1) If a town experiences an aid reduction, as described in subsection
17601 (d) of section 10-262i, such town may reduce its budgeted appropriation
17602 for education in an amount equal to the aid reduction;

17603 (2) If a district experiences a net reduction in its resident student
17604 count during a period that may include any of the five fiscal years
17605 immediately prior to the fiscal year for which the budgeted
17606 appropriation for education is calculated, such district may reduce its
17607 budgeted appropriation for education in an amount equal to the
17608 number of such net reduction multiplied by fifty per cent of the net
17609 current expenditures per resident student of such district, provided no
17610 district may use the resident student count for (A) any fiscal year that

17611 was previously used to reduce its budgeted appropriation for
17612 education, or (B) the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, in any calculation
17613 of a net reduction of resident students for purposes of reducing its
17614 budgeted appropriation for education pursuant to this subdivision for
17615 any subsequent fiscal year;

17616 (3) Any district (A) that does not maintain a high school and pays
17617 tuition to another school district pursuant to section 10-33 for resident
17618 students to attend high school in another district, and (B) in which the
17619 number of resident students attending high school for such district for
17620 October [1, 2018] first of the prior school year, using the data of record
17621 as of January [31, 2019] thirty-first of the prior school year, is lower than
17622 such district's number of resident students attending high school for
17623 October [1, 2017] first of the school year before the prior school year,
17624 using the data of record as of January [31, 2019] thirty-first of the school
17625 year before the prior school year, may reduce such district's budgeted
17626 appropriation for education by the difference in the number of resident
17627 students attending high school for such years multiplied by the amount
17628 of tuition paid per student pursuant to section 10-33, except for the fiscal
17629 year ending June 30, 2022, the number of resident students attending
17630 high school for such district for the prior school year shall be the number
17631 of resident students attending high school for such district for October
17632 1, 2019, using the data of record as of January 31, 2020; or

17633 (4) Any district that realizes new and documentable savings through
17634 (A) increased district efficiencies approved by the Commissioner of
17635 Education, including, but not limited to, (i) reductions in costs
17636 associated with transportation services, school district administration or
17637 contracts that are not the result of collective bargaining or other labor
17638 agreements, (ii) an agreement to provide medical or health care benefits
17639 pursuant to section 7-464b, (iii) a cooperative agreement relating to the
17640 performance of administrative and central office functions, such as
17641 business manager functions, for the municipality and the school district
17642 pursuant to section 10-241b, (iv) reductions in costs associated with the
17643 purchasing or joint purchasing of property insurance, casualty

17644 insurance and workers' compensation insurance, following the
17645 consultation with the legislative body of the municipality of such district
17646 pursuant to section 10-241c, (v) reductions in costs associated with the
17647 purchasing of payroll processing or accounts payable software systems,
17648 following the consultation with the legislative body of the municipality
17649 of such district to determine whether such systems may be purchased
17650 or shared on a regional basis pursuant to section 10-241e, (vi)
17651 consolidation of information technology services, and (vii) reductions in
17652 costs associated with the care and maintenance of athletic fields, or (B)
17653 regional collaboration or cooperative arrangements pursuant to section
17654 10-158a may reduce such district's budgeted appropriation for
17655 education in an amount equal to half of the amount of savings
17656 experienced as a result of such district efficiencies, regional
17657 collaboration or cooperative arrangement, provided such reduction
17658 shall not exceed one-half of one per cent of the district's budgeted
17659 appropriation for education for the prior fiscal year. [ending June 30,
17660 2019.]

17661 [(b) Except as otherwise provided under the provisions of subsections
17662 (c) to (h), inclusive, of this section, for the fiscal year ending June 30,
17663 2021, a town's budgeted appropriation for education shall be not less
17664 than the budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending
17665 June 30, 2020, plus any aid increase received pursuant to subsection (d)
17666 of section 10-262i, except that a town may reduce its budgeted
17667 appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, by
17668 one or more of the following:

17669 (1) If a town experiences an aid reduction, as described in subsection
17670 (d) of section 10-262i, such town may reduce its budgeted appropriation
17671 for education in an amount equal to the aid reduction;

17672 (2) If a district experiences a net reduction in its resident student
17673 count during a period that may include any of the five fiscal years
17674 immediately prior to the fiscal year for which the budgeted
17675 appropriation for education is calculated, such district may reduce its

17676 budgeted appropriation for education in an amount equal to the
17677 number of such net reduction multiplied by fifty per cent of the net
17678 current expenditures per resident student of such district, provided no
17679 district may use the resident student count for any fiscal year that was
17680 previously used to reduce its budgeted appropriation for education in
17681 any calculation of a net reduction of resident students for purposes of
17682 reducing its budgeted appropriation for education pursuant to this
17683 subdivision for any subsequent fiscal year;

17684 (3) Any district (A) that does not maintain a high school and pays
17685 tuition to another school district pursuant to section 10-33 for resident
17686 students to attend high school in another district, and (B) in which the
17687 number of resident students attending high school for such district for
17688 October 1, 2019, using the data of record as of January 31, 2020, is lower
17689 than such district's number of resident students attending high school
17690 for October 1, 2018, using the data of record as of January 31, 2020, may
17691 reduce such district's budgeted appropriation for education by the
17692 difference in the number of resident students attending high school for
17693 such years multiplied by the amount of tuition paid per student
17694 pursuant to section 10-33; or

17695 (4) Any district that realizes new and documentable savings through
17696 (A) increased district efficiencies approved by the Commissioner of
17697 Education, including, but not limited to, (i) reductions in costs
17698 associated with transportation services, school district administration or
17699 contracts that are not the result of collective bargaining or other labor
17700 agreements, (ii) an agreement to provide medical or health care benefits
17701 pursuant to section 7-464b, (iii) a cooperative agreement relating to the
17702 performance of administrative and central office functions, such as
17703 business manager functions, for the municipality and the school district
17704 pursuant to section 10-241b, (iv) reductions in costs associated with the
17705 purchasing or joint purchasing of property insurance, casualty
17706 insurance and workers' compensation insurance, following the
17707 consultation with the legislative body of the municipality of such district
17708 pursuant to section 10-241c, (v) reductions in costs associated with the

17709 purchasing of payroll processing or accounts payable software systems,
17710 following the consultation with the legislative body of the municipality
17711 of such district to determine whether such systems may be purchased
17712 or shared on a regional basis pursuant to section 10-241e, (vi)
17713 consolidation of information technology services, and (vii) reductions in
17714 costs associated with the care and maintenance of athletic fields, or (B)
17715 regional collaboration or cooperative arrangements pursuant to section
17716 10-158a, may reduce such district's budgeted appropriation for
17717 education in an amount equal to half of the amount of savings
17718 experienced as a result of such district efficiencies, regional
17719 collaboration or cooperative arrangement, provided such reduction
17720 shall not exceed one-half of one per cent of the district's budgeted
17721 appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020.]

17722 [(c) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2020, and June 30, 2021] (b)
17723 For any fiscal year, the Commissioner of Education may permit a town
17724 to reduce its budgeted appropriation for education in an amount
17725 determined by the commissioner if the school district in such town has
17726 permanently ceased operations and closed one or more schools in the
17727 school district due to declining enrollment at such closed school or
17728 schools in the [fiscal years ending June 30, 2013, to June 30, 2020,
17729 inclusive] seven fiscal years immediately prior to the fiscal year for
17730 which the budgeted appropriation for education is calculated.

17731 [(d)] (c) Except as otherwise provided under the provisions of
17732 [subsection (h)] subsections (g) and (h) of this section, [for the fiscal
17733 years ending June 30, 2020, and June 30, 2021,] a town designated as an
17734 alliance district, as defined in section 10-262u, shall not reduce its
17735 budgeted appropriation for education pursuant to this section.

17736 [(e) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2020, and June 30, 2021, the]
17737 (d) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any district that is in
17738 the top ten per cent of school districts based on the accountability index,
17739 as defined in section 10-223e.

17740 [(f) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2020, and June 30, 2021, the]
17741 (e) The provisions of this section shall not apply to the member towns
17742 of a regional school district during the first full fiscal year following the
17743 establishment of the regional school district, provided the budgeted
17744 appropriation for education for member towns of such regional school
17745 district for each subsequent fiscal year shall be determined in
17746 accordance with this section.

17747 [(g) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2020, and June 30, 2021, any]
17748 (f) Any district that has (1) elected to act as a self-insurer, pursuant to
17749 section 10-236, (2) experienced a loss incurred as a result of one or more
17750 catastrophic events, as declared by a nationally recognized catastrophe
17751 loss index provider, during the prior fiscal year, and (3) increased its
17752 budgeted appropriation for education during said prior fiscal year as a
17753 result of such loss, shall not be required to include the amount of such
17754 increase in the calculation of such district's budgeted appropriation for
17755 education for the subsequent fiscal year.

17756 ~~[(h)]~~ (g) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2020, ~~[and June 30, 2021]~~
17757 to June 30, 2024, inclusive, any district that has received (1) a
17758 supplemental appropriation from the board of finance for a town having
17759 a board of finance, the board of selectmen for a town having no board
17760 of finance or the authority making appropriations for the school district,
17761 for the purpose of covering costs associated with COVID-19
17762 expenditures because the budgeted appropriation for education for the
17763 district was insufficient to cover such costs, or (2) federal funds received
17764 pursuant to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act,
17765 P.L. 116-136, as amended from time to time, the Coronavirus Response
17766 and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, P.L. 116-260, as amended
17767 from time to time, and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, P.L. 117-
17768 2, as amended from time to time, shall not be required to include the
17769 amount of such supplemental appropriation or federal funds in the
17770 calculation of such district's budgeted appropriation for education for
17771 the subsequent fiscal year. As used in this subsection, "COVID-19"
17772 means the respiratory disease designated by the World Health

17773 Organization on February 11, 2020, as coronavirus 2019, and any related
17774 mutation thereof recognized by the World Health Organization as a
17775 communicable respiratory disease.

17776 (h) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, and each fiscal year
17777 thereafter, any district that has been awarded a grant under the school
17778 security infrastructure competitive grant program, established pursuant
17779 to section 84 of public act 13-3, during the prior fiscal year, shall not be
17780 required to include the amount of such grant in the calculation of such
17781 district's budgeted appropriation for education for the subsequent fiscal
17782 year.

17783 (i) Notwithstanding the provisions of any special act, municipal
17784 charter, local ordinance, home rule ordinance or other ordinance that
17785 prohibits or otherwise limits a town from appropriating additional
17786 funds to its budgeted appropriation for education after the adoption of
17787 such appropriation, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, a town may
17788 appropriate additional funds to its budgeted appropriation for
17789 education to satisfy the requirements of this section if the amount of the
17790 equalization aid grant the town is entitled to receive under the
17791 provisions of section 10-262h is greater than the amount of such grant
17792 that was anticipated by such town when it originally adopted its
17793 budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June 30,
17794 2022.

17795 Sec. 383. Subsection (d) of section 10-262i of the general statutes is
17796 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
17797 *2021*):

17798 [(d) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, (A) if the amount of
17799 the equalization aid grant a town is entitled to pursuant to section 10-
17800 262h is greater than such town's equalization aid grant amount for the
17801 prior fiscal year, the difference between the amount of such town's
17802 equalization aid grant for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, and such
17803 town's equalization aid grant amount for the prior fiscal year shall be

17804 the aid increase for such town for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020,
17805 and (B) if the amount of the equalization aid grant a town is entitled to
17806 pursuant to section 10-262h is less than such town's equalization aid
17807 grant amount for the prior fiscal year, the difference between such
17808 town's equalization aid grant amount for the prior fiscal year and the
17809 amount of such town's equalization aid grant for the fiscal year ending
17810 June 30, 2020, shall be the aid reduction for such town for the fiscal year
17811 ending June 30, 2020.

17812 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, (A) if the amount of the
17813 equalization aid grant a town is entitled to pursuant to section 10-262h
17814 is greater than such town's equalization aid grant amount for the prior
17815 fiscal year, the difference between the amount of such town's
17816 equalization aid grant for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, and such
17817 town's equalization aid grant amount for the prior fiscal year shall be
17818 the aid increase for such town for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021,
17819 and (B) if the amount of the equalization aid grant a town is entitled to
17820 pursuant to section 10-262h is less than such town's equalization aid
17821 grant amount for the prior fiscal year, the difference between such
17822 town's equalization aid grant amount for the prior fiscal year and the
17823 amount of such town's equalization aid grant for the fiscal year ending
17824 June 30, 2021, shall be the aid reduction for such town for the fiscal year
17825 ending June 30, 2021.]

17826 (d) For any fiscal year, (1) if the amount of the equalization aid grant
17827 a town is entitled to pursuant to section 10-262h is greater than such
17828 town's equalization aid grant amount for the prior fiscal year, the
17829 difference between the amount of such town's equalization aid grant for
17830 the fiscal year, and such town's equalization aid grant amount for the
17831 prior fiscal year shall be the aid increase for such town for the fiscal year,
17832 and (2) if the amount of the equalization aid grant a town is entitled to
17833 pursuant to section 10-262h is less than such town's equalization aid
17834 grant amount for the prior fiscal year, the difference between such
17835 town's equalization aid grant amount for the prior fiscal year and the
17836 amount of such town's equalization aid grant for the fiscal year shall be

17837 the aid reduction for such town for the fiscal year.

17838 Sec. 384. Section 10-262h of the general statutes is repealed and the
17839 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

17840 (a) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, each town maintaining
17841 public schools according to law shall be entitled to an equalization aid
17842 grant as follows: (1) Any town designated as an alliance district, as
17843 defined in section 10-262u, shall be entitled to an equalization aid grant
17844 in an amount equal to its base grant amount; and (2) any town not
17845 designated as an alliance district shall be entitled to an equalization aid
17846 grant in an amount equal to ninety-five per cent of its base grant
17847 amount.

17848 (b) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, each town maintaining
17849 public schools according to law shall be entitled to an equalization aid
17850 grant as follows: (1) Any town whose fully funded grant is greater than
17851 its base grant amount shall be entitled to an equalization aid grant in an
17852 amount equal to its base grant amount plus four and one-tenth per cent
17853 of its grant adjustment; and (2) any town whose fully funded grant is
17854 less than its base grant amount shall be entitled to an equalization aid
17855 grant in an amount equal to its base grant amount minus twenty-five
17856 per cent of its grant adjustment, except any such town designated as an
17857 alliance district shall be entitled to an equalization aid grant in an
17858 amount equal to its base grant amount.

17859 (c) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2020, [to June 30, 2027,
17860 inclusive] and June 30, 2021, each town maintaining public schools
17861 according to law shall be entitled to an equalization aid grant as follows:
17862 (1) Any town whose fully funded grant is greater than its base grant
17863 amount shall be entitled to an equalization aid grant in an amount equal
17864 to its equalization aid grant amount for the previous fiscal year plus ten
17865 and sixty-six-one-hundredths per cent of its grant adjustment; and (2)
17866 any town whose fully funded grant is less than its base grant amount
17867 shall be entitled to an equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its

17868 equalization aid grant amount for the previous fiscal year minus eight
17869 and thirty-three-one-hundredths per cent of its grant adjustment, except
17870 any such town designated as an alliance district shall be entitled to an
17871 equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its base grant amount.

17872 (d) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2022, and June 30, 2023, each
17873 town maintaining public schools according to law shall be entitled to an
17874 equalization aid grant as follows: (1) Any town whose fully funded
17875 grant is greater than its base grant amount shall be entitled to an
17876 equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its equalization aid grant
17877 amount for the previous fiscal year plus ten and sixty-six-one-
17878 hundredths per cent of its grant adjustment; and (2) any town whose
17879 fully funded grant is less than its base grant amount shall be entitled to
17880 an equalization aid grant in an amount equal to the amount the town
17881 was entitled to for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

17882 (e) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2024, to June 30, 2027, inclusive,
17883 each town maintaining public schools according to law shall be entitled
17884 to an equalization aid grant as follows: (1) Any town whose fully funded
17885 grant is greater than its base grant amount shall be entitled to an
17886 equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its equalization aid grant
17887 amount for the previous fiscal year plus ten and sixty-six-one-
17888 hundredths per cent of its grant adjustment; and (2) any town whose
17889 fully funded grant is less than its base grant amount shall be entitled to
17890 an equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its equalization aid
17891 grant amount for the previous fiscal year minus eight and thirty-three-
17892 one-hundredths per cent of its grant adjustment, except any such town
17893 designated as an alliance district shall be entitled to an equalization aid
17894 grant in an amount equal to its base grant amount.

17895 (f) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2028, and June 30, 2029, each
17896 town maintaining public schools according to law shall be entitled to an
17897 equalization aid grant as follows: (1) Any town whose fully funded
17898 grant is greater than its base grant amount shall be entitled to an
17899 equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its fully funded grant; and

17900 (2) any town whose fully funded grant is less than its base grant amount
17901 shall be entitled to an equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its
17902 equalization aid grant amount for the previous fiscal year minus eight
17903 and thirty-three-one-hundredths per cent of its grant adjustment, except
17904 any such town designated as an alliance district shall be entitled to an
17905 equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its base grant amount.

17906 ~~[(d)]~~ (g) For the fiscal year ending June 30, ~~[2028]~~ 2030, and each fiscal
17907 year thereafter, each town maintaining public schools according to law
17908 shall be entitled to an equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its
17909 fully funded grant, except any town designated as an alliance district
17910 whose fully funded grant amount is less than its base grant amount shall
17911 be entitled to an equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its base
17912 grant amount.

17913 Sec. 385. Subdivision (25) of section 10-262f of the general statutes is
17914 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
17915 *2021*):

17916 (25) "Total need students" means the sum of (A) the number of
17917 resident students of the town for the school year, [(B) (i) for any school
17918 year commencing prior to July 1, 1998, one-quarter the number of
17919 children under the temporary family assistance program for the prior
17920 fiscal year, and (ii) for the school years commencing July 1, 1998, to July
17921 1, 2006, inclusive, one-quarter the number of children under the
17922 temporary family assistance program for the fiscal year ending June 30,
17923 1997, (C) for school years commencing July 1, 1995, to July 1, 2006,
17924 inclusive, one-quarter of the mastery count for the school year, (D) for
17925 school years commencing July 1, 1995, to July 1, 2006, inclusive, ten per
17926 cent of the number of eligible children, as defined in subdivision (1) of
17927 section 10-17e, for whom the board of education is not required to
17928 provide a program pursuant to section 10-17f, (E) for the school years
17929 commencing July 1, 2007, to July 1, 2012, inclusive, fifteen per cent of the
17930 number of eligible students, as defined in subdivision (1) of section 10-
17931 17e, for whom the board of education is not required to provide a

17932 program pursuant to section 10-17f, (F) for the school years commencing
17933 July 1, 2007, to July 1, 2012, inclusive, thirty-three per cent of the number
17934 of children below the level of poverty, (G) for the school years
17935 commencing July 1, 2013, to July 1, 2016, inclusive, thirty per cent of the
17936 number of children eligible for free or reduced price meals or free milk,
17937 and (H)] (B) for the school year commencing July 1, ~~[2017]~~ 2021, and
17938 each school year thereafter, (i) thirty per cent of the number of children
17939 eligible for free or reduced price meals or free milk, (ii) ~~[five]~~ fifteen per
17940 cent of the number of children eligible for free or reduced price meals or
17941 free milk in excess of the number of children eligible for free or reduced
17942 price meals or free milk that is equal to ~~[seventy-five]~~ sixty per cent of
17943 the total number of resident students of the town for the school year,
17944 and (iii) ~~[fifteen]~~ twenty-five per cent of the number of resident students
17945 who are English language learners, as defined in section 10-76kk.

17946 Sec. 386. Subdivision (19) of section 10-262f of the general statutes is
17947 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
17948 *2021*):

17949 (19) "Regional bonus" means, (A) for any town which is a member of
17950 a regional school district and has students who attend such regional
17951 school district, an amount equal to one hundred dollars for each such
17952 student enrolled in the regional school district on October first or the
17953 full school day immediately preceding such date for the school year
17954 prior to the fiscal year in which the grant is to be paid multiplied by [the
17955 ratio of] the number of grades, kindergarten to grade twelve, inclusive,
17956 in the regional school district, [to thirteen] and (B) for any town which
17957 pays tuition for its students to attend an incorporated or endowed high
17958 school or academy approved by the State Board of Education pursuant
17959 to section 10-34, an amount equal to one hundred dollars for each such
17960 student enrolled in an incorporated or endowed high school or academy
17961 on October first or the full school day immediately preceding such date
17962 for the school year prior to the fiscal year in which the grant is to be paid
17963 multiplied by the number of grades for which students attend an
17964 incorporated or endowed high school or academy.

17965 Sec. 387. (*Effective July 1, 2021*) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022,
17966 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Department of Education shall, to the
17967 extent permissible under federal law, distribute federal funding
17968 provided to the Department of Education from the Elementary and
17969 Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund provided in response to the
17970 COVID-19 pandemic to (1) an incorporated or endowed high school or
17971 academy approved by the State Board of Education pursuant to section
17972 10-34 of the general statutes, or (2) any school ineligible for funding
17973 under the provisions of Title I of the Elementary and Secondary
17974 Education Act, 20 USC 6301 et seq., any federal funds that would
17975 otherwise be unavailable to the incorporated or endowed high school or
17976 academy or said school to the same extent that such federal funds are
17977 available to local and regional boards of education. Nothing in this
17978 section shall be construed to require the department to distribute any
17979 state or federal funding in conflict with federal law, including any
17980 guidance, rulemaking, or regulation associated with the Elementary and
17981 Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund issued by the United States
17982 Department of Education.

17983 Sec. 388. Subsection (d) of section 10-66ee of the general statutes is
17984 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
17985 *2021*):

17986 [(d) (1) The state shall pay in accordance with this subsection, to the
17987 fiscal authority for a state charter school for each student enrolled in
17988 such school, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, ten thousand two
17989 hundred dollars, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, ten thousand
17990 five hundred dollars, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2015, to June
17991 30, 2018, inclusive, eleven thousand dollars, and for the fiscal year
17992 ending June 30, 2019, and each fiscal year thereafter, eleven thousand
17993 two hundred fifty dollars. Such payments shall be made as follows:
17994 Twenty-five per cent of the amount not later than July fifteenth and
17995 September first based on estimated student enrollment on May first, and
17996 twenty-five per cent of the amount not later than January first and the
17997 remaining amount not later than April first, each based on student

17998 enrollment on October first.]

17999 (d) (1) As used in this subsection:

18000 (A) "Total charter need students" means the sum of (i) the number of
18001 students enrolled in state charter schools under the control of the
18002 governing authority for such state charter schools for the school year,
18003 and (ii) for the school year commencing July 1, 2021, and each school
18004 year thereafter, (I) thirty per cent of the number of children enrolled in
18005 such state charter schools eligible for free or reduced price meals or free
18006 milk, (II) fifteen per cent of the number of such children eligible for free
18007 or reduced price meals or free milk in excess of the number of such
18008 children eligible for free or reduced price meals or free milk that is equal
18009 to sixty per cent of the total number of children enrolled in such state
18010 charter schools, and (III) twenty-five per cent of the number of students
18011 enrolled in such state charter schools who are English language learners,
18012 as defined in section 10-76kk.

18013 (B) "Foundation" has the same meaning as provided in section 10-
18014 262f.

18015 (C) "Charter full weighted funding per student" means the quotient
18016 of (i) the product of the total charter need students and the foundation,
18017 and (ii) the number of students enrolled in state charter schools under
18018 the control of the governing authority for such state charter schools for
18019 the school year.

18020 (D) "Charter grant adjustment" means the absolute value of the
18021 difference between the foundation and charter full weighted funding
18022 per student for state charter schools under the control of the governing
18023 authority for such state charter schools for the school year.

18024 (2) For the fiscal year ending July 1, 2022, the state shall pay in
18025 accordance with this subsection, to the fiscal authority for a state charter
18026 school for each student enrolled in such school, the foundation plus four
18027 and one-tenth per cent of its charter grant adjustment.

18028 (3) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the state shall pay in
18029 accordance with this subsection, to the fiscal authority for a state charter
18030 school for each student enrolled in such school, the foundation plus
18031 fourteen and seventy-six-one-hundredths per cent of its charter grant
18032 adjustment.

18033 (4) Payments under subdivisions (2) and (3) of this subsection shall
18034 be paid as follows: Twenty-five per cent of the amount not later than
18035 July fifteenth and September first based on estimated student
18036 enrollment on May first, and twenty-five per cent of the amount not
18037 later than January first and the remaining amount not later than April
18038 first, each based on student enrollment on October first.

18039 [(2)] (5) In the case of a student identified as requiring special
18040 education, the school district in which the student resides shall: (A)
18041 Hold the planning and placement team meeting for such student and
18042 shall invite representatives from the charter school to participate in such
18043 meeting; and (B) pay the state charter school, on a quarterly basis, an
18044 amount equal to the difference between the reasonable cost of educating
18045 such student and the sum of the amount received by the state charter
18046 school for such student pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection
18047 and amounts received from other state, federal, local or private sources
18048 calculated on a per pupil basis. Such school district shall be eligible for
18049 reimbursement pursuant to section 10-76g. The charter school a student
18050 requiring special education attends shall be responsible for ensuring
18051 that such student receives the services mandated by the student's
18052 individualized education program whether such services are provided
18053 by the charter school or by the school district in which the student
18054 resides.

18055 Sec. 389. Section 10-66ss of the general statutes is repealed and the
18056 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

18057 (a) If a governing council of a state or local charter school plans to
18058 make a material change in the school's operations, such governing

18059 council of such charter school shall submit, in writing, a request to
18060 amend the school's charter to the State Board of Education. For purposes
18061 of this section, "material change" means a change that fundamentally
18062 alters a charter school's mission, organizational structure or educational
18063 program, including, but not limited to, (1) altering the educational
18064 model in a fundamental way, (2) opening an additional school building,
18065 (3) contracting for or discontinuing a contract for whole school
18066 management services with a charter management organization, (4)
18067 renaming the charter school, (5) changing the grade configurations of
18068 the charter school, or (6) increasing or decreasing the total student
18069 enrollment capacity of the charter school by twenty per cent or more.

18070 (b) In determining whether to grant a request by a state or local
18071 charter school to amend its charter to make a material change in the
18072 school's operations, the [State Board] Department of Education shall
18073 [(1)] review the written request of the charter school, [(2)] and solicit and
18074 review comments on [the] such request from the local or regional board
18075 of education of the town in which [the] such charter school is located. [,
18076 and (3)] Upon a recommendation by the department to approve such
18077 request, the State Board of Education shall vote on [the] such request not
18078 later than sixty days after the date of receipt of such request or as part
18079 of the charter renewal process for such charter school. The state board
18080 may approve [the material change] such request by a majority vote of
18081 the members of the state board present and voting at a regular or special
18082 meeting of the state board called for such purpose, or for the purpose of
18083 considering whether to renew the charter of the charter school, pursuant
18084 to subsection (g) of section 10-66bb.

18085 (c) If the material change requested by a state or local charter school
18086 is to increase the total student enrollment capacity of the charter school
18087 by twenty per cent or more, such charter school shall submit the request
18088 for such material change to the department not later than April first of
18089 the fiscal year two years prior to the fiscal year in which such material
18090 change would take effect. In determining whether to recommend
18091 approval of such request, the department shall consider (1) the financial

18092 feasibility of such increased enrollment, (2) such charter school's
18093 performance, stewardship, governance and management, student
18094 population and legal compliance, and (3) any other factors the
18095 department deems relevant to such request.

18096 Sec. 390. Subsection (a) of section 10-264~~l~~ of the general statutes is
18097 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
18098 *2021*):

18099 (a) The Department of Education shall, within available
18100 appropriations, establish a grant program (1) to assist (A) local and
18101 regional boards of education, (B) regional educational service centers,
18102 (C) the Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges on
18103 behalf of Quinebaug Valley Community College and Three Rivers
18104 Community College, and (D) cooperative arrangements pursuant to
18105 section 10-158a, and (2) in assisting the state in meeting its obligations
18106 pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any
18107 related stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the
18108 commissioner, to assist (A) the Board of Trustees of the Community-
18109 Technical Colleges on behalf of a regional community-technical college,
18110 (B) the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University System on
18111 behalf of a state university, (C) the Board of Trustees of The University
18112 of Connecticut on behalf of the university, (D) the board of governors
18113 for an independent institution of higher education, as defined in
18114 subsection (a) of section 10a-173, or the equivalent of such a board, on
18115 behalf of the independent institution of higher education, and (E) any
18116 other third-party not-for-profit corporation approved by the
18117 commissioner with the operation of interdistrict magnet school
18118 programs. All interdistrict magnet schools shall be operated in
18119 conformance with the same laws and regulations applicable to public
18120 schools. For the purposes of this section "an interdistrict magnet school
18121 program" means a program which (i) supports racial, ethnic and
18122 economic diversity, (ii) offers a special and high quality curriculum, and
18123 (iii) requires students who are enrolled to attend at least half-time. An
18124 interdistrict magnet school program does not include a regional

18125 agricultural science and technology school, a technical education and
18126 career school or a regional special education center. For the school years
18127 commencing July 1, 2017, to July 1, [2020] 2023, inclusive, the governing
18128 authority for each interdistrict magnet school program shall (I) restrict
18129 the number of students that may enroll in the school from a participating
18130 district to seventy-five per cent of the total school enrollment, and (II)
18131 maintain a total school enrollment that is in accordance with the
18132 reduced-isolation setting standards for interdistrict magnet school
18133 programs, developed by the Commissioner of Education pursuant to
18134 section 10-264r.

18135 Sec. 391. Subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of section 10-264~~l~~ of the
18136 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
18137 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

18138 (3) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2018, to June 30, [2021] 2023,
18139 inclusive, the commissioner shall not award a grant to an interdistrict
18140 magnet school program that (A) has more than seventy-five per cent of
18141 the total school enrollment from one school district, or (B) does not
18142 maintain a total school enrollment that is in accordance with the
18143 reduced-isolation setting standards for interdistrict magnet school
18144 programs, developed by the Commissioner of Education pursuant to
18145 section 10-264r, except the commissioner may award a grant to such
18146 school for an additional year or years if the commissioner finds it is
18147 appropriate to do so and approves a plan to bring such school into
18148 compliance with such residency or reduced-isolation setting standards.

18149 Sec. 392. Subparagraph (D) of subdivision (3) of subsection (c) of
18150 section 10-264~~l~~ of the general statutes is repealed and the following is
18151 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

18152 (D) (i) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (D)(ii) of this
18153 subdivision, each interdistrict magnet school operated by (I) a regional
18154 educational service center, (II) the Board of Trustees of the Community-
18155 Technical Colleges on behalf of a regional community-technical college,

18156 (III) the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University System on
18157 behalf of a state university, (IV) the Board of Trustees for The University
18158 of Connecticut on behalf of the university, (V) the board of governors
18159 for an independent institution of higher education, as defined in
18160 subsection (a) of section 10a-173, or the equivalent of such a board, on
18161 behalf of the independent institution of higher education, except as
18162 otherwise provided in subparagraph (E) of this subdivision, (VI)
18163 cooperative arrangements pursuant to section 10-158a, (VII) any other
18164 third-party not-for-profit corporation approved by the commissioner,
18165 and (VIII) the Hartford school district for the operation of Great Path
18166 Academy on behalf of Manchester Community College, that enrolls less
18167 than sixty per cent of its students from Hartford shall receive a per pupil
18168 grant in the amount of nine thousand six hundred ninety-five dollars for
18169 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, ten thousand four hundred forty-
18170 three dollars for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2011, to June 30, 2019,
18171 inclusive, and ten thousand six hundred fifty-two dollars for the fiscal
18172 year ending June 30, 2020, and each fiscal year thereafter.

18173 (ii) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2016, to June 30, 2019,
18174 inclusive, any interdistrict magnet school described in subparagraph
18175 (D)(i) of this subdivision that enrolls less than fifty per cent of its
18176 incoming students from Hartford shall receive a per pupil grant in the
18177 amount of seven thousand nine hundred dollars for one-half of the total
18178 number of non-Hartford students enrolled in the school over fifty per
18179 cent of the total school enrollment and shall receive a per pupil grant in
18180 the amount of ten thousand four hundred forty-three dollars for the
18181 remainder of the total school enrollment. For the fiscal year ending June
18182 30, 2020, and each fiscal year thereafter, any interdistrict magnet school
18183 described in subparagraph (D)(i) of this subdivision that enrolls less
18184 than fifty per cent of its incoming students from Hartford shall receive
18185 a per pupil grant in the amount of eight thousand fifty-eight dollars for
18186 one-half of the total number of non-Hartford students enrolled in the
18187 school over fifty per cent of the total school enrollment and shall receive
18188 a per pupil grant in the amount of ten thousand six hundred fifty-two

18189 dollars for the remainder of the total school enrollment, except the
18190 commissioner may, upon the written request of an operator of such
18191 school, waive such fifty per cent enrollment minimum for good cause.

18192 Sec. 393. Subdivision (12) of subsection (c) of section 10-264l of the
18193 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
18194 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

18195 (12) [The amounts of the grants determined pursuant to this
18196 subsection shall be proportionately adjusted, if necessary, within
18197 available appropriations, and in] In no case shall the total grant paid to
18198 an interdistrict magnet school operator pursuant to this section exceed
18199 the aggregate total of the reasonable operating budgets of the
18200 interdistrict magnet school programs of such operator, less revenues
18201 from other sources.

18202 Sec. 394. Subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of section 10-264i of the
18203 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
18204 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

18205 (4) In addition to the grants otherwise provided pursuant to this
18206 section, the Commissioner of Education may provide supplemental
18207 transportation grants to regional educational service centers for the
18208 purposes of transportation to interdistrict magnet schools. Any such
18209 grant shall be provided within available appropriations and after the
18210 commissioner has reviewed and approved the total interdistrict magnet
18211 school transportation budget for a regional educational service center,
18212 including all revenue and expenditure estimates. For the fiscal years
18213 ending June 30, 2013, to June 30, 2018, inclusive, in addition to the grants
18214 otherwise provided pursuant to this section, the Commissioner of
18215 Education may provide supplemental transportation to interdistrict
18216 magnet schools that assist the state in meeting its obligations pursuant
18217 to the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related
18218 stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the commissioner. Any
18219 such grant shall be provided within available appropriations and upon

18220 a comprehensive financial review, by an auditor selected by the
18221 Commissioner of Education, the costs of such review may be paid from
18222 funds that are part of the supplemental transportation grant. Any such
18223 grant shall be paid as follows: [For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013,
18224 up to fifty per cent of the grant on or before June 30, 2013, and the
18225 balance on or before September 1, 2013, upon completion of the
18226 comprehensive financial review; for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014,
18227 up to fifty per cent of the grant on or before June 30, 2014, and the
18228 balance on or before September 1, 2014, upon completion of the
18229 comprehensive financial review; for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015,
18230 up to fifty per cent of the grant on or before June 30, 2015, and the
18231 balance on or before September 1, 2015, upon completion of the
18232 comprehensive financial review; for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016,
18233 up to fifty per cent of the grant on or before June 30, 2016, and the
18234 balance on or before September 1, 2016, upon completion of the
18235 comprehensive financial review; for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017,
18236 up to seventy per cent of the grant on or before June 30, 2017, and the
18237 balance on or before May 30, 2018, upon completion of the
18238 comprehensive financial review; for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018,
18239 up to seventy per cent of the grant on or before June 30, 2018, and the
18240 balance on or before September 1, 2018, upon completion of the
18241 comprehensive financial review; and for] For the fiscal year ending June
18242 30, [2019] 2021, and each fiscal year thereafter, up to seventy per cent of
18243 the grant on or before June thirtieth of the fiscal year, and the balance on
18244 or before September first of the following fiscal year upon completion
18245 of the comprehensive financial review, provided any unpaid balance of
18246 eligible transportation costs incurred on or before December thirty-first
18247 of the fiscal year based on documentation, including, but not limited to,
18248 vendor bills dated on or before February first of the fiscal year, and any
18249 unpaid balance of eligible transportation costs incurred on or before
18250 March thirty-first of the fiscal year based on documentation, including,
18251 but not limited to, vendor bills on or before May first of the fiscal year,
18252 and the balance of the grant on or before September first of the following
18253 fiscal year upon completion of the comprehensive financial review.

18254 Sec. 395. (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) The sum of five million dollars
18255 allocated in section 340 of this act to the Department of Education, for
18256 Priority School Districts, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, shall be
18257 used in said fiscal year to provide grants to towns with school districts
18258 identified as priority school districts, pursuant to section 10-266p of the
18259 general statutes. Such grants shall be distributed proportionately
18260 according to each town's total need students, as defined in section 10-
18261 262f of the general statutes, as a share of the total need students among
18262 such towns, and expended pursuant to the provisions of section 10-266q
18263 of the general statutes.

18264 (b) The sum of five million dollars allocated in section 340 of this act
18265 to the Department of Education, for Priority School Districts, for the
18266 fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, shall be used in said fiscal year to
18267 provide grants to towns with school districts identified as priority
18268 school districts, pursuant to section 10-266p of the general statutes. Such
18269 grants shall be distributed proportionately according to each town's
18270 total need students, as defined in section 10-262f of the general statutes,
18271 as a share of the total need students among such towns, and expended
18272 pursuant to the provisions of section 10-266q of the general statutes.

18273 Sec. 396. Subsection (a) of section 10-19o of the general statutes is
18274 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
18275 *2021*):

18276 (a) The Commissioner of Children and Families shall establish a
18277 program to provide grants to youth service bureaus in accordance with
18278 this section. Only youth service bureaus which (1) were eligible to
18279 receive grants pursuant to this section for the fiscal year ending June 30,
18280 2007, (2) applied for a grant by June 30, 2012, with prior approval of the
18281 town's contribution pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, (3) applied
18282 for a grant during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, (4) applied for a
18283 grant during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, with prior approval of
18284 the town's contribution pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, [or] (5)
18285 applied for a grant during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, or (6)

18286 applied for a grant during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, shall be
18287 eligible for a grant pursuant to this section. Each such youth service
18288 bureau shall receive, within available appropriations, a grant of fourteen
18289 thousand dollars. The Department of Children and Families may
18290 expend an amount not to exceed two per cent of the amount
18291 appropriated for purposes of this section for administrative expenses. If
18292 there are any remaining funds, each such youth service bureau that was
18293 awarded a grant in excess of fifteen thousand dollars in the fiscal year
18294 ending June 30, 1995, shall receive a percentage of such funds. The
18295 percentage shall be determined as follows: For each such grant in excess
18296 of fifteen thousand dollars, the difference between the amount of the
18297 grant awarded to the youth service bureau for the fiscal year ending
18298 June 30, 1995, and fifteen thousand dollars shall be divided by the
18299 difference between the total amount of the grants awarded to all youth
18300 service bureaus that were awarded grants in excess of fifteen thousand
18301 dollars for said fiscal year and the product of fifteen thousand dollars
18302 and the number of such grants for said fiscal year.

18303 Sec. 397. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
18304 subdivision (5) of subsection (c) of section 10-221a of the general
18305 statutes, the Technical Education and Career System board or the
18306 superintendent of the Technical Education and Career System, as the
18307 case may be, shall permit any student in the graduating classes of 2023
18308 and 2024 to graduate from the system who has not satisfactorily
18309 completed one credit in world languages.

18310 Sec. 398. Section 10a-26a of the general statutes is repealed and the
18311 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

18312 For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, and each fiscal year
18313 thereafter, the Board of Regents for Higher Education shall waive
18314 tuition and fees for students enrolled at Ansonia High School who
18315 participate in (1) the College Connections program at Derby High
18316 School, [in an amount equal to the appropriation for such purpose] or
18317 (2) another manufacturing program offered in Ansonia or Derby, and

18318 use funds appropriated for purposes of this section to cover the costs of
18319 students participating in such programs.

18320 Sec. 399. Subdivision (2) of subsection (d) of section 10-51 of the
18321 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
18322 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

18323 (2) On and after June 7, 2006, a regional board of education, by a
18324 majority vote of its members, may create a reserve fund for capital and
18325 nonrecurring expenditures. Such fund shall thereafter be termed
18326 "reserve fund for capital and nonrecurring expenditures". The aggregate
18327 amount of annual and supplemental appropriations by a district to such
18328 fund shall not exceed [one] two per cent of the annual district budget
18329 for such fiscal year. Annual appropriations to such fund shall be
18330 included in the share of net expenses to be paid by each member town.
18331 Supplemental appropriations to such fund may be made from estimated
18332 fiscal year end surplus in operating funds. Interest and investment
18333 earnings received with respect to amounts held in the fund shall be
18334 credited to such fund. The board shall annually submit a complete and
18335 detailed report of the condition of such fund to the member towns.
18336 Upon the recommendation and approval by the regional board of
18337 education, any part or the whole of such fund may be used for capital
18338 and nonrecurring expenditures, but such use shall be restricted to the
18339 funding of all or part of the planning, construction, reconstruction or
18340 acquisition of any specific capital improvement or the acquisition of any
18341 specific item of equipment. Upon the approval of any such expenditure
18342 an appropriation shall be set up, plainly designated for the project or
18343 acquisition for which it has been authorized, and such unexpended
18344 appropriation may be continued until such project or acquisition is
18345 completed. Any unexpended portion of such appropriation remaining
18346 after such completion shall revert to said fund. If any authorized
18347 appropriation is set up pursuant to the provisions of this subsection and
18348 through unforeseen circumstances the completion of the project or
18349 acquisition for which such appropriation has been designated is
18350 impossible to attain the board, by a majority vote of its members, may

18351 terminate such appropriation which then shall no longer be in effect.
18352 Such fund may be discontinued, after the recommendation and
18353 approval by the regional board of education, and any amounts held in
18354 the fund shall be transferred to the general fund of the district.

18355 Sec. 400. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) The Department of
18356 Agriculture, in consultation with the advisory committee described in
18357 subsection (c) of this section, shall administer the CT Grown for CT Kids
18358 Grant Program. Such program shall assist local and regional boards of
18359 education to develop farm-to-school programs that will increase the
18360 availability of local foods in child nutrition programs, allow educators
18361 to use hands-on educational techniques to teach students about
18362 nutrition and farm-to-school connections, sustain relationships with
18363 local farmers and producers, enrich the educational experience of
18364 students, improve the health of children in the state and enhance the
18365 state's economy.

18366 (b) A local or regional board of education, regional educational
18367 service center, cooperative arrangement pursuant to section 10-158a of
18368 the general statutes, child care centers, group child care homes and
18369 family child care homes, as such terms are described in section 19a-77 of
18370 the general statutes, or any organization or entity administering or
18371 assisting in the development of a farm-to-school program, may apply,
18372 in a form and manner prescribed by the department, for a grant under
18373 this section. Such grant shall be used to develop or implement a farm-
18374 to-school program, which may include (1) the purchase of equipment,
18375 resources or materials, including, but not limited to, local food products,
18376 gardening supplies, field trips to farms, gleaning on farms and stipends
18377 to visiting farmers, (2) the provision of professional development and
18378 skills training for educators, school nutrition professionals, parents,
18379 caregivers, child care providers and employees and volunteers of
18380 organizations administering or assisting in the development and
18381 implementation of farm-to-school programs, and (3) piloting new
18382 purchasing systems and programs.

18383 (c) The department shall convene an advisory committee to assist in
18384 the administration of the CT Grown for CT Kids Grant Program. The
18385 advisory committee shall consist of the Commissioner of Education, or
18386 the commissioner's designee, and individuals representing stakeholder
18387 groups that reflect the demographic and geographic diversity of the
18388 state, selected by the Commissioner of Agriculture. The advisory
18389 committee shall (1) assist the department in reviewing applications and
18390 awarding grants under this section, and (2) provide technical assistance
18391 to grant recipients in the development and implementation of farm-to-
18392 school programs.

18393 (d) In awarding grants under this section, the department shall (1)
18394 give priority to applicants (A) located in alliance districts, as defined in
18395 section 10-262u of the general statutes, or who are providers of school
18396 readiness programs, as defined in section 10-16p of the general statutes,
18397 and (B) who demonstrate broad commitment from school
18398 administrators, school nutrition professionals, educators and
18399 community stakeholders, and (2) not award a grant that is in an amount
18400 greater than ten per cent of the total amount available for the fiscal year.

18401 (e) The department may accept gifts, grants and donations, including
18402 in-kind donations, for the administration of the CT Grown for CT Kids
18403 Grant Program and to implement the provisions of this section.

18404 (f) Not later than January 1, 2023, and annually thereafter, the
18405 department shall submit a report on the CT Grown for CT Kids Grant
18406 Program to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
18407 having cognizance of matters relating to education, in accordance with
18408 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. Such report shall
18409 include, but need not be limited to, an accounting of the funds
18410 appropriated and received by the department for the program,
18411 descriptions of each grant awarded under the program and how such
18412 grant was expended by the recipient, and an evaluation of the program
18413 and the success of local farm-to-school programs that have received
18414 grant awards under this section.

18415 Sec. 401. Section 10-266aa of the general statutes is repealed and the
18416 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

18417 (a) As used in this section:

18418 (1) "Receiving district" means any school district that accepts students
18419 under the program established pursuant to this section;

18420 (2) "Sending district" means any school district that sends students it
18421 would otherwise be legally responsible for educating to another school
18422 district under the program; and

18423 (3) "Minority students" means students who are "pupils of racial
18424 minorities", as defined in section 10-226a.

18425 (b) There is established, within available appropriations, an
18426 interdistrict public school attendance program. The purpose of the
18427 program shall be to: (1) Improve academic achievement; (2) reduce
18428 racial, ethnic and economic isolation or preserve racial and ethnic
18429 balance; and (3) provide a choice of educational programs. The
18430 Department of Education shall provide oversight for the program,
18431 including the setting of reasonable limits for the transportation of
18432 students participating in the program, and may provide for the
18433 incremental expansion of the program for the school year commencing
18434 in 2000 for each town required to participate in the program pursuant
18435 to subsection (c) of this section.

18436 (c) The program shall be phased in as provided in this subsection. (1)
18437 For the school year commencing in 1998, and for each school year
18438 thereafter, the program shall be in operation in the Hartford, New
18439 Haven and Bridgeport regions. The Hartford program shall operate as
18440 a continuation of the program described in section 10-266j. Students
18441 who reside in Hartford, New Haven or Bridgeport may attend school in
18442 another school district in the region and students who reside in such
18443 other school districts may attend school in Hartford, New Haven or
18444 Bridgeport, provided, beginning with the 2001-2002 school year, the

18445 proportion of students who are not minority students to the total
18446 number of students leaving Hartford, Bridgeport or New Haven to
18447 participate in the program shall not be greater than the proportion of
18448 students who were not minority students in the prior school year to the
18449 total number of students enrolled in Hartford, Bridgeport or New
18450 Haven in the prior school year. The regional educational service center
18451 operating the program shall make program participation decisions in
18452 accordance with the requirements of this subdivision. (2) For the school
18453 year commencing in 2000, and for each school year thereafter, the
18454 program shall be in operation in New London, provided beginning with
18455 the 2001-2002 school year, the proportion of students who are not
18456 minority students to the total number of students leaving New London
18457 to participate in the program shall not be greater than the proportion of
18458 students who were not minority students in the prior year to the total
18459 number of students enrolled in New London in the prior school year.
18460 The regional educational service center operating the program shall
18461 make program participation decisions in accordance with this
18462 subdivision. (3) The Department of Education may provide, within
18463 available appropriations, grants for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003,
18464 to the remaining regional educational service centers to assist school
18465 districts in planning for a voluntary program of student enrollment in
18466 every priority school district, pursuant to section 10-266p, which is
18467 interested in participating in accordance with this subdivision. For the
18468 school year commencing in 2003, and for each school year thereafter, the
18469 voluntary enrollment program may be in operation in every priority
18470 school district in the state. Students from other school districts in the
18471 area of a priority school district, as determined by the regional
18472 educational service center pursuant to subsection (d) of this section, may
18473 attend school in the priority school district, provided such students
18474 bring racial, ethnic and economic diversity to the priority school district
18475 and do not increase the racial, ethnic and economic isolation in the
18476 priority school district. (4) For the school year commencing July 1, 2022,
18477 there shall be a pilot program in operation in Danbury and Norwalk.
18478 The pilot program shall serve (A) up to fifty students who reside in

18479 Danbury, and such students may attend school in the school districts for
18480 the towns of New Fairfield, Brookfield, Bethel, Ridgefield and Redding,
18481 and (B) up to fifty students who reside in Norwalk, and such students
18482 may attend school in the school districts for the towns of Darien, New
18483 Canaan, Wilton, Weston and Westport. School districts which receive
18484 students from Danbury and Norwalk under the pilot program during
18485 the school year commencing July 1, 2022, shall allow such students to
18486 attend school in the district until they graduate from high school.

18487 (d) School districts which received students from New London under
18488 the program during the [2000-2001] school year commencing July 1,
18489 2000, shall allow such students to attend school in the district until they
18490 graduate from high school. The attendance of such students in such
18491 program shall not be supported by grants pursuant to subsections (f)
18492 and (g) of this section but shall be supported, in the same amounts as
18493 provided for in said subsections, by interdistrict cooperative grants
18494 pursuant to section 10-74d to the regional educational service centers
18495 operating such programs.

18496 (e) Once the program is in operation in the region served by a
18497 regional educational service center pursuant to subsection (c) of this
18498 section, the Department of Education shall provide an annual grant to
18499 such regional educational service center to assist school districts in its
18500 area in administering the program and to provide staff to assist students
18501 participating in the program to make the transition to a new school and
18502 to act as a liaison between the parents of such students and the new
18503 school district. Each regional educational service center shall determine
18504 which school districts in its area are located close enough to a priority
18505 school district to make participation in the program feasible in terms of
18506 student transportation pursuant to subsection (f) of this section,
18507 provided any student participating in the program prior to July 1, 1999,
18508 shall be allowed to continue to attend the same school such student
18509 attended prior to said date in the receiving district until the student
18510 completes the highest grade in such school. If there are more students
18511 who seek to attend school in a receiving district than there are spaces

18512 available, the regional educational service center shall assist the school
18513 district in determining attendance by the use of a lottery or lotteries
18514 designed to preserve or increase racial, ethnic and economic diversity,
18515 except that the regional educational service center shall give preference
18516 to siblings and to students who would otherwise attend a school that
18517 has lost its accreditation by the New England Association of Schools and
18518 Colleges or has been identified as in need of improvement pursuant to
18519 the No Child Left Behind Act, P.L. 107-110. The admission policies shall
18520 be consistent with section 10-15c and this section. No receiving district
18521 shall recruit students under the program for athletic or extracurricular
18522 purposes. Each receiving district shall allow out-of-district students it
18523 accepts to attend school in the district until they graduate from high
18524 school.

18525 (f) The Department of Education shall provide grants to regional
18526 educational service centers or local or regional boards of education for
18527 the reasonable cost of transportation for students participating in the
18528 program. For the fiscal [years ending June 30, 2015, to June 30, 2017,
18529 inclusive] year ending June 30, 2022, and each fiscal year thereafter, the
18530 department shall provide such grants within available appropriations,
18531 provided the state-wide average of such grants does not exceed an
18532 amount equal to three thousand two hundred fifty dollars for each
18533 student transported, except that the Commissioner of Education may
18534 grant to regional educational service centers or local or regional boards
18535 of education additional sums from funds remaining in the
18536 appropriation for such transportation services if needed to offset
18537 transportation costs that exceed such maximum amount. The regional
18538 educational service centers shall provide reasonable transportation
18539 services to high school students who wish to participate in supervised
18540 extracurricular activities. For purposes of this section, the number of
18541 students transported shall be determined on October first of each fiscal
18542 year.

18543 (g) (1) Except as provided in [subdivision] subdivisions (2) and (3) of
18544 this subsection, the Department of Education shall provide, within

18545 available appropriations, an annual grant to the local or regional board
18546 of education for each receiving district in an amount not to exceed two
18547 thousand five hundred dollars for each out-of-district student who
18548 attends school in the receiving district under the program.

18549 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, and each fiscal year
18550 thereafter, the department shall provide, within available
18551 appropriations, an annual grant to the local or regional board of
18552 education for each receiving district if one of the following conditions
18553 are met as follows: (A) Three thousand dollars for each out-of-district
18554 student who attends school in the receiving district under the program
18555 if the number of such out-of-district students is less than two per cent of
18556 the total student population of such receiving district, (B) four thousand
18557 dollars for each out-of-district student who attends school in the
18558 receiving district under the program if the number of such out-of-
18559 district students is greater than or equal to two per cent but less than
18560 three per cent of the total student population of such receiving district,
18561 (C) six thousand dollars for each out-of-district student who attends
18562 school in the receiving district under the program if the number of such
18563 out-of-district students is greater than or equal to three per cent but less
18564 than four per cent of the total student population of such receiving
18565 district, (D) six thousand dollars for each out-of-district student who
18566 attends school in the receiving district under the program if the
18567 Commissioner of Education determines that the receiving district has an
18568 enrollment of greater than four thousand students and has increased the
18569 number of students in the program by at least fifty per cent from the
18570 previous fiscal year, or (E) eight thousand dollars for each out-of-district
18571 student who attends school in the receiving district under the program
18572 if the number of such out-of-district students is greater than or equal to
18573 four per cent of the total student population of such receiving district.

18574 (3) (A) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the department shall
18575 provide a grant to the local or regional board of education for each
18576 receiving district described in subdivision (4) of subsection (c) of this
18577 section in an amount of four thousand dollars for each out-of-district

18578 student who resides in Danbury or Norwalk and attends school in the
18579 receiving district under the pilot program.

18580 (B) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, and each fiscal year
18581 thereafter, the department shall provide an annual grant to the local or
18582 regional board of education for each receiving district described in
18583 subdivision (4) of subsection (c) of this section for each out-of-district
18584 student who resides in Danbury or Norwalk and attends school in the
18585 receiving district under the pilot program in accordance with the
18586 provisions of subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection.

18587 (C) Not later than January 1, 2025, the department shall submit a
18588 report on the pilot program in operation in Danbury and Norwalk,
18589 pursuant to subdivision (4) of subsection (c) of this section, to the joint
18590 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
18591 matters relating to education and appropriations, in accordance with the
18592 provisions of section 11-4a. Such report shall include, but need not be
18593 limited to, the total number of students participating in the pilot
18594 program, the number of students from each town participating in the
18595 pilot program, the total amount of the grant paid under the pilot
18596 program and the amount of the grant paid to each town participating in
18597 the pilot program.

18598 [(3)] (4) Each town which receives funds pursuant to this subsection
18599 shall make such funds available to its local or regional board of
18600 education in supplement to any other local appropriation, other state or
18601 federal grant or other revenue to which the local or regional board of
18602 education is entitled.

18603 (h) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, each sending
18604 district and each receiving district shall divide the number of children
18605 participating in the program who reside in such district or attend school
18606 in such district by two for purposes of the counts for subdivision (22) of
18607 section 10-262f and subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 10-261.

18608 (i) In the case of an out-of-district student who requires special

18609 education and related services, the sending district shall pay the
18610 receiving district an amount equal to the difference between the
18611 reasonable cost of providing such special education and related services
18612 to such student and the amount received by the receiving district
18613 pursuant to subsection (g) of this section and in the case of students
18614 participating pursuant to subsection (d) of this section, the per pupil
18615 amount received pursuant to section 10-74d. The sending district shall
18616 be eligible for reimbursement pursuant to section 10-76g.

18617 (j) Nothing in this section shall prohibit school districts from charging
18618 tuition to other school districts that do not have a high school pursuant
18619 to section 10-33.

18620 (k) On or before March first of each year, the Commissioner of
18621 Education shall determine if the enrollment in the program pursuant to
18622 subsection (c) of this section for the fiscal year is below the number of
18623 students for which funds were appropriated. If the commissioner
18624 determines that the enrollment is below such number, the additional
18625 funds shall not lapse but shall be used by the commissioner in
18626 accordance with this subsection.

18627 (1) Any amount up to five hundred thousand dollars of such
18628 nonlapsing funds shall be used for supplemental grants to receiving
18629 districts on a pro rata basis for each out-of-district student in the
18630 program pursuant to subsection (c) of this section who attends the same
18631 school in the receiving district as at least nine other such out-of-district
18632 students, not to exceed one thousand dollars per student.

18633 (2) Any amount of such nonlapsing funds equal to or greater than
18634 five hundred thousand dollars, but less than one million dollars, shall
18635 be used for supplemental grants, in an amount determined by the
18636 commissioner, on a pro rata basis to receiving districts that report to the
18637 commissioner on or before March first of the current school year that the
18638 number of out-of-district students enrolled in such receiving district is
18639 greater than the number of out-of-district students enrolled in such

18640 receiving district from the previous school year.

18641 (3) Any remaining nonlapsing funds shall be used by the
18642 commissioner to increase enrollment in the interdistrict public school
18643 attendance program described in this section.

18644 (l) For purposes of the state-wide mastery examinations under
18645 section 10-14n, students participating in the program established
18646 pursuant to this section shall be considered residents of the school
18647 district in which they attend school.

18648 (m) Within available appropriations, the commissioner may make
18649 grants to regional education service centers which provide summer
18650 school educational programs approved by the commissioner to students
18651 participating in the program.

18652 (n) The Commissioner of Education may provide grants for children
18653 in the Hartford program described in this section to participate in
18654 preschool and all day kindergarten programs. In addition to the subsidy
18655 provided to the receiving district for educational services, such grants
18656 may be used for the provision of before and after-school care and
18657 remedial services for the preschool and kindergarten students
18658 participating in the program.

18659 (o) Within available appropriations, the commissioner may make
18660 grants for academic student support for programs pursuant to this
18661 section that assist the state in meeting [the goals of the 2008 stipulation
18662 and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as extended,
18663 or the goals of the 2013 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v.
18664 William A. O'Neill, et al., as extended, as determined by the
18665 commissioner] its obligations pursuant to the decision in Sheff v.
18666 O'Neill, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect,
18667 as determined by the Commissioner of Education.

18668 Sec. 402. Section 10-17g of the general statutes is repealed and the
18669 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

18670 For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2016, to June 30, [2021] 2023,
18671 inclusive, the board of education for each local and regional school
18672 district that is required to provide a program of bilingual education,
18673 pursuant to section 10-17f, may make application to the State Board of
18674 Education and shall annually receive, within available appropriations,
18675 a grant in an amount equal to the product obtained by multiplying one
18676 million nine hundred sixteen thousand one hundred thirty by the ratio
18677 which the number of eligible children in the school district bears to the
18678 total number of such eligible children state-wide. The board of
18679 education for each local and regional school district receiving funds
18680 pursuant to this section shall annually, on or before September first,
18681 submit to the State Board of Education a progress report which shall
18682 include (1) measures of increased educational opportunities for eligible
18683 students, including language support services and language transition
18684 support services provided to such students, (2) program evaluation and
18685 measures of the effectiveness of its bilingual education and English as a
18686 second language programs, including data on students in bilingual
18687 education programs and students educated exclusively in English as a
18688 second language programs, and (3) certification by the board of
18689 education submitting the report that any funds received pursuant to this
18690 section have been used for the purposes specified. The State Board of
18691 Education shall annually evaluate programs conducted pursuant to
18692 section 10-17f. For purposes of this section, measures of the effectiveness
18693 of bilingual education and English as a second language programs
18694 include, but need not be limited to, mastery examination results, under
18695 section 10-14n, and graduation and school dropout rates. Any amount
18696 appropriated under this section in excess of one million nine hundred
18697 sixteen thousand one hundred thirty dollars shall be spent in accordance
18698 with the provisions of sections 10-17k, 10-17n and 10-66t. Any
18699 unexpended funds, as of November first, appropriated to the
18700 Department of Education for purposes of providing a grant to a local or
18701 regional board of education for the provision of a program of bilingual
18702 education, pursuant to section 10-17f, shall be distributed on a pro rata
18703 basis to each local and regional board of education receiving a grant

18704 under this section. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for
18705 the fiscal years ending June 30, 2009, to June 30, [2021] 2023, inclusive,
18706 the amount of grants payable to local or regional boards of education
18707 for the provision of a program of bilingual education under this section
18708 shall be reduced proportionately if the total of such grants in such year
18709 exceeds the amount appropriated for such grants for such year.

18710 Sec. 403. Subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of section 10-76d of the
18711 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
18712 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

18713 (2) For purposes of this subdivision, "public agency" includes the
18714 offices of a government of a federally recognized Native American tribe.
18715 Notwithstanding any other provisions of the general statutes, for the
18716 fiscal year ending June 30, 1987, and each fiscal year thereafter,
18717 whenever a public agency, other than a local or regional board of
18718 education, the State Board of Education or the Superior Court acting
18719 pursuant to section 10-76h, places a child in a foster home, group home,
18720 hospital, state institution, receiving home, custodial institution or any
18721 other residential or day treatment facility, and such child requires
18722 special education, the local or regional board of education under whose
18723 jurisdiction the child would otherwise be attending school or, if no such
18724 board can be identified, the local or regional board of education of the
18725 town where the child is placed, shall provide the requisite special
18726 education and related services to such child in accordance with the
18727 provisions of this section. Within one business day of such a placement
18728 by the Department of Children and Families or offices of a government
18729 of a federally recognized Native American tribe, said department or
18730 offices shall orally notify the local or regional board of education
18731 responsible for providing special education and related services to such
18732 child of such placement. The department or offices shall provide written
18733 notification to such board of such placement within two business days
18734 of the placement. Such local or regional board of education shall
18735 convene a planning and placement team meeting for such child within
18736 thirty days of the placement and shall invite a representative of the

18737 Department of Children and Families or offices of a government of a
18738 federally recognized Native American tribe to participate in such
18739 meeting. (A) The local or regional board of education under whose
18740 jurisdiction such child would otherwise be attending school shall be
18741 financially responsible for the reasonable costs of such special education
18742 and related services in an amount equal to the lesser of one hundred per
18743 cent of the costs of such education or the average per pupil educational
18744 costs of such board of education for the prior fiscal year, determined in
18745 accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of section 10-76f. The
18746 State Board of Education shall pay on a current basis, except as provided
18747 in subdivision (3) of this subsection, any costs in excess of such local or
18748 regional board's basic contributions paid by such board of education in
18749 accordance with the provisions of this subdivision. (B) Whenever a child
18750 is placed pursuant to this subdivision, on or after July 1, 1995, by the
18751 Department of Children and Families and the local or regional board of
18752 education under whose jurisdiction such child would otherwise be
18753 attending school cannot be identified, the local or regional board of
18754 education under whose jurisdiction the child attended school or in
18755 whose district the child resided at the time of removal from the home
18756 by said department shall be responsible for the reasonable costs of
18757 special education and related services provided to such child, for one
18758 calendar year or until the child is committed to the state pursuant to
18759 section 46b-129 or 46b-140 or is returned to the child's parent or
18760 guardian, whichever is earlier. If the child remains in such placement
18761 beyond one calendar year the Department of Children and Families
18762 shall be responsible for such costs. During the period the local or
18763 regional board of education is responsible for the reasonable cost of
18764 special education and related services pursuant to this subparagraph,
18765 the board shall be responsible for such costs in an amount equal to the
18766 lesser of one hundred per cent of the costs of such education and related
18767 services or the average per pupil educational costs of such board of
18768 education for the prior fiscal year, determined in accordance with the
18769 provisions of subsection (a) of section 10-76f. The State Board of
18770 Education shall pay on a current basis, except as provided in

18771 subdivision (3) of this subsection, any costs in excess of such local or
18772 regional board's basic contributions paid by such board of education in
18773 accordance with the provisions of this subdivision. The costs for services
18774 other than educational shall be paid by the state agency which placed
18775 the child. The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to the school
18776 districts established within the Department of Children and Families,
18777 pursuant to section 17a-37 or the Department of Correction, pursuant to
18778 section 18-99a, provided in any case in which special education is being
18779 provided at a private residential institution, including the residential
18780 components of regional educational service centers, to a child for whom
18781 no local or regional board of education can be found responsible under
18782 subsection (b) of this section, Unified School District #2 shall provide
18783 the special education and related services and be financially responsible
18784 for the reasonable costs of such special education instruction for such
18785 children. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subdivision, for the
18786 fiscal years ending June 30, 2004, to June 30, 2007, inclusive, and for the
18787 fiscal years ending June 30, 2010, to June 30, [2021] 2023, inclusive, the
18788 amount of the grants payable to local or regional boards of education in
18789 accordance with this subdivision shall be reduced proportionately if the
18790 total of such grants in such year exceeds the amount appropriated for
18791 the purposes of this subdivision for such year.

18792 Sec. 404. Subsection (d) of section 10-76g of the general statutes is
18793 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
18794 *2021*):

18795 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the fiscal years
18796 ending June 30, 2004, to June 30, 2007, inclusive, and for the fiscal years
18797 ending June 30, 2010, to June 30, [2021] 2023, inclusive, the amount of
18798 the grants payable to local or regional boards of education in accordance
18799 with this section, except grants paid in accordance with subdivision (2)
18800 of subsection (a) of this section, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2006,
18801 and June 30, 2007, and for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2010, to June
18802 30, [2021] 2023, inclusive, shall be reduced proportionately if the total of
18803 such grants in such year exceeds the amount appropriated for the

18804 purposes of this section for such year.

18805 Sec. 405. Subsection (b) of section 10-253 of the general statutes is
18806 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
18807 *2021*):

18808 (b) The board of education of the school district under whose
18809 jurisdiction a child would otherwise be attending school shall be
18810 financially responsible for the reasonable costs of education for a child
18811 placed out by the Commissioner of Children and Families or by other
18812 agencies, including, but not limited to, offices of a government of a
18813 federally recognized Native American tribe, in a private residential
18814 facility when such child requires educational services other than special
18815 education services. Such financial responsibility shall be the lesser of
18816 one hundred per cent of the costs of such education or the average per
18817 pupil educational costs of such board of education for the prior fiscal
18818 year, determined in accordance with subsection (a) of section 10-76f.
18819 Any costs in excess of the board's basic contribution shall be paid by the
18820 State Board of Education on a current basis. The costs for services other
18821 than educational shall be paid by the state agency which placed the
18822 child. Application for the grant to be paid by the state for costs in excess
18823 of the local or regional board of education's basic contribution shall be
18824 made in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (5) of subsection
18825 (e) of section 10-76d. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection,
18826 for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2004, to June 30, 2007, inclusive, and
18827 for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2010, to June 30, [2021] 2023,
18828 inclusive, the amount of the grants payable to local or regional boards
18829 of education in accordance with this subsection shall be reduced
18830 proportionately if the total of such grants in such year exceeds the
18831 amount appropriated for the purposes of this subsection for such year.

18832 Sec. 406. Subsection (i) of section 10-217a of the general statutes is
18833 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
18834 *2021*):

18835 (i) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the fiscal years
18836 ending June 30, 2008, to June 30, [2021] 2023, inclusive, the amount of
18837 the grants payable to local or regional boards of education in accordance
18838 with this section shall be reduced proportionately if the total of such
18839 grants in such year exceeds the amount appropriated for purposes of
18840 this section.

18841 Sec. 407. Subsection (e) of section 10-66j of the general statutes is
18842 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
18843 *2021*):

18844 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the fiscal years
18845 ending June 30, 2004, to June 30, 2019, inclusive, and for the fiscal years
18846 ending June 30, 2022, and June 30, 2023, the amount of grants payable to
18847 regional educational service centers shall be reduced proportionately if
18848 the total of such grants in such year exceeds the amount appropriated
18849 for such grants for such year.

18850 Sec. 408. Subsection (d) of section 10-71 of the general statutes is
18851 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
18852 *2021*):

18853 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the fiscal years
18854 ending June 30, 2004, to June 30, [2021] 2023, inclusive, the amount of
18855 the grants payable to towns, regional boards of education or regional
18856 educational service centers in accordance with this section shall be
18857 reduced proportionately if the total of such grants in such year exceeds
18858 the amount appropriated for the purposes of this section for such year.

18859 Sec. 409. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Office of Fiscal Analysis shall
18860 conduct an independent modeling of the education funding proposal
18861 described in the version of senate bill 948 of the 2021 regular session that
18862 was favorably reported by the joint standing committee of the General
18863 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education on March
18864 22, 2021.

18865 (b) Such modeling shall include, but need not be limited to, (1) an
18866 analysis of the estimated fiscal impact of such proposal on (A) local and
18867 regional boards of education and operators of interdistrict magnet
18868 school programs, state and local charter schools and agricultural science
18869 and technology education centers, including the (i) receipt of grants, (ii)
18870 receipt and payment of tuition, and (iii) estimated net impact to each
18871 local and regional board of education specific to each grant described in
18872 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, and (B) the equalization aid grant,
18873 described in section 10-262h of the general statutes, and grants for (i)
18874 interdistrict magnet school programs pursuant to section 10-264l of the
18875 general statutes, (ii) state and local charter schools pursuant to section
18876 10-66ee of the general statutes, (iii) regional agricultural science and
18877 technology centers pursuant to section 10-65 of the general statutes, and
18878 (iv) the interdistrict public school attendance program pursuant to
18879 section 10-266aa of the general statutes, and (2) funding for the Technical
18880 Education and Career System, including such funding at a system-wide
18881 level, a school level and a per pupil level, and the effects of racial equity
18882 within the system based on such funding.

18883 (c) (1) Not later than December 15, 2021, the Office of Fiscal Analysis
18884 shall submit such modeling and a draft report to the Commissioner of
18885 Education for review and comment.

18886 (2) Not later than January 3, 2022, the commissioner, or the
18887 commissioner's designee, shall submit his or her comments and
18888 recommendations, if any, concerning such draft report to the Office of
18889 Fiscal Analysis.

18890 (d) Not later than January 15, 2022, the Office of Fiscal Analysis shall
18891 submit a report of such modeling to the joint standing committees of the
18892 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education
18893 and appropriations. Such report shall include the modeling and any
18894 comments and recommendations submitted to the office by the
18895 Commissioner of Education.

18896 Sec. 410. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) Not later than January 1,
18897 2023, the Department of Education, in collaboration with the State
18898 Education Resource Center, shall develop a model curriculum for
18899 grades kindergarten to grade eight, inclusive, that may be used by local
18900 and regional boards of education.

18901 (b) The content of the model curriculum shall (1) be rigorous, age-
18902 appropriate, aligned with curriculum guidelines approved by the State
18903 Board of Education and in accordance with the state-wide subject matter
18904 content standards, adopted by the state board pursuant to section 10-4
18905 of the general statutes, (2) be in accordance with the program of
18906 instruction and subject matter requirements prescribed in section 10-16b
18907 of the general statutes, and (3) include and integrate throughout such
18908 model curriculum at least the following: (A) The subject matter
18909 prescribed in section 10-16b of the general statutes, (B) Native American
18910 studies, (C) Asian American and Pacific Islander studies, (D) lesbian,
18911 gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and other sexual orientations and
18912 gender identities studies, (E) climate change, (F) personal financial
18913 management and financial literacy, (G) the military service and
18914 experience of American veterans, (H) civics and citizenship, including
18915 instruction in digital citizenship and media literacy that provides
18916 students with the knowledge and skills necessary to safely, ethically,
18917 responsibly and effectively use digital technologies to create and
18918 consume digital content, communicate with others and participate in
18919 social and civic activities, (I) the principles of social-emotional learning,
18920 and (J) racism.

18921 (c) In developing the model curriculum, the Department of Education
18922 and State Education Resource Center (1) shall consult with persons and
18923 organizations with subject matter expertise in developing the model
18924 curriculum, and (2) may utilize existing and appropriate public or
18925 private materials, personnel and other resources, and accept gifts, grants
18926 and donations, including in-kind donations, designated for the
18927 development of the model curriculum under this section.

18928 (d) The Department of Education shall make the model curriculum
18929 available to local and regional boards of education and on the
18930 department's Internet web site.

18931 Sec. 411. (*Effective July 1, 2021*) Not later than January 15, 2023, the
18932 department, in consultation with the State Education Resource Center,
18933 shall submit a description of the model curriculum developed pursuant
18934 to section 410 of this act, which includes the scope and sequence and
18935 course objective, and a report on the development and review of such
18936 course to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
18937 cognizance of matters relating to education, in accordance with the
18938 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

18939 Sec. 412. Section 10-16b of the general statutes, as amended by section
18940 1 of public act 19-12, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
18941 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

18942 (a) In the public schools the program of instruction offered shall
18943 include at least the following subject matter, as taught by legally
18944 qualified teachers, the arts; career education; consumer education;
18945 health and safety, including, but not limited to, human growth and
18946 development, nutrition, first aid, including cardiopulmonary
18947 resuscitation training in accordance with the provisions of section 10-
18948 16qq, disease prevention and cancer awareness, including, but not
18949 limited to, age and developmentally appropriate instruction in
18950 performing self-examinations for the purposes of screening for breast
18951 cancer and testicular cancer, community and consumer health, physical,
18952 mental and emotional health, including youth suicide prevention,
18953 substance abuse prevention, including instruction relating to opioid use
18954 and related disorders, safety, which shall include the safe use of social
18955 media, as defined in section 9-601, and may include the dangers of gang
18956 membership, and accident prevention; language arts, including reading,
18957 writing, grammar, speaking and spelling; mathematics; physical
18958 education; science, which may include the climate change curriculum
18959 described in subsection (d) of this section; social studies, including, but

18960 not limited to, citizenship, economics, geography, government, history
18961 and Holocaust and genocide education and awareness in accordance
18962 with the provisions of section 10-18f; African-American and black
18963 studies in accordance with the provisions of section 10-16ss; Puerto
18964 Rican and Latino studies in accordance with the provisions of section
18965 10-16ss; Native American studies, in accordance with the provisions of
18966 section 413 of this act; computer programming instruction; and in
18967 addition, on at least the secondary level, one or more world languages;
18968 vocational education; and the black and Latino studies course in
18969 accordance with the provisions of sections 10-16tt and 10-16uu. For
18970 purposes of this subsection, world languages shall include American
18971 Sign Language, provided such subject matter is taught by a qualified
18972 instructor under the supervision of a teacher who holds a certificate
18973 issued by the State Board of Education. For purposes of this subsection,
18974 the "arts" means any form of visual or performing arts, which may
18975 include, but not be limited to, dance, music, art and theatre.

18976 (b) If a local or regional board of education requires its pupils to take
18977 a course in a world language, the parent or guardian of a pupil
18978 identified as deaf or hard of hearing may request in writing that such
18979 pupil be exempted from such requirement and, if such a request is
18980 made, such pupil shall be exempt from such requirement.

18981 (c) Each local and regional board of education shall on September 1,
18982 1982, and annually thereafter at such time and in such manner as the
18983 Commissioner of Education shall request, attest to the State Board of
18984 Education that such local or regional board of education offers at least
18985 the program of instruction required pursuant to this section, and that
18986 such program of instruction is planned, ongoing and systematic.

18987 (d) The State Board of Education shall make available curriculum
18988 materials and such other materials as may assist local and regional
18989 boards of education in developing instructional programs pursuant to
18990 this section. The State Board of Education, within available
18991 appropriations and utilizing available resource materials, shall assist

18992 and encourage local and regional boards of education to include: (1)
18993 Holocaust and genocide education and awareness; (2) the historical
18994 events surrounding the Great Famine in Ireland; (3) African-American
18995 and black studies; (4) Puerto Rican and Latino studies; (5) Native
18996 American [history] studies; (6) personal financial management,
18997 including, but not limited to, financial literacy as developed in the plan
18998 provided under section 10-16pp; (7) training in cardiopulmonary
18999 resuscitation and the use of automatic external defibrillators; (8) labor
19000 history and law, including organized labor, the collective bargaining
19001 process, existing legal protections in the workplace, the history and
19002 economics of free market capitalism and entrepreneurialism, and the
19003 role of labor and capitalism in the development of the American and
19004 world economies; (9) climate change consistent with the Next
19005 Generation Science Standards; (10) topics approved by the state board
19006 upon the request of local or regional boards of education as part of the
19007 program of instruction offered pursuant to subsection (a) of this section;
19008 and (11) instruction relating to the Safe Haven Act, sections 17a-57 to
19009 17a-61, inclusive. The Department of Energy and Environmental
19010 Protection shall be available to each local and regional board of
19011 education for the development of curriculum on climate change as
19012 described in this subsection.

19013 Sec. 413. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) For the school year
19014 commencing July 1, 2023, and each school year thereafter, each local and
19015 regional board of education shall include Native American studies as
19016 part of the social studies curriculum for the school district, pursuant to
19017 section 10-16b of the general statutes. Such Native American studies
19018 curriculum shall include, but need not be limited to, a focus on the
19019 Northeastern Woodland Native American Tribes of Connecticut. In
19020 developing and implementing the Native American studies curriculum,
19021 the board may utilize the curriculum materials made available by the
19022 State Board of Education pursuant to subsection (d) of section 10-16b of
19023 the general statutes, or other existing and appropriate public or private
19024 materials, personnel and resources, provided such curriculum is in

19025 accordance with the state-wide subject matter content standards,
19026 adopted by the state board pursuant to section 10-4 of the general
19027 statutes.

19028 (b) A local or regional board of education may accept gifts, grants and
19029 donations, including in-kind donations, designated for the development
19030 and implementation of the Native American studies curriculum under
19031 this section.

19032 Sec. 414. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) As used in this section:

19033 (1) "Minority" has the same meaning as provided in section 10-156bb
19034 of the general statutes;

19035 (2) "Minority candidate" means an individual who is a minority and
19036 employed by a local or regional board of education as a school
19037 paraprofessional or an associate instructor;

19038 (3) "Residency program" means a certification program approved by
19039 the State Board of Education that requires participants to complete a
19040 residency in which such participants serve (A) in a position otherwise
19041 requiring professional certification, and (B) in a full-time position for ten
19042 school months at a local or regional board of education in the state under
19043 the supervision of (i) a certified administrator or teacher, and (ii) a
19044 supervisor from the regional educational service center or private,
19045 nonprofit teacher or administrator operating such certification program;
19046 and

19047 (4) "Alliance district" has the same meaning as provided in section 10-
19048 262u of the general statutes.

19049 (b) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, and each fiscal year
19050 thereafter, the Department of Education shall administer the minority
19051 candidate certification, retention or residency year program. Such
19052 program shall assist (1) minority candidates in enrolling in a residency
19053 program for purposes of becoming full-time, certified teachers upon

19054 successful completion of such residency program, and (2) local and
19055 regional boards of education in hiring and retaining such minority
19056 candidates.

19057 (c) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, and each fiscal year
19058 thereafter, each local and regional board of education for an alliance
19059 district shall partner with the operator of a residency program for
19060 purposes of enrolling minority candidates and placing them in such
19061 school district as part of such residency program. Following the
19062 successful completion of the residency program by a minority
19063 candidate, such board may hire such minority candidate. Such board
19064 may apply to the Commissioner of Education, at such time and in such
19065 manner as the commissioner prescribes, to receive a payment, as
19066 described in subdivision (2) of this subsection, for any of the costs
19067 described in subsection (e) of this section.

19068 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, and each fiscal year
19069 thereafter, the Commissioner of Education shall withhold from an
19070 alliance district, from the funds transferred by the Comptroller pursuant
19071 to subsection (c) of section 10-262u of the general statutes, ten per cent
19072 of any increase in such funds that such alliance district receives for the
19073 fiscal year over the amount of such funds that it received for the fiscal
19074 year ending June 30, 2020. The department shall use such funds to make
19075 a payment to such alliance district and such alliance district shall expend
19076 such payment for any of the costs described in subsection (e) of this
19077 section.

19078 (d) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, and each fiscal year
19079 thereafter, any local or regional board of education, other than a local or
19080 regional board of education for an alliance district, may partner with the
19081 operator of a residency program for purposes of enrolling minority
19082 candidates and placing them in such school district as part of such
19083 residency program. Following the successful completion of the
19084 residency program by a minority candidate, such board may hire such
19085 minority candidate. Such board may apply to the Commissioner of

19086 Education, at such time and in such manner as the commissioner
19087 prescribes, to receive a grant for any of the costs described in subsection
19088 (e) of this section.

19089 (2) The commissioner may, within available appropriations, award a
19090 grant to a local or regional board of education described in subdivision
19091 (1) of this subsection for any of the costs described in subsection (e) of
19092 this section.

19093 (e) Any payments made or grants awarded under this section may be
19094 used for costs associated with the (1) enrollment of such minority
19095 candidates in a residency program, (2) certification process for such
19096 minority candidates, (3) hiring of such minority candidates following
19097 the successful completion of a residency program, or (4) retention of
19098 such minority candidates as certified employees of the school district.

19099 (f) Any unexpended funds paid or awarded to a local or regional
19100 board of education under this section shall not lapse at the end of the
19101 fiscal year but shall be available for expenditure during the next fiscal
19102 year for purposes of implementing the provisions of this section.

19103 (g) The department shall develop guidelines and criteria for the
19104 implementation of the minority candidate certification, retention or
19105 residency year program and administration of funds under this section.

19106 Sec. 415. Subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of section 10-262u of the
19107 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
19108 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

19109 (2) Upon receipt of an application pursuant to subsection (d) of this
19110 section or section 414 of this act, the Commissioner of Education may
19111 pay such funds to the town designated as an alliance district and such
19112 town shall pay all such funds to the local or regional board of education
19113 for such town on the condition that such funds shall be expended in
19114 accordance with (A) the plan described in subsection (d) of this section,
19115 (B) the minority candidate certification, retention or residency year

19116 program pursuant to section 414 of this act, (C) the provisions of
19117 subsection (c) of section 10-262i, and (D) any guidelines developed by
19118 the State Board of Education for such funds. Such funds shall be used to
19119 improve student achievement and recruit and retain minority teachers
19120 in such alliance district and to offset any other local education costs
19121 approved by the commissioner.

19122 Sec. 416. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) The Commissioner of
19123 Education, the president of the Connecticut State Colleges and
19124 Universities and the dean of the Neag School of Education at The
19125 University of Connecticut shall jointly develop a plan to assist local and
19126 regional boards of education in promoting the teaching profession as a
19127 career option to students in high school. Such plan shall include, but
19128 need not be limited to, a means for local and regional boards of
19129 education to develop partnerships with educator preparation programs
19130 in the state, and the creation of counseling programs directed to high
19131 school students in order to inform them about and recruit them to the
19132 teaching profession.

19133 (b) Not later than September 1, 2021, the Department of Education
19134 shall distribute to local and regional boards of education information
19135 that promotes the teaching profession, including materials relating to
19136 educator preparation programs and alternative route to certification
19137 programs offered in the state, for school counselors and students. The
19138 department shall also make such information available on its Internet
19139 web site.

19140 Sec. 417. Section 10-156ee of the general statutes is repealed and the
19141 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

19142 Not later than January 1, 2019, the Department of Education, in
19143 consultation with the Minority Teacher Recruitment Policy Oversight
19144 Council, shall (1) identify relevant research and successful practices to
19145 enhance minority teacher recruitment throughout the state, (2) identify
19146 and establish public, private and philanthropic partnerships to increase

19147 minority teacher recruitment, (3) utilize, monitor and evaluate
19148 innovative methods to attract minority candidates to the teaching
19149 profession, particularly in subject areas in which a teacher shortage
19150 exists, as determined by the Commissioner of Education pursuant to
19151 section 10-8b, (4) modernize the process for educators to obtain educator
19152 certification under this chapter by eliminating obstacles to certification
19153 to increase competitiveness with other states, (5) identify and utilize
19154 high-quality, affordable and bias-free educator assessments, (6) adopt
19155 cut scores for educator assessments, that do not exceed the multistate
19156 cut scores, to increase competitiveness with surrounding states, (7)
19157 support new and existing educator preparation programs that commit
19158 to enrolling greater numbers of minority teacher candidates in a manner
19159 that supports interstate reciprocity, (8) monitor, advise and support, and
19160 intervene in when necessary, local and regional boards of education's
19161 efforts to prioritize minority teacher recruitment and develop
19162 innovative strategies to attract and retain minority teachers within their
19163 districts, [and] (9) (A) on and after July 1, 2019, include a question
19164 regarding the demographic data of applicants for positions requiring
19165 educator certification in the department's annual hiring survey
19166 distributed to local and regional boards of education, and (B) not later
19167 than July 1, 2020, and annually thereafter, submit a report, in accordance
19168 with the provisions of section 11-4a, on the applicant demographic data
19169 collected pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this subdivision to the
19170 minority teacher recruitment task force, established pursuant to section
19171 10-156aa, and to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
19172 having cognizance of matters relating to education, and (10) not later
19173 than July 1, 2022, develop and make available, in consultation with the
19174 State Education Resource Center, a video training module for school
19175 district personnel involved in or responsible for hiring educators
19176 relating to implicit bias and anti-bias in the hiring process. For purposes
19177 of this section, "minority" has the same meaning as provided in section
19178 10-156bb.

19179 Sec. 418. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) For the school year

19180 commencing July 1, 2023, and each school year thereafter, any employee
19181 of a local or regional board of education who is involved in or
19182 responsible for hiring educators for the school district shall successfully
19183 complete the video training module relating to implicit bias and anti-
19184 bias in the hiring process, developed pursuant to section 10-156ee of the
19185 general statutes, prior to such employee's participation in the educator
19186 hiring process for the school district.

19187 Sec. 419. Subsection (a) of section 10-220a of the general statutes is
19188 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
19189 *2021*):

19190 (a) Each local or regional board of education shall provide an in-
19191 service training program for its teachers, administrators and pupil
19192 personnel who hold the initial educator, provisional educator or
19193 professional educator certificate. Such program shall provide such
19194 teachers, administrators and pupil personnel with information on (1)
19195 the nature and the relationship of alcohol and drugs, as defined in
19196 subdivision (17) of section 21a-240, to health and personality
19197 development, and procedures for discouraging their abuse, (2) health
19198 and mental health risk reduction education that includes, but need not
19199 be limited to, the prevention of risk-taking behavior by children and the
19200 relationship of such behavior to substance abuse, pregnancy, sexually
19201 transmitted diseases, including HIV-infection and AIDS, as defined in
19202 section 19a-581, violence, teen dating violence, domestic violence and
19203 child abuse, (3) school violence prevention, conflict resolution, the
19204 prevention of and response to youth suicide and the identification and
19205 prevention of and response to bullying, as defined in subsection (a) of
19206 section 10-222d, except that those boards of education that implement
19207 any evidence-based model approach that is approved by the
19208 Department of Education and is consistent with subsection (c) of section
19209 10-145a, sections 10-222d, 10-222g and 10-222h, subsection (g) of section
19210 10-233c and sections 1 and 3 of public act 08-160, shall not be required
19211 to provide in-service training on the identification and prevention of
19212 and response to bullying, (4) cardiopulmonary resuscitation and other

19213 emergency life saving procedures, (5) the requirements and obligations
19214 of a mandated reporter, (6) the detection and recognition of, and
19215 evidence-based structured literacy interventions for, students with
19216 dyslexia, as defined in section 10-3d, and (7) culturally responsive
19217 pedagogy and practice, including, but not limited to, the video training
19218 module relating to implicit bias and anti-bias in the hiring process in
19219 accordance with the provisions of section 418 of this act. Each local or
19220 regional board of education may allow any paraprofessional or
19221 noncertified employee to participate, on a voluntary basis, in any in-
19222 service training program provided pursuant to this section.

19223 Sec. 420. (*Effective July 1, 2021*) The Department of Education shall
19224 conduct a study of a multiple measures approach to demonstrating
19225 content-area mastery for the purposes of section 10-145f of the general
19226 statutes. Such study shall include, but not be limited to, a review of
19227 current assessment requirements for educator certification, candidate
19228 first-time pass rates, best attempt pass rates, candidate access to and use
19229 of free-retake policy, and alternative multiple measure pathways to
19230 demonstrate content-area mastery for certification. Not later than
19231 January 1, 2023, the department shall submit a report on its findings and
19232 any recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General
19233 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education, in
19234 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

19235 Sec. 421. Section 10-16uu of the general statutes is repealed and the
19236 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

19237 (a) For the school year commencing July 1, 2021, a local or regional
19238 board of education may offer the black and Latino studies course,
19239 approved pursuant to section 10-16tt, in grades nine to twelve, inclusive.

19240 (b) For the school year commencing July 1, 2022, and each school year
19241 thereafter, a local or regional board of education shall offer the black and
19242 Latino studies course, approved pursuant to section 10-16tt, in grades
19243 nine to twelve, inclusive.

19244 Sec. 422. Section 4 of house bill 6621 of the 2021 regular session, as
19245 amended by House Amendment Schedule "A", is repealed and the
19246 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

19247 (a) For the school year commencing July 1, 2021, and each school year
19248 thereafter, the Department of Education [shall, upon request,] may
19249 provide to and assist local and regional boards of education in
19250 administering a social-emotional learning assessment to students
19251 pursuant to [subsections] subsection (b) [and (c)] of this section.

19252 (b) For the school year commencing July 1, 2021, [each] and each
19253 school year thereafter, a local [and] or regional board of education
19254 [shall] may administer a social-emotional learning assessment to
19255 students. A board may use (1) the social-emotional learning assessment
19256 provided by the Department of Education pursuant to subsection (a) of
19257 this section, or (2) another social-emotional learning assessment or
19258 mental health and resiliency screening.

19259 [(c) For the school year commencing July 1, 2022, and each school year
19260 thereafter, each local and regional board of education may administer a
19261 social-emotional learning assessment to students. A board may use (1)
19262 the social-emotional learning assessment provided by the Department
19263 of Education pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, or (2) another
19264 social-emotional learning assessment or mental health and resiliency
19265 screening.]

19266 [(d)] (c) The parent or guardian of a student shall receive prior written
19267 notice of any social-emotional learning assessment or mental health and
19268 resiliency screening described in subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of this
19269 section that is to be administered pursuant to [subsections] subsection
19270 (b) [and (c)] of this section. No student shall complete such assessment
19271 or screening unless such parent or guardian provides permission that
19272 such student may complete such assessment or screening.

19273 Sec. 423. (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) As used in this section, "remote
19274 learning" means instruction by means of one or more Internet-based

19275 software platforms as part of an in-person or remote learning model.

19276 (b) The Department of Education shall establish the Connecticut
19277 Remote Learning Commission to analyze and provide
19278 recommendations concerning the provision of remote learning to public
19279 school students enrolled in grades kindergarten to twelve, inclusive.
19280 The commission shall create a report that includes an analysis and
19281 recommendations concerning:

19282 (1) The impact of remote learning on (A) the educational attainment
19283 of students in elementary, middle and high school, (B) students'
19284 physical and emotional development, access to special services
19285 including mental health, and access to food security and nutrition, and
19286 (C) the quality of instructional delivery. Such analysis shall be
19287 conducted and collect data that is disaggregated based on subgroups of
19288 students, such as race, ethnicity, age, gender, eligibility for free or
19289 reduced priced lunches, students whose primary language is not
19290 English and students with disabilities;

19291 (2) The feasibility of creating a state-wide remote learning school that
19292 will serve students in grades kindergarten to twelve, inclusive, that is
19293 (A) maintained by and under the direction and control of the State Board
19294 of Education, (B) provides in each school year not less than one hundred
19295 eighty days of actual school sessions and nine hundred hours of actual
19296 school work for grades kindergarten to twelve, inclusive, provided not
19297 more than seven hours of actual school work in any school day shall
19298 count toward the total required for the school year, (C) offers
19299 coursework and a curriculum that is rigorous, aligned with curriculum
19300 guidelines approved by the State Board of Education, and in accordance
19301 with the state-wide subject matter content standards, adopted by the
19302 state board pursuant to section 10-4 of the general statutes, (D) grants a
19303 diploma, in accordance with the provisions of section 10-5 of the general
19304 statutes, to any student enrolled in such state-wide remote learning
19305 school who has satisfactorily completed the high school graduation
19306 requirements described in section 10-221a of the general statutes, and

19307 (E) is created with consideration given to best practices in remote
19308 learning, technological capabilities of students throughout the state and
19309 equity;

19310 (3) The costs associated with establishing one or more public state-
19311 wide or regional remote learning schools, including an examination of
19312 how other states have utilized such state-wide remote learning schools;

19313 (4) The fiscal impact that various remote learning models could have
19314 on local and regional school districts; and

19315 (5) Options to ensure that students who are receiving or participating
19316 in remote learning have adequate parental or adult supervision,
19317 educational support, technical assistance, continuity of attendance and
19318 engagement.

19319 (c) The commission shall consist of the following members:

19320 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
19321 one of whom is a representative of the Connecticut Association of
19322 Boards of Education and one of whom is a representative of the
19323 Connecticut Education Association;

19324 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of
19325 whom is a representative of the RESC Alliance and one of whom is a
19326 representative of the Neag School of Education at The University of
19327 Connecticut;

19328 (3) Two appointed by the majority leader of the House of
19329 Representatives, one of whom is a representative of the Connecticut
19330 Association of Public School Superintendents and one of whom is a
19331 representative of the American Federation of Teachers-Connecticut;

19332 (4) Two appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, one of whom
19333 is a representative of the Connecticut Commissioner for Educational
19334 Technology and one of whom is a representative of the Connecticut
19335 Council of Administrators of Special Education;

19336 (5) Two appointed by the minority leader of the House of
19337 Representatives, one of whom is a representative of Connecticut
19338 Association of Schools and one of whom is a representative of the
19339 Connecticut Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents;

19340 (6) Two appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, one of whom
19341 is a representative of the Social and Emotional and School Climate
19342 Advisory Collaborative, established pursuant to section 10-222q of the
19343 general statutes, and one of whom is a representative of the State
19344 Education Resource Center, established pursuant to section 10-357a of
19345 the general statutes;

19346 (7) One appointed by the Commissioner of Education;

19347 (8) The president of Charter Oak State College, or the president's
19348 designee;

19349 (9) The Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee;

19350 (10) The Commissioner of Early Childhood, or the commissioner's
19351 designee; and

19352 (11) The executive director of the Office of Higher Education, or the
19353 executive director's designee.

19354 (d) All initial appointments to the commission shall be made not later
19355 than sixty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall
19356 be filled by the appointing authority.

19357 (e) The Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee,
19358 shall serve as the chairpersons of the commission.

19359 (f) Not later than July 1, 2022, the commission shall submit a report
19360 on its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the State Board
19361 of Education and the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
19362 having cognizance of matters relating to education and children, in
19363 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

19364 Sec. 424. (*Effective July 1, 2022*) (a) As used in this section, "remote
19365 learning" means instruction by means of one or more Internet-based
19366 software platforms as part of an in-person or remote learning model.

19367 (b) The Department of Education shall develop a plan for the creation
19368 and implementation of a state-wide remote learning school that offers
19369 grades kindergarten to twelve, inclusive, and provides remote learning
19370 to students. In the course of developing such plan, the department shall
19371 (1) consider the findings and recommendations of the report created by
19372 the Connecticut Remote Learning Commission pursuant to section 423
19373 of this act, (2) review remote learning schools and models being
19374 implemented in other states, and (3) estimate the number of students
19375 who reside in Connecticut that may be eligible to enroll in such state-
19376 wide remote learning school. The department shall use, to the extent
19377 permissible under federal guidelines, funds received from the
19378 Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act,
19379 P.L. 116-260, as amended from time to time, to develop such plan.

19380 (c) Any state-wide remote learning school that may be created under
19381 such plan shall (1) be maintained by and under the direction and control
19382 of the State Board of Education, (2) provide in each school year not less
19383 than one hundred eighty days of actual school sessions and nine
19384 hundred hours of actual school work for grades kindergarten to twelve,
19385 inclusive, provided not more than seven hours of actual school work in
19386 any school day shall count toward the total required for the school year,
19387 (3) offer coursework and a curriculum that is rigorous, aligned with
19388 curriculum guidelines approved by the State Board of Education, and in
19389 accordance with the state-wide subject matter content standards,
19390 adopted by the state board pursuant to section 10-4 of the general
19391 statutes, (4) grant a diploma, in accordance with the provisions of
19392 section 10-5 of the general statutes, to any student enrolled in such state-
19393 wide remote learning school who has satisfactorily completed the high
19394 school graduation requirements described in section 10-221a of the
19395 general statutes, and (5) be created with consideration given to best
19396 practices in remote learning, technological capabilities of students

19397 throughout the state and equity.

19398 (d) The department shall draft a request for proposals for any items
19399 required to create and implement a state-wide remote learning school.

19400 (e) Not later than July 1, 2023, the department shall submit the plan,
19401 the draft request for proposals and any recommendations for legislation
19402 related to the implementation of such plan to the joint standing
19403 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
19404 relating to education and appropriations, in accordance with the
19405 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

19406 Sec. 425. (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section:

19407 (1) "Remote learning" means instruction by means of one or more
19408 Internet-based software platforms as part of an in-person or remote
19409 learning model; and

19410 (2) "COVID-19" means the respiratory disease designated by the
19411 World Health Organization on February 11, 2020, as coronavirus 2019,
19412 and any related mutation thereof recognized by the World Health
19413 Organization as a communicable respiratory disease.

19414 (b) The Department of Education shall conduct a comprehensive
19415 audit of the remote learning provided by local and regional boards of
19416 education as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic during the school years
19417 commencing July 1, 2019, and July 1, 2020. The department shall use, to
19418 the extent permissible under federal guidelines, funds received from the
19419 Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act,
19420 P.L. 116-260, as amended from time to time, to conduct such
19421 comprehensive audit.

19422 (c) Such comprehensive audit shall include, but need not be limited
19423 to, an examination of (1) whether and how local and regional boards of
19424 education initially provided remote learning during the beginning of
19425 the COVID-19 pandemic, with a focus on the technological capabilities

19426 or limitations at such time, (2) the curriculum used as part of remote
19427 learning and whether students were able to complete the grade level
19428 curriculums, (3) the level of preparation or training in remote learning
19429 that educators received prior to and during the provision of remote
19430 learning during such school years, including the nature of such training
19431 and whether it was offered as part of a program of professional
19432 development, pursuant to section 10-148a of the general statutes, or as
19433 part of an in-service training program, pursuant to section 10-220a of the
19434 general statutes, (4) the level of improvement, if any, of the provision of
19435 remote learning from the school year commencing July 1, 2019, to the
19436 school year commencing July 1, 2020, (5) rates of student absenteeism
19437 during the COVID-19 pandemic relative to rates of student absenteeism
19438 prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, and (6) student academic performance
19439 during the COVID-19 pandemic relative to student academic
19440 performance prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

19441 (d) Following the completion of such comprehensive audit, the
19442 department shall develop a report that uses the results of such
19443 comprehensive audit to (1) evaluate the efficacy of remote learning, and
19444 hybrid learning models, and the potential to leverage technology for
19445 teaching in other scenarios and rethinking the delivery of instruction,
19446 (2) identify a system of metrics to hold local and regional boards of
19447 education accountable for remote learning access and equity, and (3)
19448 review and make recommendations regarding ongoing public
19449 education requirements, including what defines a "school day", by
19450 aligning technology and how remote learning may be optimally
19451 integrated into the program of study and the provision of public
19452 education.

19453 (e) Not later than January 1, 2025, the department shall submit such
19454 comprehensive audit and report, and any recommendations for
19455 legislation, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
19456 having cognizance of matters relating to education, in accordance with
19457 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

19458 Sec. 426. Section 10-221 of the general statutes, as amended by section
19459 14 of public act 21-46, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
19460 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

19461 (a) As used in this section, ["virtual learning"] "remote learning"
19462 means instruction by means of one or more Internet-based software
19463 platforms as part of an in-person or remote learning model.

19464 (b) Boards of education shall prescribe rules for the management,
19465 studies, classification and discipline of the public schools and, subject to
19466 the control of the State Board of Education, the textbooks to be used;
19467 shall make rules for the control, within their respective jurisdictions, of
19468 school library media centers, including Internet access and content, and
19469 approve the selection of books and other educational media therefor,
19470 and shall approve plans for public school buildings and superintend
19471 any high or graded school in the manner specified in this title.

19472 (c) Each local and regional board of education shall develop, adopt
19473 and implement written policies concerning homework, attendance,
19474 promotion and retention. The Department of Education shall make
19475 available model policies and guidelines to assist local and regional
19476 boards of education in meeting the responsibilities enumerated in this
19477 subsection.

19478 (d) Boards of education may prescribe rules to impose sanctions
19479 against pupils who damage or fail to return textbooks, library materials
19480 or other educational materials. Said boards may charge pupils for such
19481 damaged or lost textbooks, library materials or other educational
19482 materials and may withhold grades, transcripts or report cards until the
19483 pupil pays for or returns the textbook, library book or other educational
19484 material.

19485 (e) Each local and regional board of education shall develop, adopt
19486 and implement policies and procedures in conformity with section 10-
19487 154a for (1) dealing with the use, sale or possession of alcohol or
19488 controlled drugs, as defined in subdivision (8) of section 21a-240, by

19489 public school students on school property, including a process for
19490 coordination with, and referral of such students to, appropriate
19491 agencies, and (2) cooperating with law enforcement officials.

19492 (f) Each local and regional board of education shall adopt a written
19493 policy and procedures for dealing with youth suicide prevention and
19494 youth suicide attempts. Each such board of education may establish a
19495 student assistance program to identify risk factors for youth suicide,
19496 procedures to intervene with such youths, referral services and training
19497 for teachers and other school professionals and students who provide
19498 assistance in the program.

19499 (g) (1) Each local and regional board of education shall develop,
19500 adopt and implement written policies and procedures to encourage
19501 parent-teacher communication. These policies and procedures may
19502 include monthly newsletters, required regular contact with all parents,
19503 flexible parent-teacher conferences, drop-in hours for parents, home
19504 visits and the use of technology such as homework hot lines to allow
19505 parents to check on their children's assignments and students to receive
19506 assistance if needed. Such policies and procedures shall require the
19507 district to conduct two flexible parent-teacher conferences for each
19508 school year.

19509 (2) For the school year commencing July 1, 2021, and each school year
19510 thereafter, the policies and procedures described in subdivision (1) of
19511 this subsection shall require the district to (A) offer parents the option
19512 of attending any parent-teacher conference by telephonic, video or other
19513 conferencing platform, (B) conduct one parent-teacher conference, in
19514 addition to those required pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection,
19515 during periods when such district provides [virtual] remote learning for
19516 more than three consecutive weeks, and one additional parent-teacher
19517 conference every six months thereafter for the duration of such period
19518 of [virtual] remote learning, and (C) request from each student's parent
19519 the name and contact information of an emergency contact person who
19520 may be contacted if the student's parent cannot be reached to schedule

19521 a parent-teacher conference required pursuant to subparagraph (B) of
19522 this subdivision.

19523 (3) On and after January 1, 2022, such policies and procedures shall
19524 require (A) a teacher conducting a parent-teacher conference required
19525 pursuant to subparagraph (B) of subdivision (2) of this subsection to
19526 provide a copy of the document developed pursuant to section 15 of
19527 [this act] public act 21-46 to the parent prior to the parent-teacher
19528 conference, and (B) if a teacher is unable to make contact with a student's
19529 parent in order to schedule a parent-teacher conference required
19530 pursuant to subparagraph (B) of subdivision (2) of this subsection after
19531 making three attempts, such teacher shall report such inability to the
19532 school principal, school counselor or other school administrator
19533 designated by the local or regional board of education. Such principal,
19534 counselor or administrator shall contact any emergency contact person
19535 designated by the student's parent pursuant to subparagraph (C) of
19536 subdivision (2) of this subsection to ascertain such student and family's
19537 health and safety.

19538 Sec. 427. Section 16 of public act 21-46 is repealed and the following
19539 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

19540 (a) As used in this section, ["virtual learning"] "remote learning"
19541 means instruction by means of one or more Internet-based software
19542 platforms as part of an in-person or remote learning model.

19543 (b) Not later than January 1, 2022, the Commissioner of Education
19544 shall develop, and update as necessary, standards for [virtual] remote
19545 learning. The standards shall not be deemed to be regulations, as
19546 defined in section 4-166 of the general statutes.

19547 (c) For the school year commencing July 1, 2022, and each school year
19548 thereafter, a local or regional board of education may authorize [virtual]
19549 remote learning to students in grades nine to twelve, inclusive, provided
19550 such board (1) provides such instruction in compliance with the
19551 standards developed pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, and (2)

19552 adopts a policy regarding the requirements for student attendance
19553 during [virtual] remote learning, which shall (A) be in compliance with
19554 the Department of Education's guidance on student attendance during
19555 [virtual] remote learning, and (B) count the attendance of any student
19556 who spends not less than one-half of the school day during such
19557 instruction engaged in (i) virtual classes, (ii) virtual meetings, (iii)
19558 activities on time-logged electronic systems, and (iv) the completion and
19559 submission of assignments.

19560 Sec. 428. Section 10-16 of the general statutes, as amended by section
19561 17 of public act 21-46, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
19562 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

19563 Each school district shall provide in each school year no less than one
19564 hundred and eighty days of actual school sessions for grades
19565 kindergarten to twelve, inclusive, nine hundred hours of actual school
19566 work for full-day kindergarten and grades one to twelve, inclusive, and
19567 four hundred and fifty hours of half-day kindergarten, provided school
19568 districts shall not count more than seven hours of actual school work in
19569 any school day towards the total required for the school year. [Virtual]
19570 Remote learning shall be considered an actual school session for
19571 purposes of this section, provided such [virtual] remote learning is
19572 conducted in compliance with the standards developed pursuant to
19573 subsection (b) of section 16 of [this act] public act 21-46. If weather
19574 conditions result in an early dismissal or a delayed opening of school, a
19575 school district which maintains separate morning and afternoon half-
19576 day kindergarten sessions may provide either a morning or afternoon
19577 half-day kindergarten session on such day. As used in this section,
19578 ["virtual learning"] "remote learning" means instruction by means of one
19579 or more Internet-based software platforms as part of an in-person or
19580 remote learning model.

19581 Sec. 429. Section 10-198b of the general statutes, as amended by
19582 section 18 of public act 21-46, is repealed and the following is substituted
19583 in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

19584 The State Board of Education shall define "excused absence",
19585 "unexcused absence" and "disciplinary absence" for use by local and
19586 regional boards of education for the purposes of carrying out the
19587 provisions of section 10-198a, reporting truancy, pursuant to subsection
19588 (c) of section 10-220, and calculating the district chronic absenteeism rate
19589 and the school chronic absenteeism rate pursuant to section 10-198c. On
19590 or before July 1, 2021, the State Board of Education shall amend the
19591 definitions of "excused absence" and "unexcused absence" to exclude a
19592 student's engagement in (1) virtual classes, (2) virtual meetings, (3)
19593 activities on time-logged electronic systems, and (4) the completion and
19594 submission of assignments, if such engagement accounts for not less
19595 than one-half of the school day during [virtual] remote learning
19596 authorized pursuant to section 16 of [this act] public act 21-46. As used
19597 in this section, ["virtual learning"] "remote learning" means instruction
19598 by means of one or more Internet-based software platforms as part of an
19599 in-person or remote learning model.

19600 Sec. 430. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) For the school year
19601 commencing July 1, 2023, and each school year thereafter, each local and
19602 regional board of education shall implement a reading curriculum
19603 model or program for grades prekindergarten to grade three, inclusive,
19604 that has been reviewed and recommended pursuant to section 431 of
19605 this act.

19606 (b) On or before July 1, 2023, and biennially thereafter, each local and
19607 regional board of education shall notify the Center for Literacy Research
19608 and Reading Success, established pursuant to section 438 of this act, of
19609 which reading curriculum model or program that the board is
19610 implementing pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

19611 (c) If a local or regional board of education demonstrates to the
19612 Commissioner of Education that such board has insufficient resources
19613 or funding to implement any of the reading curriculum model or
19614 programs reviewed and recommended pursuant to section 431 of this
19615 act, the commissioner shall grant such board an extension of time, if the

19616 commissioner determines that such board demonstrates continued
19617 efforts to commence implementation of a reviewed and recommended
19618 reading curriculum model or program in accordance with this section.

19619 (d) The Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the director
19620 of the Center for Literacy Research and Reading Success, shall, upon
19621 request of a local or regional board of education, grant a waiver from
19622 the provisions of subsection (a) of this section to such board to
19623 implement a reading curriculum model or program other than a model
19624 or program reviewed and recommended pursuant to section 431 of this
19625 act, if the commissioner determines that such other reading curriculum
19626 or model is (1) evidenced-based and scientifically-based, and (2) focused
19627 on competency in the following areas of reading: Oral language,
19628 phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, rapid automatic
19629 name or letter name fluency and reading comprehension. A request for
19630 a waiver under this subsection shall include (A) data collected from the
19631 reading assessments described in section 10-14t of the general statutes
19632 that has been disaggregated by race, ethnicity, gender, eligibility for free
19633 or reduced priced lunches, students whose primary language is not
19634 English and students with disabilities, and (B) a strategy to address
19635 remaining reading achievement gaps, as defined in section 10-14u of the
19636 general statutes.

19637 Sec. 431. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) Not later than July 1, 2022, the
19638 director of the Center for Literacy Research and Reading Success, in
19639 consultation with the Reading Leadership Implementation Council
19640 established pursuant to section 438 of this act, shall review and approve
19641 at least five reading curriculum models or programs to be implemented
19642 by local and regional boards of education according to the unique needs
19643 of each school district in accordance with the provisions of section 430
19644 of this act. Such reading curriculum models or programs shall be (1)
19645 evidenced-based and scientifically-based, and (2) focused on
19646 competency in the following areas of reading: Oral language, phonemic
19647 awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, rapid automatic name or letter
19648 name fluency and reading comprehension.

19649 Sec. 432. Section 10-1600 of the general statutes is repealed and the
19650 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

19651 Not later than July 1, 2012, the Department of Education shall
19652 approve and make available model curricula and frameworks in
19653 [reading and] mathematics for grades prekindergarten to grade four,
19654 inclusive, for use by local and regional boards of education for school
19655 districts or individual schools identified by the department as having
19656 [academic] achievement gaps, as defined in section 10-14u. Such
19657 curricula and frameworks shall be culturally relevant, research-based
19658 and aligned with student achievement standards adopted by the State
19659 Board of Education. [For purposes of this section, "achievement gaps"
19660 means the existence of a significant disparity in the academic
19661 performance of students among and between (1) racial groups, (2) ethnic
19662 groups, (3) socioeconomic groups, (4) genders, and (5) English language
19663 learners and students whose primary language is English.]

19664 Sec. 433. Subsection (a) of section 10-16b of the general statutes, as
19665 amended by section 1 of public act 19-12, is repealed and the following
19666 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

19667 (a) In the public schools the program of instruction offered shall
19668 include at least the following subject matter, as taught by legally
19669 qualified teachers, the arts; career education; consumer education;
19670 health and safety, including, but not limited to, human growth and
19671 development, nutrition, first aid, including cardiopulmonary
19672 resuscitation training in accordance with the provisions of section 10-
19673 16qq, disease prevention and cancer awareness, including, but not
19674 limited to, age and developmentally appropriate instruction in
19675 performing self-examinations for the purposes of screening for breast
19676 cancer and testicular cancer, community and consumer health, physical,
19677 mental and emotional health, including youth suicide prevention,
19678 substance abuse prevention, including instruction relating to opioid use
19679 and related disorders, safety, which shall include the safe use of social
19680 media, as defined in section 9-601, and may include the dangers of gang

19681 membership, and accident prevention; language arts, including reading,
19682 writing, grammar, speaking and spelling; mathematics; physical
19683 education; science, which may include the climate change curriculum
19684 described in subsection (d) of this section; social studies, including, but
19685 not limited to, citizenship, economics, geography, government, history
19686 and Holocaust and genocide education and awareness in accordance
19687 with the provisions of section 10-18f; African-American and black
19688 studies in accordance with the provisions of section 10-16ss; Puerto
19689 Rican and Latino studies in accordance with the provisions of section
19690 10-16ss; computer programming instruction; and in addition, on at least
19691 the secondary level, one or more world languages; vocational education;
19692 and the black and Latino studies course in accordance with the
19693 provisions of sections 10-16tt and 10-16uu. For purposes of this
19694 subsection, world languages shall include American Sign Language,
19695 provided such subject matter is taught by a qualified instructor under
19696 the supervision of a teacher who holds a certificate issued by the State
19697 Board of Education. For purposes of this subsection, the "arts" means
19698 any form of visual or performing arts, which may include, but not be
19699 limited to, dance, music, art and theatre; "reading" means evidenced-
19700 based instruction that focuses on competency in the following areas of
19701 reading: Oral language, phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency,
19702 vocabulary, rapid automatic name or letter name fluency and reading
19703 comprehension.

19704 (b) If a local or regional board of education requires its pupils to take
19705 a course in a world language, the parent or guardian of a pupil
19706 identified as deaf or hard of hearing may request in writing that such
19707 pupil be exempted from such requirement and, if such a request is
19708 made, such pupil shall be exempt from such requirement.

19709 (c) Each local and regional board of education shall on September 1,
19710 1982, and annually thereafter at such time and in such manner as the
19711 Commissioner of Education shall request, attest to the State Board of
19712 Education that such local or regional board of education offers at least
19713 the program of instruction required pursuant to this section, and that

19714 such program of instruction is planned, ongoing and systematic.

19715 (d) The State Board of Education shall make available curriculum
19716 materials and such other materials as may assist local and regional
19717 boards of education in developing instructional programs pursuant to
19718 this section. The State Board of Education, within available
19719 appropriations and utilizing available resource materials, shall assist
19720 and encourage local and regional boards of education to include: (1)
19721 Holocaust and genocide education and awareness; (2) the historical
19722 events surrounding the Great Famine in Ireland; (3) African-American
19723 and black studies; (4) Puerto Rican and Latino studies; (5) Native
19724 American history; (6) personal financial management, including, but not
19725 limited to, financial literacy as developed in the plan provided under
19726 section 10-16pp; (7) training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the
19727 use of automatic external defibrillators; (8) labor history and law,
19728 including organized labor, the collective bargaining process, existing
19729 legal protections in the workplace, the history and economics of free
19730 market capitalism and entrepreneurialism, and the role of labor and
19731 capitalism in the development of the American and world economies;
19732 (9) climate change consistent with the Next Generation Science
19733 Standards; (10) topics approved by the state board upon the request of
19734 local or regional boards of education as part of the program of
19735 instruction offered pursuant to subsection (a) of this section; and (11)
19736 instruction relating to the Safe Haven Act, sections 17a-57 to 17a-61,
19737 inclusive. The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
19738 shall be available to each local and regional board of education for the
19739 development of curriculum on climate change as described in this
19740 subsection.

19741 Sec. 434. Section 10-14t of the general statutes is repealed and the
19742 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

19743 [On or before January 1, 2016, the Department of Education shall
19744 develop or approve] The Center for Literacy Research and Reading
19745 Success, established pursuant to section 438 of this act, shall compile a

19746 list of reading assessments, with consideration given to the
19747 recommendations set forth in appendix g of the final report of the task
19748 force established pursuant to special act 19-8, for use by local and
19749 regional boards of education, in accordance with the guidance provided
19750 pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, for the school year
19751 commencing July 1, [2016] 2023, and each school year thereafter, to
19752 identify students in kindergarten to grade three, inclusive, who are
19753 below proficiency in reading, provided any such reading assessments
19754 [developed or approved by the department] include frequent screening
19755 and progress monitoring of students. Such reading assessments shall (1)
19756 be brief, (2) be evidence-based, as defined in 20 USC 7801(21), with
19757 proven psychometrics for validity, (3) measure [phonics] oral language,
19758 phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, rapid automatic
19759 name or letter name fluency and reading comprehension, [(2)] (4)
19760 provide opportunities for [periodic] formative [assessment]
19761 assessments at least three times, in the fall, winter and spring, during
19762 [the] each school year, [(3)] (5) produce data that is useful for informing
19763 individual and classroom instruction, including the grouping of
19764 students based on such data and the selection of instructional activities
19765 based on data of individual student response patterns during such
19766 progress monitoring, [(4)] (6) be compatible with best practices in
19767 reading instruction and research, and [(5)] (7) assist in identifying, in
19768 whole or in part, students at risk for dyslexia, as defined in section 10-
19769 3d, or other reading-related learning disabilities.

19770 (b) On or before January 1, 2023, the department shall provide
19771 guidance to local and regional boards of education for administering the
19772 approved reading assessments, including, but not limited to, (1)
19773 specifying the appropriate grade levels for each reading assessment; (2)
19774 allowing approved reading assessments to be combined to ensure each
19775 ability specified in subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section is
19776 measured during each school year using one or more reading
19777 assessments appropriate for a student's grade level; (3) advising how
19778 each board's goals, student body characteristics and resources should

19779 inform the choice of reading assessments used by such board; (4)
19780 advising how aggregate data derived from reading assessments should
19781 guide each board's prevention and early intervention initiatives; and (5)
19782 requiring the administration of approved reading assessments in both
19783 English and a student's native language, if available, for any student
19784 being instructed in literacy in his or her native language.

19785 [(b)] (c) Not later than February 1, [2016] 2023, the Commissioner of
19786 Education shall submit the reading assessments and guidance
19787 developed or approved under this section to the joint standing
19788 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
19789 relating to education, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a.

19790 (d) The Department of Education may, in partnership with a public
19791 institution of higher education, establish a data center to guide the
19792 department and local and regional boards of education in the use and
19793 effectiveness of reading assessments. Such data center may include, but
19794 need not be limited to, tracking (1) which reading assessments are used
19795 by each regional or local board of education, and (2) student
19796 information, disaggregated by categories including, but not limited to,
19797 a student's demographic background, school district, reading
19798 assessment dates and scores on reading assessments, provided such
19799 disaggregation keeps such student information personally
19800 nonidentifiable.

19801 Sec. 435. Section 10-14u of the general statutes is repealed and the
19802 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

19803 (a) As used in this section and section 10-3c:

19804 (1) "Achievement [gap] gaps" means the existence of a significant
19805 disparity in the academic performance of students among and between
19806 (A) racial groups, (B) ethnic groups, (C) socioeconomic groups, (D)
19807 genders, and (E) English language learners and students whose primary
19808 language is English.

19809 (2) "Opportunity gaps" means the ways in which race, ethnicity,
19810 socioeconomic status, English proficiency, community wealth, familial
19811 situations or other factors intersect with the unequal or inequitable
19812 distribution of resources and opportunities to contribute to or
19813 perpetuate lower educational expectations, achievement or attainment.

19814 [(2)] (3) "Scientifically-based reading research and instruction" means
19815 (A) a comprehensive program or a collection of instructional practices
19816 that is based on reliable, valid evidence showing that when such
19817 programs or practices are used, students can be expected to achieve
19818 satisfactory reading progress, and (B) the integration of instructional
19819 strategies for continuously assessing, evaluating and communicating
19820 the student's reading progress and needs in order to design and
19821 implement ongoing interventions so that students of all ages and
19822 proficiency levels can read and comprehend text and apply higher level
19823 thinking skills. Such comprehensive program or collection of practices
19824 [shall include] includes, but is not [be] limited to, instruction in [five] the
19825 following areas of reading: [Phonemic] Oral language, phonemic
19826 awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, rapid automatic name or letter
19827 name fluency and [text] reading comprehension.

19828 (b) For the school year commencing July 1, [2014] 2022, and each
19829 school year thereafter, the [Commissioner of Education] Center for
19830 Literacy Research and Reading Success, established pursuant to section
19831 438 of this act, shall [create] oversee an intensive reading instruction
19832 program to improve student literacy in grades kindergarten to grade
19833 three, inclusive, and close the achievement [gap] gaps that result from
19834 opportunity gaps. Such intensive reading instruction program shall
19835 include routine reading assessments for students in kindergarten to
19836 grade three, inclusive, scientifically-based reading research and
19837 instruction, an intensive reading intervention strategy, as described in
19838 subsection (c) of this section, supplemental reading instruction and
19839 reading remediation plans, as described in subsection (d) of this section,
19840 and an intensive summer school reading program, as described in
19841 subsection (e) of this section. [For the school year commencing July 1,

19842 2014, the commissioner shall select five elementary schools that are (1)
19843 located in an educational reform district, as defined in section 10-262u,
19844 (2) participating in the commissioner's network of schools, pursuant to
19845 section 10-223h, or (3) among the lowest five per cent of elementary
19846 schools in school subject performance indices for reading and
19847 mathematics, as defined in section 10-223e, to participate in the
19848 intensive reading instruction program and for the school year
19849 commencing July 1, 2015, and each school year thereafter, the
19850 commissioner may select up to five additional such elementary schools
19851 to participate in the intensive reading instruction program.] For the
19852 school year commencing July 1, 2022, and each school year thereafter,
19853 the Center for Literacy Research and Reading Success shall provide,
19854 upon request of a local or regional board of education for a town
19855 designated as an alliance district, as defined in section 10-262u, the
19856 intensive reading instruction program to such board, or may include the
19857 intensive reading instruction program in the tiered supports in early
19858 literacy provided under the reading readiness program pursuant to
19859 section 10-14y.

19860 (c) [On or before July 1, 2014, the Department of Education] For the
19861 school year commencing July 1, 2022, and each school year thereafter,
19862 the Center for Literacy Research and Reading Success, shall develop an
19863 intensive reading intervention strategy [for use by schools selected by
19864 the Commissioner of Education to participate in the intensive reading
19865 instruction program to address the achievement gap at such schools
19866 and] which shall be available to local and regional boards of education
19867 for a town designated as an alliance district that have any elementary
19868 schools that enroll students who are not reading at or above grade level
19869 to ensure that [all] such students are reading proficiently by grade three
19870 in such schools. Such intensive reading intervention strategy [for
19871 schools] shall (1) include, but not be limited to, (A) rigorous assessments
19872 in reading skills, (B) scientifically-based reading research and
19873 instruction, (C) [one external literacy coach for each school to be funded
19874 by the department] external literacy coaches who have experience and

19875 expertise in the science of teaching reading, who will work with the
19876 reading data collected, support the principal of the school as needed,
19877 observe, and coach classes and supervise the reading interventions, (D)
19878 [four] reading interventionists [for each school, to be funded by the
19879 department,] who will develop a reading remediation plan for any
19880 student who is reading below proficiency, be responsible for all
19881 supplemental reading instruction, and conduct reading assessments as
19882 needed, and (E) training for teachers and administrators in
19883 scientifically-based reading research and instruction, including, training
19884 for school administrators on how to assess a classroom to ensure that all
19885 children are proficient in reading by grade three, and (2) outline, at a
19886 minimum, how (A) reading data will be collected, analyzed and used
19887 for purposes of instructional development, (B) professional and
19888 leadership development will be related to reading data analysis and
19889 used to support individual teacher and classroom needs, (C) [the
19890 selected] schools will communicate with parents and guardians of
19891 students on reading instruction strategies and student reading
19892 performance goals, and on opportunities for parents and guardians to
19893 partner with teachers and school administrators to improve reading at
19894 home and at school, (D) teachers and school leaders will be trained in
19895 the science of teaching reading, (E) periodic student progress reports
19896 will be issued, and (F) such [selected school] intensive reading
19897 intervention strategy will be monitored at the classroom level. The
19898 commissioner shall review and evaluate the [school] intensive reading
19899 intervention strategy for model components that may be used and
19900 replicated in other [schools and school] alliance districts to ensure that
19901 all children are proficient in reading by grade three.

19902 (d) (1) For the school year commencing July 1, [2014] 2022, and each
19903 school year thereafter, each [school selected by the Commissioner of
19904 Education to participate in the intensive reading instruction program
19905 under this section shall] local and regional board of education for a town
19906 designated as an alliance district shall, in consultation with the Center
19907 for Literacy Research and Reading Success, provide supplemental

19908 reading instruction to students in kindergarten to grade three, inclusive,
19909 who are reading below proficiency, as identified by the reading
19910 assessment described in section 10-14t. Such supplemental reading
19911 instruction shall be provided by a reading interventionist during regular
19912 school hours.

19913 (2) A reading remediation plan shall be developed by a reading
19914 interventionist for each student enrolled in an elementary school in an
19915 alliance district in kindergarten to grade three, inclusive, who has been
19916 identified as reading below proficiency to address and correct the
19917 reading deficiency of such student. Such remediation plan shall include
19918 instructional strategies that utilize [research based] research-based
19919 reading instruction materials and teachers trained in reading
19920 instruction, parental involvement in the implementation of the
19921 remediation plan and regular progress reports on such student.

19922 (3) The principal of [a school selected by the Commissioner of
19923 Education to participate in the intensive reading instruction program
19924 under this section] each elementary school in an alliance district shall
19925 notify the parent or guardian of any student in kindergarten to grade
19926 three, inclusive, who has been identified as being below proficiency in
19927 reading. Such notice shall be in writing and (A) include an explanation
19928 of why such student is below proficiency in reading, and (B) inform such
19929 parent or guardian that a remediation plan, as described in subdivision
19930 (2) of this subsection, will be developed for such student to provide
19931 supplemental reading instruction, including strategies for the parent or
19932 guardian to use at home with such student.

19933 (e) (1) [Any student enrolled in a school selected by the
19934 Commissioner of Education that is located in a priority school district,
19935 pursuant to section 10-266p, to participate in the intensive reading
19936 instruction program under this section and who is reading below
19937 proficiency at the end of the school year shall be enrolled in] Each local
19938 and regional board of education for a town designated as an alliance
19939 district shall, in consultation with the Center for Literacy Research and

19940 Reading Success, provide any student in kindergarten to grade three,
19941 inclusive, who is reading below proficiency at the end of the school year
19942 with an intensive summer school reading instruction program. Such
19943 intensive summer school reading instruction program shall include, (A)
19944 a comprehensive reading intervention program, (B) scientifically-based
19945 reading research and instruction strategies and interventions, (C)
19946 diagnostic assessments administered to a student prior to or during an
19947 intensive summer school reading instruction program to determine
19948 such student's particularized need for instruction, (D) teachers who are
19949 trained in the teaching of reading and reading assessment and
19950 intervention, and (E) weekly progress monitoring to assess the reading
19951 progress of such student and tailor instruction for such student.

19952 (2) [The principal of a school selected by the Commissioner of
19953 Education to participate in] Each local and regional board of education
19954 for a town designated as an alliance district providing supplemental
19955 reading instruction as part of the intensive reading instruction program
19956 under this section shall submit reports to the [Department of Education]
19957 Center for Literacy Research and Reading Success, at such time and in
19958 such manner as prescribed by the [department] Department of
19959 Education, on (A) student reading progress for each student reading
19960 below proficiency based on the data collected from the screening and
19961 progress monitoring of such student using the reading assessments
19962 described in section 10-14t, and (B) the specific reading interventions
19963 and supports implemented.

19964 (f) Not later than October 1, [2015] 2022, and annually thereafter, the
19965 [department] Commissioner of Education shall report to the joint
19966 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
19967 matters relating to education, in accordance with the provisions of
19968 section 11-4a, on student reading levels [in schools participating] in the
19969 intensive reading instruction program. Such report shall include
19970 recommendations on model components of the school intensive reading
19971 intervention strategy that may be used and replicated in other [schools
19972 and school] alliance districts.

19973 Sec. 436. Section 10-14v of the general statutes is repealed and the
19974 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

19975 On or before January 1, [2014] 2023, the [Department of Education]
19976 Center for Literacy Research and Reading Success, established pursuant
19977 to section 438 of this act, shall develop a coordinated state-wide reading
19978 plan for students in kindergarten to grade three, inclusive, that contains
19979 strategies and frameworks that are research-driven to produce effective
19980 reading instruction and improvement in student performance. Such
19981 plan shall include: (1) The alignment of reading standards, instruction
19982 and assessments for students in kindergarten to grade three, inclusive;
19983 (2) teachers' use of data on the progress of all students to adjust and
19984 differentiate instructional practices to improve student reading success;
19985 (3) the collection of information concerning each student's reading
19986 background, level and progress so that teachers can use such
19987 information to assist in the transition of a student's promotion to the
19988 next grade level; (4) an intervention for each student who is not making
19989 adequate progress in reading to help such student read at the
19990 appropriate grade level; (5) enhanced reading instruction for students
19991 who are reading at or above their grade level; (6) the coordination of
19992 reading instruction activities between parents, students, teachers and
19993 administrators of the school district at home and in school; (7) school
19994 district reading plans; (8) parental involvement by providing parents
19995 and guardians of students with opportunities for partnering with
19996 teachers and school administrators to (A) create an optimal learning
19997 environment, and (B) receive updates on the reading progress of their
19998 student; (9) teacher training and reading performance tests aligned with
19999 teacher preparation courses and professional development activities;
20000 (10) incentives for schools that have demonstrated significant
20001 improvement in student reading; (11) research-based literacy training
20002 for early childhood care and education providers and instructors
20003 working with children birth to five years of age, inclusive, and transition
20004 plans relating to oral language and preliteracy proficiency for children
20005 between prekindergarten and kindergarten; (12) the alignment of

20006 reading instruction with the common core state standards adopted by
20007 the State Board of Education; and (13) the alignment of reading
20008 instruction with the two-generational initiative established pursuant to
20009 section 17b-112l.

20010 Sec. 437. Section 10-14y of the general statutes is repealed and the
20011 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

20012 (a) The [Department of Education] Center for Literacy Research and
20013 Reading Success, established pursuant to section 438 of this act, shall,
20014 within available appropriations, establish a reading readiness program
20015 that provides tiered supports in early literacy to each school district
20016 designated as an alliance district, pursuant to section 10-262u. [, and
20017 each school participating in the commissioner's network of schools,
20018 pursuant to section 10-223h. The department] The center shall conduct
20019 an assessment of the reading readiness of students enrolled in
20020 kindergarten to grade three, inclusive, for each [such school and school]
20021 alliance district. Such reading readiness assessment shall consider any
20022 combination of the following: (1) Whether such [school or school]
20023 alliance district has developed and is implementing a multiyear plan
20024 and allocated resources specifically for early literacy in kindergarten to
20025 grade three, inclusive, (2) whether teachers and administrators have
20026 received training regarding the science of teaching reading, and the
20027 extent to which teachers and administrators have completed the
20028 program of professional development in scientifically based reading
20029 research and instruction, pursuant to section 10-148b, (3) the level of
20030 access to external literacy coaches [in literacy] who have experience and
20031 expertise in the science of teaching reading, and (4) whether there is
20032 reading intervention staff embedded [at such school or] in the [school]
20033 alliance district.

20034 (b) The [department] center shall identify the early literacy needs of
20035 each [school and school district described in subsection (a) of this
20036 section] alliance district based on the results of the reading readiness
20037 assessment conducted pursuant to [said] subsection (a) of this section,

20038 and provide tiered supports in early literacy as follows:

20039 (1) Tier one universal supports shall be provided to each [such school
20040 district that is an educational reform district] alliance district, as defined
20041 in section 10-262u, and include online professional development
20042 modules aligned with the reading instruction survey, as described in
20043 section 10-145r, and other literacy modules and programs available in
20044 the state;

20045 (2) Tier two targeted supports shall include (A) a two-year program
20046 of literacy leadership training for certain teachers and administrators,
20047 (B) targeted professional development, in accordance with the
20048 provisions of section 10-148b, using the results of the reading instruction
20049 survey, as described in section 10-145r, and (C) external coaching
20050 support, [using] which may utilize funding received pursuant to section
20051 10-223h or 10-262u; and

20052 (3) Tier three intensive supports shall include multiyear support from
20053 the [department] center and a commitment from [such school or school]
20054 the alliance district, that includes, but need not be limited to, (A) the use
20055 of funding received pursuant to section 10-262u to support an early
20056 literacy program for students enrolled in kindergarten to grade three,
20057 inclusive, (B) technical support in the drafting and submission of
20058 alliance district reading plans, as described in section 10-262u, (C)
20059 identifying and [embedding] engaging dedicated literacy coaches and
20060 reading interventionists, (D) targeted and intensive professional
20061 development, and (E) funds for assessment and instructional materials.

20062 (c) Any tiered supports in early literacy provided under this section
20063 shall be aligned with any turnaround plan, developed pursuant to
20064 section 10-223h, or alliance district plan, developed pursuant to section
20065 10-262u, as applicable.

20066 Sec. 438. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) The Department of
20067 Education shall establish a Center for Literacy Research and Reading
20068 Success within the department. The center shall be responsible for (1)

20069 the implementation of the coordinated state-wide reading plan for
20070 students in kindergarten to grade three, inclusive, established pursuant
20071 to section 10-14v of the general statutes; (2) researching and developing,
20072 in collaboration with the Office of Early Childhood, a birth to grade
20073 twelve reading success strategy to be included in the alignment of
20074 reading instruction with the two-generational initiative, established
20075 pursuant to section 17b-112l of the general statutes; (3) (A) providing
20076 direct support to schools and boards of education to improve reading
20077 outcomes for students in kindergarten to grade three, inclusive, and
20078 other reading initiatives, and (B) supporting teachers, schools and
20079 boards of education engaged in improving through coaching,
20080 leadership training, professional development, parental engagement
20081 and technical assistance that is consistent with the intensive reading
20082 instruction program, as described in section 10-14u of the general
20083 statutes and aligned with evidence-based practices; (4) providing
20084 independent, random reviews of how a local or regional board of
20085 education is implementing (A) a reading curriculum model or program
20086 for grades prekindergarten to grade three, inclusive, pursuant to section
20087 438 of this act, and (B) an approved reading assessment, pursuant to
20088 section 10-14t of the general statutes; (5) receiving and publicly
20089 reporting, not later than September 1, 2023, and biennially thereafter,
20090 the reading curriculum model or program being implemented by each
20091 local and regional board of education pursuant to section 438 of this act;
20092 (6) developing and maintaining an Internet web site for the purpose of
20093 disseminating tools and information associated with the intensive
20094 reading instruction program for student reading; (7) serving as a
20095 collaborative center for institutions of higher education and making
20096 available to the faculty of teacher preparation programs (A) the science
20097 of teaching reading, (B) the intensive reading instruction program, and
20098 (C) samples of available reading curriculum models or programs
20099 reviewed and recommended pursuant to section 431 of this act; and (8)
20100 reviewing and publicly reporting on progress made by teacher
20101 preparation programs to include reading curriculum models or
20102 programs reviewed and recommended pursuant to section 431 of this

20103 act.

20104 (b) The Center for Literacy Research and Reading Success shall be
20105 under the direction of a director who shall, in consultation with the
20106 Reading Leadership Implementation Council described in subsection (c)
20107 of this section, be responsible for (1) overseeing all activities of the
20108 center, (2) facilitating communication between the center, local and
20109 regional boards of education and other affiliates of the center, and (3)
20110 coordinating the dissemination of information, tools and services made
20111 available by the center.

20112 (c) The activities of the center shall be informed by the Reading
20113 Leadership Implementation Council which shall consist of the following
20114 members: (1) The director of the center, or the director's designee; (2) the
20115 executive director of the Commission on Women, Children, Seniors,
20116 Equity and Opportunity, or the executive director's designee; (3) an
20117 individual designated by the Governor, who has experience in literacy
20118 or education and is engaged in the development and implementation of
20119 the intensive reading instruction program; (4) an individual designated
20120 by the speaker of the House of Representatives, who has experience in
20121 literacy or education; (5) an individual designated by the president pro
20122 tempore of the Senate, who has experience in literacy or education; (6)
20123 an individual designated by the minority leader of the House of
20124 Representatives, who has experience in literacy or education; (7) an
20125 individual designated by the minority leader of the Senate, who has
20126 experience in literacy or education; (8) two individuals, designated by
20127 the chairperson of the Black and Puerto Rican Caucus of the General
20128 Assembly, one of whom has experience with literacy or education and
20129 is engaged in the development and implementation of the intensive
20130 reading instruction program, provided such individual is not a member
20131 of the General Assembly; (9) the dean of the Neag School of Education
20132 at The University of Connecticut, or the dean's designee; and (10) three
20133 individuals designated by the Commissioner of Education. The Reading
20134 Leadership Implementation Council shall develop and publish annual
20135 goals for the center and meet at least once every two months. The

20136 Reading Leadership Implementation Council may consult with
20137 representatives from public, private and philanthropic organizations.

20138 (d) The Center for Literacy Research and Reading Success shall
20139 engage external literacy coaches who have experience and expertise in
20140 the science of teaching reading. Such external literacy coaches shall (1)
20141 provide training and professional development on the intensive reading
20142 instruction program, described in section 10-14u of the general statutes,
20143 literacy leadership and effective instruction to teachers, (2) work directly
20144 with teachers to support the implementation of the intensive reading
20145 instruction program, (3) provide coaching to teachers, and (4)
20146 participate in family engagement activities.

20147 Sec. 439. Section 10-3c of the general statutes is repealed and the
20148 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

20149 There shall be a director of reading initiatives within the Department
20150 of Education. The director shall be responsible for (1) administering the
20151 intensive reading instruction program to improve student literacy in
20152 kindergarten to grade three, inclusive, and close the achievement [gap]
20153 gaps that result from opportunity gaps, pursuant to section 10-14u, (2)
20154 assisting in the development and administration of the program of
20155 professional development for teachers and principals in scientifically
20156 based reading research and instruction, pursuant to section 10-148b, (3)
20157 administering the coordinated state-wide reading plan for students in
20158 kindergarten to grade three, inclusive, pursuant to section 10-14v, (4)
20159 administering, within available appropriations, the incentive program
20160 described in section 10-14w, (5) providing assistance to local and
20161 regional boards of education in the administration of the reading
20162 assessments described in section 10-14t, and the implementation of
20163 school district reading plans, (6) providing information and assistance
20164 to parents and guardians of students relating to reading and literacy
20165 instruction, (7) addressing reading and literacy issues related to
20166 students who are English language learners, and (8) developing and
20167 administering any other state-wide reading and literacy initiatives for

20168 students in kindergarten to grade twelve, inclusive.

20169 Sec. 440. (*Effective July 1, 2021*) The Commissioner of Education shall
20170 conduct an evaluation of the activities of the Center for Literacy
20171 Research and Reading Success, established pursuant to section 438 of
20172 this act. Such evaluation shall include, but need not be limited to, an
20173 analysis of whether student literacy has improved in alliance districts
20174 and how resources and funding have been allocated and spent pursuant
20175 to sections 430, 431 and 438 of this act and sections 10-14t to 10-14v,
20176 inclusive, of the general statutes and section 10-14y of the general
20177 statutes. Not later than February 1, 2024, the commissioner shall submit
20178 such evaluation and any recommendations to the joint standing
20179 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
20180 relating to education and appropriations, in accordance with the
20181 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

20182 Sec. 441. Section 10-15c of the general statutes is repealed and the
20183 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

20184 (a) The public schools shall be open to all children five years of age
20185 and over who reach age five on or before the first day of January of any
20186 school year, and each such child shall have, and shall be so advised by
20187 the appropriate school authorities, an equal opportunity to participate
20188 in the activities, programs and courses of study offered in such public
20189 schools, at such time as the child becomes eligible to participate in such
20190 activities, programs and courses of study, without discrimination on
20191 account of race, as defined in section 46a-51, color, sex, gender identity
20192 or expression, religion, national origin, [or] sexual orientation or
20193 disability; provided boards of education may, by vote at a meeting duly
20194 called, admit to any school children under five years of age.

20195 (b) Nothing in subsection (a) of this section shall be deemed to amend
20196 other provisions of the general statutes with respect to curricula,
20197 facilities or extracurricular activities.

20198 Sec. 442. Section 10-16ss of the general statutes is repealed and the

20199 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

20200 (a) For the school year commencing July 1, 2021, and each school year
20201 thereafter, each local and regional board of education shall include
20202 African-American and black studies and Puerto Rican and Latino
20203 studies as part of the curriculum for the school district, pursuant to
20204 section 10-16b. In developing and implementing the African-American
20205 and black studies and Puerto Rican and Latino studies curriculum, the
20206 board may utilize the curriculum materials made available by the State
20207 Board of Education pursuant to subsection (d) of section 10-16b or other
20208 existing and appropriate public or private materials, personnel and
20209 resources, provided such curriculum is in accordance with the state-
20210 wide subject matter content standards, adopted by the state board
20211 pursuant to section 10-4.

20212 (b) A local or regional board of education may accept gifts, grants and
20213 donations, including in-kind donations, designated for the development
20214 and implementation of the African-American and black studies and
20215 Puerto Rican and Latino studies curriculum under this section,
20216 including professional development and in-service training.

20217 Sec. 443. Section 10-16tt of the general statutes is repealed and the
20218 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

20219 (a) (1) Not later than January 1, 2021, the State Board of Education
20220 shall review and approve the black and Latino studies course developed
20221 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section by the State Education
20222 Resource Center, established pursuant to section 10-357a. The state
20223 board shall approve such course if, following a review of such course,
20224 the state board determines that the content of such course is rigorous,
20225 aligned with curriculum guidelines approved by the state board, and in
20226 accordance with the state-wide subject matter content standards,
20227 adopted by the state board pursuant to section 10-4.

20228 (2) Not later than January 15, 2021, the state board, in consultation
20229 with the State Education Resource Center, shall submit a description of

20230 the black and Latino studies course, which includes the scope and
20231 sequence and course objective, and a report on the development and
20232 review of such course to the joint standing committee of the General
20233 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education, in
20234 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a.

20235 (b) The State Education Resource Center shall develop a black and
20236 Latino studies course. Such course shall be one credit and offered at the
20237 high school level. In developing such course, the State Education
20238 Resource Center may utilize existing and appropriate public or private
20239 materials, personnel and other resources, including, but not limited to,
20240 persons and organizations with subject matter expertise in African-
20241 American, black, Puerto Rican or Latino studies, and the curriculum
20242 materials made available pursuant to subsection (d) of section 10-16b.

20243 (c) For the school years commencing July 1, 2022, to July 1, 2024,
20244 inclusive, the Department of Education shall conduct an annual audit to
20245 ensure that the black and Latino studies course approved pursuant to
20246 this section is being offered by each local and regional board of
20247 education. The department shall annually submit a report on such audit
20248 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
20249 cognizance of matters relating to education, in accordance with the
20250 provisions of section 11-4a.

20251 (d) For the school year commencing July 1, 2021, and each school year
20252 thereafter, the State Education and Resource Center shall provide
20253 technical assistance to local and regional boards of education in the
20254 provision of professional development, pursuant to section 10-148a, and
20255 in-service training, pursuant to section 10-220a, related to the teaching
20256 of the black and Latino studies course approved pursuant to this section.

20257 Sec. 444. Subsection (l) of section 10-66ee of the general statutes is
20258 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
20259 *2021*):

20260 (l) Within available appropriations, the state may provide a grant in

20261 an amount not to exceed seventy-five thousand dollars to any newly
20262 approved state charter school that assists the state in meeting [the goals
20263 of the 2008 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A.
20264 O'Neill, et al., as extended, or the goals of the 2013 stipulation and order
20265 for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as extended, as
20266 determined by the Commissioner of Education] its obligations pursuant
20267 to the decision in Sheff v. O'Neill, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related
20268 stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the Commissioner of
20269 Education, for start-up costs associated with the new charter school
20270 program.

20271 Sec. 445. Section 10-262s of the general statutes is repealed and the
20272 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

20273 The Commissioner of Education may, to assist the state in meeting
20274 [the goals of the 2008 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v.
20275 William A. O'Neill, et al., as extended, or the goals of the 2013 stipulation
20276 and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as extended]
20277 its obligations pursuant to the decision in Sheff v. O'Neill, 238 Conn. 1
20278 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the
20279 Commissioner of Education, transfer funds appropriated for the Sheff
20280 settlement to the following: (1) Grants for interdistrict cooperative
20281 programs pursuant to section 10-74d, (2) grants for state charter schools
20282 pursuant to section 10-66ee, (3) grants for the interdistrict public school
20283 attendance program pursuant to section 10-266aa, (4) grants for
20284 interdistrict magnet schools pursuant to section 10-264l, and (5) to the
20285 Technical Education and Career System for programming.

20286 Sec. 446. Subsection (a) of section 10-264h of the general statutes is
20287 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
20288 *passage*):

20289 (a) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, and each fiscal year
20290 thereafter, a local or regional board of education, a regional educational
20291 service center, a cooperative arrangement pursuant to section 10-158a,

20292 or any of the following entities that operate an interdistrict magnet
20293 school that assists the state in meeting [the goals of the 2008 stipulation
20294 and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as extended,
20295 or the goals of the 2013 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v.
20296 William A. O'Neill, et al., as extended, as determined by the
20297 Commissioner of Education] its obligations pursuant to the decision in
20298 Sheff v. O'Neill, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation or order
20299 in effect, as determined by the Commissioner of Education: (1) The
20300 Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges on behalf of a
20301 regional community-technical college, (2) the Board of Trustees of the
20302 Connecticut State University System on behalf of a state university, (3)
20303 the Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut on behalf of the
20304 university, (4) the board of governors for an independent institution of
20305 higher education, as defined in subsection (a) of section 10a-173, or the
20306 equivalent of such a board, on behalf of the independent institution of
20307 higher education, and (5) any other third-party not-for-profit
20308 corporation approved by the Commissioner of Education, may be
20309 eligible for reimbursement, except as otherwise provided for, up to
20310 eighty per cent of the eligible cost of any capital expenditure for the
20311 purchase, construction, extension, replacement, leasing or major
20312 alteration of interdistrict magnet school facilities, including any
20313 expenditure for the purchase of equipment, in accordance with this
20314 section. To be eligible for reimbursement under this section a magnet
20315 school construction project shall meet the requirements for a school
20316 building project established in chapter 173, except that the
20317 Commissioner of Administrative Services, in consultation with the
20318 Commissioner of Education, may waive any requirement in said
20319 chapter for good cause. On and after July 1, 2011, the Commissioner of
20320 Administrative Services shall approve only applications for
20321 reimbursement under this section that the Commissioner of Education
20322 finds will reduce racial, ethnic and economic isolation. Applications for
20323 reimbursement under this section for the construction of new
20324 interdistrict magnet schools shall not be accepted until the
20325 Commissioner of Education develops a comprehensive state-wide

20326 interdistrict magnet school plan, in accordance with the provisions of
20327 subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 10-264~~l~~, unless the
20328 Commissioner of Education determines that such construction will
20329 assist the state in meeting [the goals of the 2008 stipulation and order for
20330 Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as extended, or the goals of
20331 the 2013 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill,
20332 et al., as extended] its obligations pursuant to the decision in Sheff v.
20333 O'Neill, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect,
20334 as determined by the Commissioner of Education.

20335 Sec. 447. Subdivision (2) of subsection (m) of section 10-264~~l~~ of the
20336 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
20337 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

20338 (2) For the school year commencing July 1, 2015, and each school year
20339 thereafter, any interdistrict magnet school operator that is a local or
20340 regional board of education and did not charge tuition to a local or
20341 regional board of education for the school year commencing July 1, 2014,
20342 may not charge tuition to such board unless (A) such operator receives
20343 authorization from the Commissioner of Education to charge the
20344 proposed tuition, and (B) if such authorization is granted, such operator
20345 provides written notification on or before September first of the school
20346 year prior to the school year in which such tuition is to be charged to
20347 such board of the tuition to be charged to such board for each student
20348 that such board is otherwise responsible for educating and is enrolled at
20349 the interdistrict magnet school under such operator's control. In
20350 deciding whether to authorize an interdistrict magnet school operator
20351 to charge tuition under this subdivision, the commissioner shall
20352 consider (i) the average per pupil expenditure of such operator for each
20353 interdistrict magnet school under the control of such operator, and (ii)
20354 the amount of any per pupil state subsidy and any revenue from other
20355 sources received by such operator. The commissioner may conduct a
20356 comprehensive financial review of the operating budget of the magnet
20357 school of such operator to verify that the tuition is appropriate. The
20358 provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to any interdistrict magnet

20359 school operator that is a regional educational service center or assisting
20360 the state in meeting [the goals of the 2008 stipulation and order for Milo
20361 Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as extended, or the goals of the
20362 2013 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et
20363 al., as extended] its obligations pursuant to the decision in Sheff v.
20364 O'Neill, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect,
20365 as determined by the Commissioner of Education.

20366 Sec. 448. Section 10-264o of the general statutes is repealed and the
20367 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

20368 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, interdistrict
20369 magnet schools that begin operations on or after July 1, 2008, pursuant
20370 to the [2008 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A.
20371 O'Neill, et al., as extended, or the 2013 stipulation and order for Milo
20372 Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as extended, as determined by
20373 the Commissioner of Education] decision in Sheff v. O'Neill, 238 Conn.
20374 1 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect, as determined by
20375 the Commissioner of Education, may operate without district
20376 participation agreements and enroll students from any district through
20377 a lottery designated by the commissioner.

20378 (b) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, and each fiscal year
20379 thereafter, any tuition charged to a local or regional board of education
20380 by a regional educational service center operating an interdistrict
20381 magnet school assisting the state in meeting [the goals of the 2008
20382 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al.,
20383 as extended, or the goals of the 2013 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff,
20384 et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as extended, as determined by the
20385 Commissioner of Education] its obligations pursuant to the decision in
20386 Sheff v. O'Neill, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation or order
20387 in effect, as determined by the Commissioner of Education, for any
20388 student enrolled in kindergarten to grade twelve, inclusive, in such
20389 interdistrict magnet school shall be in an amount equal to the difference
20390 between (1) the average per pupil expenditure of the magnet school for

20391 the prior fiscal year, and (2) the amount of any per pupil state subsidy
20392 calculated under subsection (c) of section 10-264^l, plus any revenue from
20393 other sources calculated on a per pupil basis. If any such board of
20394 education fails to pay such tuition, the commissioner may withhold
20395 from such board's town or towns a sum payable under section 10-262i
20396 in an amount not to exceed the amount of the unpaid tuition to the
20397 magnet school and pay such money to the fiscal agent for the magnet
20398 school as a supplementary grant for the operation of the interdistrict
20399 magnet school program. In no case shall the sum of such tuitions exceed
20400 the difference between (A) the total expenditures of the magnet school
20401 for the prior fiscal year, and (B) the total per pupil state subsidy
20402 calculated under subsection (c) of section 10-264^l, plus any revenue from
20403 other sources. The commissioner may conduct a comprehensive review
20404 of the operating budget of a magnet school to verify such tuition rate.

20405 (c) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, a regional educational
20406 service center operating an interdistrict magnet school assisting the state
20407 in meeting [the goals of the 2008 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et
20408 al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as extended, or the goals of the 2013
20409 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al.,
20410 as extended, as determined by the Commissioner of Education] its
20411 obligations pursuant to the decision in Sheff v. O'Neill, 238 Conn. 1
20412 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the
20413 Commissioner of Education, and offering a preschool program shall not
20414 charge tuition for a child enrolled in such preschool program.

20415 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, a regional educational
20416 service center operating an interdistrict magnet school assisting the state
20417 in meeting [the goals of the 2008 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et
20418 al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as extended, or the goals of the 2013
20419 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al.,
20420 as extended, as determined by the Commissioner of Education] its
20421 obligations pursuant to the decision in Sheff v. O'Neill, 238 Conn. 1
20422 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the
20423 Commissioner of Education, and offering a preschool program may

20424 charge tuition to the Department of Education for a child enrolled in
20425 such preschool program in an amount not to exceed an amount equal to
20426 the difference between (A) the average per pupil expenditure of the
20427 preschool program offered at the magnet school for the prior fiscal year,
20428 and (B) the amount of any per pupil state subsidy calculated under
20429 subsection (c) of section 10-264^L, plus any revenue from other sources
20430 calculated on a per pupil basis. The commissioner may conduct a
20431 comprehensive review of the operating budget of any such magnet
20432 school charging such tuition to verify such tuition rate.

20433 (3) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, a regional educational
20434 service center operating an interdistrict magnet school assisting the state
20435 in meeting [the goals of the 2008 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et
20436 al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as extended, or the goals of the 2013
20437 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al.,
20438 as extended, as determined by the Commissioner of Education] its
20439 obligations pursuant to the decision in Sheff v. O'Neill, 238 Conn. 1
20440 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the
20441 Commissioner of Education, and offering a preschool program may
20442 charge tuition to the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in such
20443 preschool program in an amount that is in accordance with the sliding
20444 tuition scale adopted by the State Board of Education pursuant to
20445 section 10-264p. The Department of Education shall be financially
20446 responsible for any unpaid portion of the tuition not charged to such
20447 parent or guardian under such sliding tuition scale. Such tuition shall
20448 not exceed an amount equal to the difference between (A) the average
20449 per pupil expenditure of the preschool program offered at the magnet
20450 school for the prior fiscal year, and (B) the amount of any per pupil state
20451 subsidy calculated under subsection (c) of section 10-264^L, plus any
20452 revenue from other sources calculated on a per pupil basis. The
20453 commissioner may conduct a comprehensive review of the operating
20454 budget of any such magnet school charging such tuition to verify such
20455 tuition rate.

20456 (4) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, and each fiscal year

20457 thereafter, a regional educational service center operating an
20458 interdistrict magnet school assisting the state in meeting [the goals of
20459 the 2008 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill,
20460 et al., as extended, or the goals of the 2013 stipulation and order for Milo
20461 Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as extended, as determined by
20462 the Commissioner of Education] its obligations pursuant to the decision
20463 in Sheff v. O'Neill, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation or order
20464 in effect, as determined by the Commissioner of Education, and offering
20465 a preschool program shall charge tuition to the parent or guardian of a
20466 child enrolled in such preschool program in an amount up to four
20467 thousand fifty-three dollars, except such regional educational service
20468 center shall not charge tuition to such parent or guardian with a family
20469 income at or below seventy-five per cent of the state median income.
20470 The Department of Education shall, within available appropriations, be
20471 financially responsible for any unpaid tuition charged to such parent or
20472 guardian with a family income at or below seventy-five per cent of the
20473 state median income. The commissioner may conduct a comprehensive
20474 financial review of the operating budget of any such magnet school
20475 charging such tuition to verify such tuition rate.

20476 Sec. 449. Section 10-264q of the general statutes is repealed and the
20477 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

20478 Notwithstanding subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of section 10-264l,
20479 an interdistrict magnet school program that (1) does not assist the state
20480 in meeting [the goals of the 2008 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et
20481 al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as extended, or the goals of the 2013
20482 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al.,
20483 as extended, as determined by the Commissioner of Education] its
20484 obligations pursuant to the decision in Sheff v. O'Neill, 238 Conn. 1
20485 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the
20486 Commissioner of Education, and (2) is not in compliance with the
20487 enrollment requirements for students of racial minorities, pursuant to
20488 section 10-264l, following the submission of student information data of
20489 such interdistrict magnet school program to the state-wide public school

20490 information system, pursuant to section 10-10a, on or before October 1,
20491 2019, shall remain eligible for an interdistrict magnet school operating
20492 grant pursuant to section 10-264l for the fiscal years ending June 30,
20493 2020, and June 30, 2021, if such interdistrict magnet school program
20494 submits a compliance plan to the Commissioner of Education and the
20495 commissioner approves such plan.

20496 Sec. 450. Subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of section 10-266m of the
20497 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
20498 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

20499 (5) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the Commissioner
20500 of Education may provide grants, within available appropriations, in an
20501 amount not to exceed two thousand dollars per pupil, to local and
20502 regional boards of education and regional educational service centers
20503 that transport (A) out-of-district students to a technical education and
20504 career school located in Hartford, or (B) Hartford students attending a
20505 technical education and career school or a regional agricultural science
20506 and technology education center outside of the district, to assist the state
20507 in meeting [the goals of the 2008 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et
20508 al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as extended, or the goals of the 2013
20509 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al.,
20510 as extended, as determined by the commissioner] its obligations
20511 pursuant to the decision in Sheff v. O'Neill, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any
20512 related stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the
20513 Commissioner of Education, for the costs associated with such
20514 transportation.

20515 Sec. 451. Subsection (a) of section 10-266ee of the general statutes is
20516 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
20517 *passage*):

20518 (a) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, the Department of
20519 Education shall award, within available appropriations, a grant in an
20520 amount not to exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars to the

20521 Hartford school district for program development and expansion of the
20522 Dr. Joseph S. Renzulli Gifted and Talented Academy to assist the state
20523 in meeting [the goals of the 2013 stipulation for Milo Sheff, et al. v.
20524 William A. O'Neill, et al] its obligations pursuant to the decision in Sheff
20525 v. O'Neill, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in
20526 effect, as determined by the Commissioner of Education. Application
20527 for such grant funds awarded pursuant to this section shall be submitted
20528 to the Commissioner of Education at such time and in such manner as
20529 the commissioner prescribes.

20530 Sec. 452. Subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection (a) of section 10-283 of
20531 the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
20532 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

20533 (a) (1) Each town or regional school district shall be eligible to apply
20534 for and accept grants for a school building project as provided in this
20535 chapter. Any town desiring a grant for a public school building project
20536 may, by vote of its legislative body, authorize the board of education of
20537 such town to apply to the Commissioner of Administrative Services and
20538 to accept or reject such grant for the town. Any regional school board
20539 may vote to authorize the supervising agent of the regional school
20540 district to apply to the Commissioner of Administrative Services for and
20541 to accept or reject such grant for the district. Applications for such grants
20542 under this chapter shall be made by the superintendent of schools of
20543 such town or regional school district on the form provided and in the
20544 manner prescribed by the Commissioner of Administrative Services.
20545 The application form shall require the superintendent of schools to
20546 affirm that the school district considered the maximization of natural
20547 light, the use and feasibility of wireless connectivity technology and, on
20548 and after July 1, 2014, the school safety infrastructure criteria, developed
20549 by the School Safety Infrastructure Council, pursuant to section 10-292r,
20550 in projects for new construction and alteration or renovation of a school
20551 building. The Commissioner of Administrative Services shall review
20552 each grant application for a school building project for compliance with
20553 educational requirements and on the basis of categories for building

20554 projects established by the Commissioner of Administrative Services in
20555 accordance with this section. The Commissioner of Education shall
20556 evaluate, if appropriate, whether the project will assist the state in
20557 meeting [the goals of the 2008 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al.
20558 v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as extended, or the goals of the 2013
20559 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al.,
20560 as extended] its obligations pursuant to the decision in Sheff v. O'Neill,
20561 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect, as
20562 determined by the Commissioner of Education. The Commissioner of
20563 Administrative Services shall consult with the Commissioner of
20564 Education in reviewing grant applications submitted for purposes of
20565 subsection (a) of section 10-65 or section 10-76e on the basis of the
20566 educational needs of the applicant. The Commissioner of
20567 Administrative Services shall review each grant application for a school
20568 building project for compliance with standards for school building
20569 projects pursuant to regulations, adopted in accordance with section 10-
20570 287c, and, on and after July 1, 2014, the school safety infrastructure
20571 criteria, developed by the School Safety Infrastructure Council pursuant
20572 to section 10-292r. Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, the
20573 Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges on behalf of
20574 Quinebaug Valley Community College and Three Rivers Community
20575 College and the following entities that will operate an interdistrict
20576 magnet school that will assist the state in meeting [the goals of the 2008
20577 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al.,
20578 as extended, or the goals of the 2013 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff,
20579 et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as extended, as determined by the
20580 Commissioner of Education] its obligations pursuant to the decision in
20581 Sheff v. O'Neill, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation or order
20582 in effect, as determined by the Commissioner of Education, may apply
20583 for and shall be eligible to receive grants for school building projects
20584 pursuant to section 10-264h for such a school: (A) The Board of Trustees
20585 of the Community-Technical Colleges on behalf of a regional
20586 community-technical college, (B) the Board of Trustees of the
20587 Connecticut State University System on behalf of a state university, (C)

20588 the Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut on behalf of the
20589 university, (D) the board of governors for an independent institution of
20590 higher education, as defined in subsection (a) of section 10a-173, or the
20591 equivalent of such a board, on behalf of the independent institution of
20592 higher education, (E) cooperative arrangements pursuant to section 10-
20593 158a, and (F) any other third-party not-for-profit corporation approved
20594 by the Commissioner of Education.

20595 (2) The Commissioner of Administrative Services shall assign each
20596 school building project to a category on the basis of whether such project
20597 is primarily required to: (A) Create new facilities or alter existing
20598 facilities to provide for mandatory instructional programs pursuant to
20599 this chapter, for physical education facilities in compliance with Title IX
20600 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1972 where such
20601 programs or such compliance cannot be provided within existing
20602 facilities or for the correction of code violations which cannot be
20603 reasonably addressed within existing program space; (B) create new
20604 facilities or alter existing facilities to enhance mandatory instructional
20605 programs pursuant to this chapter or provide comparable facilities
20606 among schools to all students at the same grade level or levels within
20607 the school district unless such project is otherwise explicitly included in
20608 another category pursuant to this section; and (C) create new facilities
20609 or alter existing facilities to provide supportive services, provided in no
20610 event shall such supportive services include swimming pools,
20611 auditoriums, outdoor athletic facilities, tennis courts, elementary school
20612 playgrounds, site improvement or garages or storage, parking or
20613 general recreation areas. All applications submitted prior to July first
20614 shall be reviewed promptly by the Commissioner of Administrative
20615 Services. The Commissioner of Administrative Services shall estimate
20616 the amount of the grant for which such project is eligible, in accordance
20617 with the provisions of section 10-285a, provided an application for a
20618 school building project determined by the Commissioner of Education
20619 to be a project that will assist the state in meeting [the goals of the 2008
20620 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al.,

20621 as extended, or the goals of the 2013 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff,
20622 et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as extended] its obligations pursuant
20623 to the decision in Sheff v. O'Neill, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related
20624 stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the Commissioner of
20625 Education, shall have until September first to submit an application for
20626 such a project and may have until December first of the same year to
20627 secure and report all local and state approvals required to complete the
20628 grant application. The Commissioner of Administrative Services shall
20629 annually prepare a listing of all such eligible school building projects
20630 listed by category together with the amount of the estimated grants for
20631 such projects and shall submit the same to the Governor, the Secretary
20632 of the Office of Policy and Management and the General Assembly on
20633 or before the fifteenth day of December, except as provided in section
20634 10-283a, with a request for authorization to enter into grant
20635 commitments. On or before December thirty-first annually, the
20636 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management may submit
20637 comments and recommendations regarding each eligible project on
20638 such listing of eligible school building projects to the school construction
20639 committee, established pursuant to section 10-283a. Each such listing
20640 shall include a report on the following factors for each eligible project:
20641 (i) An enrollment projection and the capacity of the school, (ii) a
20642 substantiation of the estimated total project costs, (iii) the readiness of
20643 such eligible project to begin construction, (iv) efforts made by the local
20644 or regional board of education to redistrict, reconfigure, merge or close
20645 schools under the jurisdiction of such board prior to submitting an
20646 application under this section, (v) enrollment and capacity information
20647 for all of the schools under the jurisdiction of such board for the five
20648 years prior to application for a school building project grant, (vi)
20649 enrollment projections and capacity information for all of the schools
20650 under the jurisdiction of such board for the eight years following the
20651 date such application is submitted, and (vii) the state's education
20652 priorities relating to reducing racial and economic isolation for the
20653 school district. For the period beginning July 1, 2006, and ending June
20654 30, 2012, no project, other than a project for a technical education and

20655 career school, may appear on the separate schedule of authorized
20656 projects which have changed in cost more than twice. On and after July
20657 1, 2012, no project, other than a project for a technical education and
20658 career school, may appear on the separate schedule of authorized
20659 projects which have changed in cost more than once, except the
20660 Commissioner of Administrative Services may allow a project to appear
20661 on such separate schedule of authorized projects a second time if the
20662 town or regional school district for such project can demonstrate that
20663 exigent circumstances require such project to appear a second time on
20664 such separate schedule of authorized projects. Notwithstanding any
20665 provision of this chapter, no projects which have changed in scope or
20666 cost to the degree determined by the Commissioner of Administrative
20667 Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Education, shall be
20668 eligible for reimbursement under this chapter unless it appears on such
20669 list. The percentage determined pursuant to section 10-285a at the time
20670 a school building project on such schedule was originally authorized
20671 shall be used for purposes of the grant for such project. On and after July
20672 1, 2006, a project that was not previously authorized as an interdistrict
20673 magnet school shall not receive a higher percentage for reimbursement
20674 than that determined pursuant to section 10-285a at the time a school
20675 building project on such schedule was originally authorized. The
20676 General Assembly shall annually authorize the Commissioner of
20677 Administrative Services to enter into grant commitments on behalf of
20678 the state in accordance with the commissioner's categorized listing for
20679 such projects as the General Assembly shall determine. The
20680 Commissioner of Administrative Services may not enter into any such
20681 grant commitments except pursuant to such legislative authorization.
20682 Any regional school district which assumes the responsibility for
20683 completion of a public school building project shall be eligible for a
20684 grant pursuant to subdivision (5) or (6), as the case may be, of subsection
20685 (a) of section 10-286 when such project is completed and accepted by
20686 such regional school district.

20687 Sec. 453. Subsection (c) of section 10-283 of the general statutes is

20688 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
20689 *passage*):

20690 (c) No school building project shall be added to the list prepared by
20691 the Commissioner of Administrative Services pursuant to subsection (a)
20692 of this section after such list is submitted to the committee of the General
20693 Assembly appointed pursuant to section 10-283a unless (1) the project
20694 is for a school placed on probation by the New England Association of
20695 Schools and Colleges and the project is necessary to preserve
20696 accreditation, (2) the project is necessary to replace a school building for
20697 which a state agency issued a written notice of its intent to take the
20698 school property for public purpose, (3) it is a school building project
20699 determined by the Commissioner of Education to be a project that will
20700 assist the state in meeting [the goals of the 2008 stipulation and order for
20701 Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as extended, or the goals of
20702 the 2013 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill,
20703 et al., as extended] its obligations pursuant to the decision in Sheff v.
20704 O'Neill, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect,
20705 as determined by the Commissioner of Education. The provisions of this
20706 subsection shall not apply to projects previously authorized by the
20707 General Assembly that require special legislation to correct procedural
20708 deficiencies.

20709 Sec. 454. Subsection (a) of section 10-65 of the general statutes is
20710 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
20711 *2021*):

20712 (a) Each local or regional school district operating an agricultural
20713 science and technology education center approved by the State Board of
20714 Education for program, educational need, location and area to be served
20715 shall be eligible for the following grants: (1) In accordance with the
20716 provisions of chapter 173, through progress payments in accordance
20717 with the provisions of section 10-287i, (A) for projects for which an
20718 application was filed prior to July 1, 2011, ninety-five per cent, and (B)
20719 for projects for which an application was filed on or after July 1, 2011,

20720 eighty per cent of the net eligible costs of constructing, acquiring,
20721 renovating and equipping approved facilities to be used exclusively for
20722 such agricultural science and technology education center, for the
20723 expansion or improvement of existing facilities or for the replacement
20724 or improvement of equipment therein, and (2) subject to the provisions
20725 of section 10-65b and within available appropriations, in an amount
20726 equal to ~~[four]~~ five thousand two hundred dollars per student for every
20727 secondary school student who was enrolled in such center on October
20728 first of the previous year.

20729 Sec. 455. Subdivision (4) of section 17a-248 of the general statutes is
20730 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
20731 *2021*):

20732 (4) "Eligible children" means children (A) (i) from birth to thirty-six
20733 months of age, who are not eligible for special education and related
20734 services pursuant to sections 10-76a to 10-76h, inclusive, and (ii) thirty-
20735 six months of age or older, who are receiving early intervention services
20736 and are eligible or being evaluated for participation in preschool
20737 services pursuant to Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities
20738 Education Act, 20 USC 1411 et seq., until such children are enrolled in
20739 such preschool services, and (B) who need early intervention services
20740 because such children are:

20741 ~~[(A)]~~ (I) Experiencing a significant developmental delay as measured
20742 by standardized diagnostic instruments and procedures, including
20743 informed clinical opinion, in one or more of the following areas: ~~[(i)]~~
20744 Cognitive development; ~~[(ii)]~~ physical development, including vision or
20745 hearing; ~~[(iii)]~~ communication development; ~~[(iv)]~~ social or emotional
20746 development; or ~~[(v)]~~ adaptive skills; or

20747 ~~[(B)]~~ (II) Diagnosed as having a physical or mental condition that has
20748 a high probability of resulting in developmental delay.

20749 Sec. 456. Subsection (a) of section 38a-490a of the general statutes is
20750 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*

20751 2021):

20752 (a) Each individual health insurance policy providing coverage of the
20753 type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469
20754 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in this
20755 state shall provide coverage for medically necessary early intervention
20756 services provided as part of an individualized family service plan
20757 pursuant to section 17a-248e. Such policy shall provide coverage for
20758 such services provided by qualified personnel, as defined in section 17a-
20759 248, for [a child from birth until the child's third birthday] eligible
20760 children, as defined in section 17a-248.

20761 Sec. 457. Subsection (a) of section 38a-516a of the general statutes is
20762 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
20763 *2021*):

20764 (a) Each group health insurance policy providing coverage of the type
20765 specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469
20766 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in this
20767 state shall provide coverage for medically necessary early intervention
20768 services provided as part of an individualized family service plan
20769 pursuant to section 17a-248e. Such policy shall provide coverage for
20770 such services provided by qualified personnel, as defined in section 17a-
20771 248, for [a child from birth until the child's third birthday] eligible
20772 children, as defined in section 17a-248.

20773 Sec. 458. Subdivision (8) of subsection (b) of section 12-214 of the
20774 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
20775 thereof (Effective from passage):

20776 (8) (A) With respect to income years commencing on or after January
20777 1, 2018, and prior to January 1, [2021] 2023, any company subject to the
20778 tax imposed in accordance with subsection (a) of this section shall pay,
20779 for such income year, except when the tax so calculated is equal to two
20780 hundred fifty dollars, an additional tax in an amount equal to ten per
20781 cent of the tax calculated under said subsection (a) for such income year,

20782 without reduction of the tax so calculated by the amount of any credit
20783 against such tax. The additional amount of tax determined under this
20784 subsection for any income year shall constitute a part of the tax imposed
20785 by the provisions of said subsection (a) and shall become due and be
20786 paid, collected and enforced as provided in this chapter.

20787 (B) Any company whose gross income for the income year was less
20788 than one hundred million dollars shall not be subject to the additional
20789 tax imposed under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision. This exception
20790 shall not apply to taxable members of a combined group that files a
20791 combined unitary tax return.

20792 Sec. 459. Subdivision (8) of subsection (b) of section 12-219 of the
20793 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
20794 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

20795 (8) (A) With respect to income years commencing on or after January
20796 1, 2018, and prior to January 1, [2021] 2023, the additional tax imposed
20797 on any company and calculated in accordance with subsection (a) of this
20798 section shall, for such income year, except when the tax so calculated is
20799 equal to two hundred fifty dollars, be increased by adding thereto an
20800 amount equal to ten per cent of the additional tax so calculated for such
20801 income year, without reduction of the tax so calculated by the amount
20802 of any credit against such tax. The increased amount of tax payable by
20803 any company under this section, as determined in accordance with this
20804 subsection, shall become due and be paid, collected and enforced as
20805 provided in this chapter.

20806 (B) Any company whose gross income for the income year was less
20807 than one hundred million dollars shall not be subject to the additional
20808 tax imposed under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision. This exception
20809 shall not apply to taxable members of a combined group that files a
20810 combined unitary tax return.

20811 Sec. 460. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 12-219 of the
20812 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu

20813 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

20814 (a) (1) Each company subject to the provisions of this part shall pay
20815 for the privilege of carrying on or doing business within the state, the
20816 larger of the tax, if any, imposed by section 12-214 and the tax calculated
20817 under this subsection. The tax calculated under this section shall be a
20818 tax of (A) three and one-tenth mills per dollar for income years
20819 commencing prior to January 1, [2021] 2024, (B) two and six-tenths mills
20820 per dollar for the income year commencing on or after January 1, [2021]
20821 2024, and prior to January 1, [2022] 2025, (C) two and one-tenth mills per
20822 dollar for the income year commencing on or after January 1, [2022]
20823 2025, and prior to January 1, [2023] 2026, (D) one and six-tenths mills per
20824 dollar for the income year commencing on or after January 1, 2026, and
20825 prior to January 1, 2027, (E) one and one-tenth mills per dollar for the
20826 income year commencing on or after January 1, [2023] 2027, and prior to
20827 January 1, [2024] 2028, and [(E)] (F) zero mills per dollar for income years
20828 commencing on or after January 1, [2024] 2028, of the amount derived
20829 (i) by adding (I) the average value of the issued and outstanding capital
20830 stock, including treasury stock at par or face value, fractional shares,
20831 scrip certificates convertible into shares of stock and amounts received
20832 on subscriptions to capital stock, computed on the balances at the
20833 beginning and end of the taxable year or period, the average value of
20834 surplus and undivided profit computed on the balances at the
20835 beginning and end of the taxable year or period, and (II) the average
20836 value of all surplus reserves computed on the balances at the beginning
20837 and end of the taxable year or period, (ii) by subtracting from the sum
20838 so calculated (I) the average value of any deficit carried on the balance
20839 sheet computed on the balances at the beginning and end of the taxable
20840 year or period, and (II) the average value of any holdings of stock of
20841 private corporations including treasury stock shown on the balance
20842 sheet computed on the balances at the beginning and end of the taxable
20843 year or period, and (iii) by apportioning the remainder so derived
20844 between this and other states under the provisions of section 12-219a,
20845 provided in no event shall the tax so calculated exceed one million

20846 dollars or be less than two hundred fifty dollars.

20847 Sec. 461. (*Effective from passage*) The provisions of section 12-242d of
20848 the general statutes shall not apply to any additional tax due as a result
20849 of the changes made to subdivision (8) of subsection (b) of section 12-
20850 214 of the general statutes pursuant to section 458 of this act or to section
20851 12-219 of the general statutes pursuant to sections 459 and 460 of this
20852 act, for income years commencing on or after January 1, 2021, but prior
20853 to the effective date of sections 458 to 460, inclusive, of this act.

20854 Sec. 462. Subsection (a) of section 12-217zz of the general statutes is
20855 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
20856 *passage*):

20857 (a) [Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and except] Except
20858 as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this section and sections 12-
20859 217aaa and 12-217bbb, the amount of tax credit or credits otherwise
20860 allowable against the tax imposed under this chapter shall be as follows:

20861 (1) For any income year commencing on or after January 1, 2002, and
20862 prior to January 1, 2015, the amount of tax credit or credits otherwise
20863 allowable shall not exceed seventy per cent of the amount of tax due
20864 from such taxpayer under this chapter with respect to any such income
20865 year of the taxpayer prior to the application of such credit or credits;

20866 (2) For any income year commencing on or after January 1, 2015, the
20867 amount of tax credit or credits otherwise allowable shall not exceed fifty
20868 and one one-hundredths per cent of the amount of tax due from such
20869 taxpayer under this chapter with respect to any such income year of the
20870 taxpayer prior to the application of such credit or credits;

20871 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (2) of this
20872 subsection, any taxpayer that possesses excess credits may utilize the
20873 excess credits as follows:

20874 (A) For income years commencing on or after January 1, 2016, and

20875 prior to January 1, 2017, the aggregate amount of tax credits and excess
20876 credits allowable shall not exceed fifty-five per cent of the amount of tax
20877 due from such taxpayer under this chapter with respect to any such
20878 income year of the taxpayer prior to the application of such credit or
20879 credits;

20880 (B) For income years commencing on or after January 1, 2017, and
20881 prior to January 1, 2018, the aggregate amount of tax credits and excess
20882 credits allowable shall not exceed sixty per cent of the amount of tax due
20883 from such taxpayer under this chapter with respect to any such income
20884 year of the taxpayer prior to the application of such credit or credits;
20885 [and]

20886 (C) For income years commencing on or after January 1, 2018, and
20887 prior to January 1, 2019, the aggregate amount of tax credits and excess
20888 credits allowable shall not exceed sixty-five per cent of the amount of
20889 tax due from such taxpayer under this chapter with respect to any such
20890 income year of the taxpayer prior to the application of such credit or
20891 credits;

20892 [(4)] (D) For purposes of this [subsection] subdivision, "excess credits"
20893 means any remaining credits available under section 12-217j, 12-217n or
20894 32-9t after tax credits are utilized in accordance with subdivision (2) of
20895 this subsection;

20896 (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (2) of this
20897 subsection, the aggregate amount allowable of tax credits and any
20898 remaining credits available under section 12-217j or 12-217n after tax
20899 credits are utilized in accordance with said subdivision shall not exceed
20900 (A) for income years commencing on or after January 1, 2022, and prior
20901 to January 1, 2023, sixty per cent of the amount of tax due from such
20902 taxpayer under this chapter with respect to any such income year of the
20903 taxpayer prior to the application of such credit or credits, and (B) for
20904 income years commencing on or after January 1, 2023, seventy per cent
20905 of the amount of tax due from such taxpayer under this chapter with

20906 respect to any such income year of the taxpayer prior to the application
20907 of such credit or credits.

20908 Sec. 463. Subsection (d) of section 12-217n of the general statutes is
20909 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
20910 *passage and applicable to income years commencing on or after January 1,*
20911 *2021*):

20912 (d) (1) The credit provided for by this section shall be allowed for any
20913 income year commencing on or after January 1, 1993, provided any
20914 credits allowed for income years commencing on or after January 1,
20915 1993, and prior to January 1, 1995, may not be taken until income years
20916 commencing on or after January 1, 1995, and, for the purposes of
20917 subdivision (2) of this subsection, shall be treated as if the credit for each
20918 such income year first became allowable in the first income year
20919 commencing on or after January 1, 1995.

20920 (2) No more than one-third of the amount of the credit allowable for
20921 any income year may be included in the calculation of the amount of the
20922 credit that may be taken in that income year.

20923 (3) The total amount of the credit under subdivision (1) of this
20924 subsection that may be taken for any income year may not exceed the
20925 greater of (A) fifty per cent of the taxpayer's tax liability or in the case of
20926 a combined return, fifty per cent of the combined tax liability, for such
20927 income year, determined without regard to any credits allowed under
20928 this section, and (B) the lesser of (i) two hundred per cent of the credit
20929 otherwise allowed under subsection (c) of this section for such income
20930 year, and (ii) ninety per cent of the taxpayer's tax liability or in the case
20931 of a combined return, ninety per cent of the combined liability for such
20932 income year, determined without regard to any credits allowed under
20933 this section.

20934 (4) (A) Credits that are allowed under this section [but] for income
20935 years commencing prior to January 1, 2021, that exceed the amount
20936 permitted to be taken in an income year [by reason] pursuant to the

20937 provisions of subdivision (1), (2) or (3) of this subsection [,] shall be
20938 carried forward to each of the successive income years until such credits,
20939 or applicable portion thereof, are fully taken.

20940 (B) Credits that are allowed under this section for income years
20941 commencing on or after January 1, 2021, that exceed the amount
20942 permitted to be taken in an income year pursuant to the provisions of
20943 subdivision (1), (2) or (3) of this subsection shall be carried forward to
20944 each of the successive income years until such credits, or applicable
20945 portion thereof, are fully taken. No credit or portion thereof allowed
20946 under this section for income years commencing on or after January 1,
20947 2021, shall be carried forward for a period of more than fifteen years.

20948 (C) No credit [permitted] allowed under this section shall be taken in
20949 any income year until the full amount of all allowable credits carried
20950 forward to such year from any prior income year, commencing with the
20951 earliest such prior year, that otherwise may be taken under subdivision
20952 (2) of this subsection in that income year, have been fully taken.

20953 Sec. 464. Subsections (d) and (e) of section 38a-88a of the general
20954 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
20955 (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

20956 (d) (1) The tax [credit] credits allowed by this section shall only be
20957 available for investments [(1)] (A) in funds that are not open to
20958 additional investments or investors beyond the amount subscribed at
20959 the formation of the fund, or [(2)] (B) under subsection (c) of this section,
20960 in invest CT funds that are not open to additional investments or
20961 investors after submission of the invest CT fund's application to the
20962 commissioner pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

20963 (2) On and after June 30, 2010, no eligibility certificate shall be
20964 provided under subdivision (6) of subsection (b) of this section for
20965 investments made in an insurance business.

20966 (3) On [or] and after July 1, 2011, no credit shall be allowed under

20967 subdivision (2) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section for an investment
20968 of less than one million dollars for which the commissioner has issued
20969 an eligibility certificate. A fund manager who has received an eligibility
20970 certificate but is not yet eligible to receive a certificate of continued
20971 eligibility shall provide documentation satisfactory to the commissioner
20972 not later than June 30, 2011, of its investment of one million dollars or
20973 more. Such documentation shall include, but is not limited to, cancelled
20974 checks, wire transfers, investment agreements or other documentation
20975 as the commissioner may request. On and after July 1, 2011, the
20976 commissioner shall revoke the certificate of eligibility for any insurance
20977 business for which its fund manager failed to provide sufficient
20978 documentation of said investment of not less than one million dollars.

20979 (4) Any credit allowed under subsection (b) or subsection (g) of this
20980 section that has not been claimed prior to January 1, 2010, may be carried
20981 forward pursuant to subsection (i) of this section.

20982 (e) The maximum amount of credit allowed under subsection (c) of
20983 this section shall be [~~three~~] five hundred fifty million dollars in the
20984 aggregate and forty million dollars per year.

20985 Sec. 465. Section 12-217jj of the general statutes is repealed and the
20986 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2022*):

20987 (a) As used in this section:

20988 (1) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Revenue Services.

20989 (2) "Department" means the Department of Economic and
20990 Community Development.

20991 (3) (A) "Qualified production" means entertainment content created
20992 in whole or in part within the state, including motion pictures, except as
20993 otherwise provided in this subparagraph; documentaries; long-form,
20994 specials, mini-series, series, sound recordings, videos and music videos
20995 and interstitials television programming; interactive television;

20996 relocated television production; interactive games; videogames;
20997 commercials; any format of digital media, including an interactive web
20998 site, created for distribution or exhibition to the general public; and any
20999 trailer, pilot, video teaser or demo created primarily to stimulate the
21000 sale, marketing, promotion or exploitation of future investment in either
21001 a product or a qualified production via any means and media in any
21002 digital media format, film or videotape, provided such program meets
21003 all the underlying criteria of a qualified production. For state fiscal years
21004 ending on or after June 30, 2014, "qualified production" shall not include
21005 a motion picture that has not been designated as a state-certified
21006 qualified production prior to July 1, 2013, and no tax credit voucher for
21007 such motion picture may be issued for such motion picture, except, for
21008 state fiscal years ending on or after June 30, 2015, "qualified production"
21009 shall include a motion picture for which twenty-five per cent or more of
21010 the principal photography shooting days are in this state at a facility that
21011 receives not less than twenty-five million dollars in private investment
21012 and opens for business on or after July 1, 2013, and a tax credit voucher
21013 may be issued for such motion picture.

21014 (B) "Qualified production" shall not include any ongoing television
21015 program created primarily as news, weather or financial market reports;
21016 a production featuring current events, other than a relocated television
21017 production, sporting events, an awards show or other gala event; a
21018 production whose sole purpose is fundraising; a long-form production
21019 that primarily markets a product or service; a production used for
21020 corporate training or in-house corporate advertising or other similar
21021 productions; or any production for which records are required to be
21022 maintained under 18 USC 2257, as amended from time to time, with
21023 respect to sexually explicit content.

21024 (4) "Eligible production company" means a corporation, partnership,
21025 limited liability company, or other business entity engaged in the
21026 business of producing qualified productions on a one-time or ongoing
21027 basis, and qualified by the Secretary of the State to engage in business
21028 in the state.

21029 (5) "Production expenses or costs" means all expenditures clearly and
21030 demonstrably incurred in the state in the preproduction, production or
21031 postproduction costs of a qualified production, including:

21032 (A) Expenditures incurred in the state in the form of either
21033 compensation or purchases including production work, production
21034 equipment not eligible for the infrastructure tax credit provided in
21035 section 12-217kk, production software, postproduction work,
21036 postproduction equipment, postproduction software, set design, set
21037 construction, props, lighting, wardrobe, makeup, makeup accessories,
21038 special effects, visual effects, audio effects, film processing, music,
21039 sound mixing, editing, location fees, soundstages and any and all other
21040 costs or services directly incurred in connection with a state-certified
21041 qualified production;

21042 (B) Expenditures for distribution, including preproduction,
21043 production or postproduction costs relating to the creation of trailers,
21044 marketing videos, commercials, point-of-purchase videos and any and
21045 all content created on film or digital media, including the duplication of
21046 films, videos, CDs, DVDs and any and all digital files now in existence
21047 and those yet to be created for mass consumer consumption; the
21048 purchase, by a company in the state, of any and all equipment relating
21049 to the duplication or mass market distribution of any content created or
21050 produced in the state by any digital media format which is now in use
21051 and those formats yet to be created for mass consumer consumption;
21052 and

21053 (C) "Production expenses or costs" does not include the following: (i)
21054 On and after January 1, 2008, compensation in excess of fifteen million
21055 dollars paid to any individual or entity representing an individual, for
21056 services provided in the production of a qualified production and on or
21057 after January 1, 2010, compensation subject to Connecticut personal
21058 income tax in excess of twenty million dollars paid in the aggregate to
21059 any individuals or entities representing individuals, for star talent
21060 provided in the production of a qualified production; (ii) media buys,

21061 promotional events or gifts or public relations associated with the
21062 promotion or marketing of any qualified production; (iii) deferred,
21063 leveraged or profit participation costs relating to any and all personnel
21064 associated with any and all aspects of the production, including, but not
21065 limited to, producer fees, director fees, talent fees and writer fees; (iv)
21066 costs relating to the transfer of the production tax credits; (v) any
21067 amounts paid to persons or businesses as a result of their participation
21068 in profits from the exploitation of the qualified production; and (vi) any
21069 expenses or costs relating to an independent certification, as required by
21070 subsection [(g)] (h) of this section, or as the department may otherwise
21071 require, pertaining to the amount of production expenses or costs set
21072 forth by an eligible production company in its application for a
21073 production tax credit.

21074 (6) "Sound recording" means a recording of music, poetry or spoken-
21075 word performance, but does not include the audio portions of dialogue
21076 or words spoken and recorded as part of a motion picture, video,
21077 theatrical production, television news coverage or athletic event.

21078 (7) "State-certified qualified production" means a qualified
21079 production produced by an eligible production company that (A) is in
21080 compliance with regulations adopted pursuant to subsection [(k)] (l) of
21081 this section, (B) is authorized to conduct business in this state, and (C)
21082 has been approved by the department as qualifying for a production tax
21083 credit under this section.

21084 (8) "Interactive web site" means a web site, the production costs of
21085 which (A) exceed five hundred thousand dollars per income year, and
21086 (B) is primarily (i) interactive games or end user applications, or (ii)
21087 animation, simulation, sound, graphics, story lines or video created or
21088 repurposed for distribution over the Internet. An interactive web site
21089 does not include a web site primarily used for institutional, private,
21090 industrial, retail or wholesale marketing or promotional purposes, or
21091 which contains obscene content.

21092 (9) "Post-certification remedy" means the recapture, disallowance,
21093 recovery, reduction, repayment, forfeiture, decertification or any other
21094 remedy that would have the effect of reducing or otherwise limiting the
21095 use of a tax credit provided by this section.

21096 (10) "Compensation" means base salary or wages and does not
21097 include bonus pay, stock options, restricted stock units or similar
21098 arrangements.

21099 (11) "Relocated television production" means:

21100 (A) An ongoing television program all of the prior seasons of which
21101 were filmed outside this state, and may include current events shows,
21102 except those referenced in subparagraph (B)(i) of this subdivision.

21103 (B) An eligible production company's television programming in this
21104 state that (i) is not a general news program, sporting event or game
21105 broadcast, and (ii) is created at a qualified production facility that has
21106 had a minimum investment of twenty-five million dollars made by such
21107 eligible production company on or after January 1, 2012, at which
21108 facility the eligible production company creates ongoing television
21109 programming as defined in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, and
21110 creates at least two hundred new jobs in Connecticut on or after January
21111 1, 2012. For purposes of this subdivision, "new job" means a full-time
21112 job, as defined in section 12-217ii, that did not exist in this state prior to
21113 January 1, 2012, and is filled by a new employee, and "new employee"
21114 includes a person who was employed outside this state by the eligible
21115 production company prior to January 1, 2012, but does not include a
21116 person who was employed in this state by the eligible production
21117 company or a related person, as defined in section 12-217ii, with respect
21118 to the eligible production company during the prior twelve months.

21119 (C) A relocated television production may be a state-certified
21120 qualified production for not more than ten successive income years,
21121 after which period the eligible production company shall be ineligible
21122 to resubmit an application for certification.

21123 (b) (1) The Department of Economic and Community Development
21124 shall administer a system of tax credit vouchers within the resources,
21125 requirements and purposes of this section for eligible production
21126 companies producing a state-certified qualified production in the state.

21127 (2) Any eligible production company incurring production expenses
21128 or costs shall be eligible for a credit (A) for income years commencing
21129 on or after January 1, 2010, but prior to January 1, 2018, against the tax
21130 imposed under chapter 207 or this chapter, [and] (B) for income years
21131 commencing on or after January 1, 2018, but prior to January 1, 2022,
21132 against the tax imposed under chapter 207 or 211 or this chapter, and
21133 (C) for income years commencing on or after January 1, 2022, against the
21134 tax imposed under chapter 207, 211, 219 or this chapter, as follows: (i)
21135 For any such company incurring such expenses or costs of not less than
21136 one hundred thousand dollars, but not more than five hundred
21137 thousand dollars, a credit equal to ten per cent of such expenses or costs,
21138 (ii) for any such company incurring such expenses or costs of more than
21139 five hundred thousand dollars, but not more than one million dollars, a
21140 credit equal to fifteen per cent of such expenses or costs, and (iii) for any
21141 such company incurring such expenses or costs of more than one million
21142 dollars, a credit equal to thirty per cent of such expenses or costs.

21143 (c) No eligible production company incurring an amount of
21144 production expenses or costs that qualifies for such credit shall be
21145 eligible for such credit unless on or after January 1, 2010, such company
21146 conducts (1) not less than fifty per cent of principal photography days
21147 within the state, or (2) expends not less than fifty per cent of
21148 postproduction costs within the state, or (3) expends not less than one
21149 million dollars of postproduction costs within the state.

21150 (d) For income years commencing on or after January 1, 2010, no
21151 expenses or costs incurred outside the state and used within the state
21152 shall be eligible for a credit, and one hundred per cent of such expenses
21153 or costs shall be counted toward such credit when incurred within the
21154 state and used within the state.

21155 (e) (1) On and after July 1, 2006, and for income years commencing
21156 on or after January 1, 2006, any credit allowed pursuant to this section
21157 may be sold, assigned or otherwise transferred, in whole or in part, to
21158 one or more taxpayers, provided (A) no credit, after issuance, may be
21159 sold, assigned or otherwise transferred, in whole or in part, more than
21160 three times, (B) in the case of a credit allowed for the income year
21161 commencing on or after January 1, 2011, and prior to January 1, 2012,
21162 any entity that is not subject to tax under chapter 207 or this chapter may
21163 transfer not more than fifty per cent of such credit in any one income
21164 year, and (C) in the case of a credit allowed for an income year
21165 commencing on or after January 1, 2012, any entity that is not subject to
21166 tax under chapter 207 or this chapter may transfer not more than
21167 twenty-five per cent of such credit in any one income year.

21168 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this
21169 subsection, any entity that is not subject to tax under this chapter or
21170 chapter 207 shall not be subject to the limitations on the transfer of
21171 credits provided in subparagraphs (B) and (C) of said subdivision (1),
21172 provided such entity owns not less than fifty per cent, directly or
21173 indirectly, of a business entity, as defined in section 12-284b.

21174 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this
21175 subsection, any qualified production that is created in whole or in
21176 significant part, as determined by the Commissioner of Economic and
21177 Community Development, at a qualified production facility shall not be
21178 subject to the limitations of subparagraph (B) or (C) of said subdivision
21179 (1). For purposes of this subdivision, "qualified production facility"
21180 means a facility (A) located in this state, (B) intended for film, television
21181 or digital media production, and (C) that has had a minimum
21182 investment of three million dollars, or less if the Commissioner of
21183 Economic and Community Development determines such facility
21184 otherwise qualifies.

21185 (4) (A) For the income year commencing January 1, 2018, any credit
21186 that is sold, assigned or otherwise transferred, in whole or in part, to one

21187 or more taxpayers pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection may be
21188 claimed against the tax imposed under chapter 211 only if there is
21189 common ownership of at least fifty per cent between such taxpayer and
21190 the eligible production company that sold, assigned or otherwise
21191 transferred such credit. Such taxpayer may only claim ninety-two per
21192 cent of the amount of such credit entered by the department on the
21193 production tax credit voucher.

21194 (B) For income years commencing on or after January 1, 2019, any
21195 credit that is sold, assigned or otherwise transferred, in whole or in part,
21196 to one or more taxpayers pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection,
21197 which credit is claimed against the tax imposed under chapter 211, shall
21198 be subject to the following limits:

21199 (i) The taxpayer may only claim ninety-five per cent of the amount of
21200 such credit entered by the department on the production tax credit
21201 voucher; and

21202 (ii) If there is common ownership of at least fifty per cent between
21203 such taxpayer and the eligible production company that sold, assigned
21204 or otherwise transferred such credit, such taxpayer may only claim
21205 ninety-two per cent of the amount of such credit entered by the
21206 department on the production tax credit voucher.

21207 (5) For income years commencing on or after January 1, 2022, any
21208 credit that is claimed against the tax imposed under chapter 219 shall be
21209 subject to the following limits:

21210 (A) Any credit that is sold, assigned or otherwise transferred, in
21211 whole or in part, to one or more taxpayers pursuant to subdivision (1)
21212 of this subsection may be claimed against the tax imposed under chapter
21213 219 only if there is common ownership of at least fifty per cent between
21214 such taxpayer and the eligible production company that sold, assigned
21215 or otherwise transferred such credit; and

21216 (B) The eligible production company or taxpayer claiming the credit

21217 against the tax imposed under chapter 219 may only claim seventy-eight
21218 per cent of the amount of such credit entered by the department on the
21219 production tax credit voucher.

21220 (f) (1) On and after July 1, 2006, and for income years commencing on
21221 or after January 1, 2006, but prior to January 1, 2015, all or part of any
21222 such credit allowed under this section may be claimed against the tax
21223 imposed under chapter 207 or this chapter for the income year in which
21224 the production expenses or costs were incurred, or in the three
21225 immediately succeeding income years.

21226 (2) For production tax credit vouchers issued on or after July 1, 2015,
21227 but prior to January 1, 2018, all or part of any such credit may be claimed
21228 against [(A)] the tax imposed under chapter 207 or this chapter, [or (B)
21229 for income years commencing on or after January 1, 2018,] for the
21230 income year in which the production expenses or costs were incurred,
21231 or in the five immediately succeeding income years.

21232 (3) For production tax credit vouchers issued on or after July 1, 2018,
21233 but prior to January 1, 2022, all or part of any such credit may be claimed
21234 against the tax imposed under chapter 207 or 211 or this chapter, for the
21235 income year in which the production expenses or costs were incurred,
21236 or in the five immediately succeeding income years.

21237 (4) For production tax credit vouchers issued on or after January 1,
21238 2022, all or part of any such credit may be claimed against the tax
21239 imposed under chapter 207, 211, 219 or this chapter, for the income year
21240 in which the production expenses or costs were incurred, or in the five
21241 immediately succeeding income years.

21242 [(3)] (g) Any production tax credit allowed under this [subsection]
21243 section shall be nonrefundable.

21244 [(g)] (h) (1) An eligible production company shall apply to the
21245 department for a tax credit voucher on an annual basis, but not later
21246 than ninety days after the first production expenses or costs are incurred

21247 in the production of a qualified production, and shall provide with such
21248 application such information as the department may require to
21249 determine such company's eligibility to claim a credit under this section.
21250 No production expenses or costs may be listed more than once for
21251 purposes of the tax credit voucher pursuant to this section, or pursuant
21252 to section 12-217kk or 12-217ll, and if a production expense or cost has
21253 been included in a claim for a credit, such production expense or cost
21254 may not be included in any subsequent claim for a credit.

21255 (2) Not later than ninety days after the end of the annual period, or
21256 after the last production expenses or costs are incurred in the production
21257 of a qualified production, an eligible production company shall apply
21258 to the department for a production tax credit voucher, and shall provide
21259 with such application such information and independent certification as
21260 the department may require pertaining to the amount of such
21261 company's production expenses or costs. Such independent certification
21262 shall be provided by an audit professional chosen from a list compiled
21263 by the department. If the department determines that such company is
21264 eligible to be issued a production tax credit voucher, the department
21265 shall enter on the voucher the amount of production expenses or costs
21266 that has been established to the satisfaction of the department and the
21267 amount of such company's credit under this section. The department
21268 shall provide a copy of such voucher to the commissioner, upon request.

21269 (3) The department shall charge a reasonable administrative fee
21270 sufficient to cover the department's costs to analyze applications
21271 submitted under this section.

21272 [(h)] (i) If an eligible production company sells, assigns or otherwise
21273 transfers a credit under this section to another taxpayer, the transferor
21274 and transferee shall jointly submit written notification of such transfer
21275 to the department not later than thirty days after such transfer. If such
21276 transferee sells, assigns or otherwise transfers a credit under this section
21277 to a subsequent transferee, such transferee and such subsequent
21278 transferee shall jointly submit written notification of such transfer to the

21279 department not later than thirty days after such transfer. The
21280 notification after each transfer shall include the credit voucher number,
21281 the date of transfer, the amount of such credit transferred, the tax credit
21282 balance before and after the transfer, the tax identification numbers for
21283 both the transferor and the transferee, and any other information
21284 required by the department. Failure to comply with this subsection will
21285 result in a disallowance of the tax credit until there is full compliance on
21286 the part of the transferor and the transferee, and for a second or third
21287 transfer, on the part of all subsequent transferors and transferees. The
21288 department shall provide a copy of the notification of assignment to the
21289 commissioner upon request.

21290 ~~[(i)]~~ (j) Any eligible production company that submits information to
21291 the department that it knows to be fraudulent or false shall, in addition
21292 to any other penalties provided by law, be liable for a penalty equal to
21293 the amount of such company's credit entered on the production tax
21294 credit voucher issued under this section.

21295 ~~[(j)]~~ (k) No tax credits transferred pursuant to this section shall be
21296 subject to a post-certification remedy, and the department and the
21297 commissioner shall have no right, except in the case of possible material
21298 misrepresentation or fraud, to conduct any further or additional review,
21299 examination or audit of the expenditures or costs for which such tax
21300 credits were issued. The sole and exclusive remedy of the department
21301 and the commissioner shall be to seek collection of the amount of such
21302 tax credits from the entity that committed the fraud or
21303 misrepresentation.

21304 ~~[(k)]~~ (l) The department, in consultation with the commissioner, shall
21305 adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, as
21306 may be necessary for the administration of this section.

21307 Sec. 466. Section 12-704e of the general statutes is repealed and the
21308 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
21309 *applicable to taxable years commencing on or after January 1, 2021*):

21310 (a) Any resident of this state, as defined in subdivision (1) of
21311 subsection (a) of section 12-701, who is subject to the tax imposed under
21312 this chapter for any taxable year shall be allowed a credit against the tax
21313 otherwise due under this chapter in an amount equal to the applicable
21314 percentage [, as defined in subsection (e) of this section,] of the earned
21315 income credit claimed and allowed for the same taxable year under
21316 Section 32 of the Internal Revenue Code, as defined in subsection (a) of
21317 section 12-701. As used in this section, "applicable percentage" means (1)
21318 twenty-three per cent for taxable years commencing prior to January 1,
21319 2021, and (2) thirty and one-half per cent for taxable years commencing
21320 on or after January 1, 2021.

21321 (b) If the amount of the credit allowed pursuant to this section
21322 exceeds the taxpayer's liability for the tax imposed under this chapter,
21323 the Commissioner of Revenue Services shall treat such excess as an
21324 overpayment and, except as provided under section 12-739 or 12-742,
21325 shall refund the amount of such excess, without interest, to the taxpayer.

21326 (c) If a married individual who is otherwise eligible for the credit
21327 allowed hereunder has filed a joint federal income tax return for the
21328 taxable year, but is required to file a separate return under this chapter
21329 for such taxable year, the credit for which such individual is eligible
21330 under this section shall be an amount equal to the applicable percentage
21331 [, as defined in subsection (e) of this section,] of the earned income credit
21332 claimed and allowed for such taxable year under [said] Section 32 of the
21333 Internal Revenue Code multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which
21334 is such individual's federal adjusted gross income, as reported on such
21335 individual's separate return under this chapter, and the denominator of
21336 which is the federal adjusted gross income, as reported on the joint
21337 federal income tax return.

21338 (d) To the extent permitted under federal law, any state or federal
21339 earned income tax credit shall not be counted as income when received
21340 by an individual who is an applicant for, or recipient of, benefits or
21341 services under any state or federal program that provides such benefits

21342 or services based on need, nor shall any such earned income tax credit
21343 be counted as resources, for the purpose of determining the individual's
21344 or any other individual's eligibility for such benefits or services, or the
21345 amount of such benefits or services.

21346 [(e) For purposes of this section, "applicable percentage" means
21347 twenty-three per cent.]

21348 Sec. 467. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Upon any (1) decrease in the
21349 amount of the federal child tax credit in effect pursuant to the American
21350 Rescue Plan Act of 2021, P.L. 117-2, as amended from time to time, on
21351 the effective date of this section, or (2) change in eligibility criteria for
21352 said credit, which change is less favorable to a taxpayer than such
21353 criteria in effect pursuant to said act on the effective date of this section,
21354 the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall, within six
21355 months after the first day of the period to which such decrease or change
21356 is applicable, whichever is earlier, create a plan to establish a state child
21357 tax credit and present such plan to the joint standing committee of the
21358 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to finance,
21359 revenue and bonding.

21360 Sec. 468. Subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 12-704c of the
21361 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
21362 thereof (*Effective from passage and applicable to taxable years commencing on*
21363 *or after January 1, 2021*):

21364 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,
21365 for the taxable years commencing January 1, 2017, to January 1, [2020]
21366 2022, inclusive, the credit under this section shall be allowed only for a
21367 resident of this state (A) who has attained age sixty-five before the close
21368 of the applicable taxable year, or (B) who files a return under the federal
21369 income tax for the applicable taxable year validly claiming one or more
21370 dependents.

21371 Sec. 469. Subparagraph (B) of subdivision (20) of subsection (a) of
21372 section 12-701 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is

21373 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

21374 (B) There shall be subtracted therefrom:

21375 (i) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal
21376 income tax purposes, any income with respect to which taxation by any
21377 state is prohibited by federal law;

21378 (ii) To the extent allowable under section 12-718, exempt dividends
21379 paid by a regulated investment company;

21380 (iii) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal
21381 income tax purposes, the amount of any refund or credit for
21382 overpayment of income taxes imposed by this state, or any other state
21383 of the United States or a political subdivision thereof, or the District of
21384 Columbia;

21385 (iv) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal
21386 income tax purposes and not otherwise subtracted from federal
21387 adjusted gross income pursuant to clause (x) of this subparagraph in
21388 computing Connecticut adjusted gross income, any tier 1 railroad
21389 retirement benefits;

21390 (v) To the extent any additional allowance for depreciation under
21391 Section 168(k) of the Internal Revenue Code for property placed in
21392 service after September 27, 2017, was added to federal adjusted gross
21393 income pursuant to subparagraph (A)(ix) of this subdivision in
21394 computing Connecticut adjusted gross income, twenty-five per cent of
21395 such additional allowance for depreciation in each of the four
21396 succeeding taxable years;

21397 (vi) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal
21398 income tax purposes, any interest income from obligations issued by or
21399 on behalf of the state of Connecticut, any political subdivision thereof,
21400 or public instrumentality, state or local authority, district or similar
21401 public entity created under the laws of the state of Connecticut;

21402 (vii) To the extent properly includable in determining the net gain or
21403 loss from the sale or other disposition of capital assets for federal income
21404 tax purposes, any gain from the sale or exchange of obligations issued
21405 by or on behalf of the state of Connecticut, any political subdivision
21406 thereof, or public instrumentality, state or local authority, district or
21407 similar public entity created under the laws of the state of Connecticut,
21408 in the income year such gain was recognized;

21409 (viii) Any interest on indebtedness incurred or continued to purchase
21410 or carry obligations or securities the interest on which is subject to tax
21411 under this chapter but exempt from federal income tax, to the extent that
21412 such interest on indebtedness is not deductible in determining federal
21413 adjusted gross income and is attributable to a trade or business carried
21414 on by such individual;

21415 (ix) Ordinary and necessary expenses paid or incurred during the
21416 taxable year for the production or collection of income which is subject
21417 to taxation under this chapter but exempt from federal income tax, or
21418 the management, conservation or maintenance of property held for the
21419 production of such income, and the amortizable bond premium for the
21420 taxable year on any bond the interest on which is subject to tax under
21421 this chapter but exempt from federal income tax, to the extent that such
21422 expenses and premiums are not deductible in determining federal
21423 adjusted gross income and are attributable to a trade or business carried
21424 on by such individual;

21425 (x) (I) For taxable years commencing prior to January 1, 2019, for a
21426 person who files a return under the federal income tax as an unmarried
21427 individual whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is
21428 less than fifty thousand dollars, or as a married individual filing
21429 separately whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is
21430 less than fifty thousand dollars, or for a husband and wife who file a
21431 return under the federal income tax as married individuals filing jointly
21432 whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is less than
21433 sixty thousand dollars or a person who files a return under the federal

21434 income tax as a head of household whose federal adjusted gross income
21435 for such taxable year is less than sixty thousand dollars, an amount
21436 equal to the Social Security benefits includable for federal income tax
21437 purposes;

21438 (II) For taxable years commencing prior to January 1, 2019, for a
21439 person who files a return under the federal income tax as an unmarried
21440 individual whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is
21441 fifty thousand dollars or more, or as a married individual filing
21442 separately whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is
21443 fifty thousand dollars or more, or for a husband and wife who file a
21444 return under the federal income tax as married individuals filing jointly
21445 whose federal adjusted gross income from such taxable year is sixty
21446 thousand dollars or more or for a person who files a return under the
21447 federal income tax as a head of household whose federal adjusted gross
21448 income for such taxable year is sixty thousand dollars or more, an
21449 amount equal to the difference between the amount of Social Security
21450 benefits includable for federal income tax purposes and the lesser of
21451 twenty-five per cent of the Social Security benefits received during the
21452 taxable year, or twenty-five per cent of the excess described in Section
21453 86(b)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code;

21454 (III) For the taxable year commencing January 1, 2019, and each
21455 taxable year thereafter, for a person who files a return under the federal
21456 income tax as an unmarried individual whose federal adjusted gross
21457 income for such taxable year is less than seventy-five thousand dollars,
21458 or as a married individual filing separately whose federal adjusted gross
21459 income for such taxable year is less than seventy-five thousand dollars,
21460 or for a husband and wife who file a return under the federal income tax
21461 as married individuals filing jointly whose federal adjusted gross
21462 income for such taxable year is less than one hundred thousand dollars
21463 or a person who files a return under the federal income tax as a head of
21464 household whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is
21465 less than one hundred thousand dollars, an amount equal to the Social
21466 Security benefits includable for federal income tax purposes; and

21467 (IV) For the taxable year commencing January 1, 2019, and each
21468 taxable year thereafter, for a person who files a return under the federal
21469 income tax as an unmarried individual whose federal adjusted gross
21470 income for such taxable year is seventy-five thousand dollars or more,
21471 or as a married individual filing separately whose federal adjusted gross
21472 income for such taxable year is seventy-five thousand dollars or more,
21473 or for a husband and wife who file a return under the federal income tax
21474 as married individuals filing jointly whose federal adjusted gross
21475 income from such taxable year is one hundred thousand dollars or more
21476 or for a person who files a return under the federal income tax as a head
21477 of household whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year
21478 is one hundred thousand dollars or more, an amount equal to the
21479 difference between the amount of Social Security benefits includable for
21480 federal income tax purposes and the lesser of twenty-five per cent of the
21481 Social Security benefits received during the taxable year, or twenty-five
21482 per cent of the excess described in Section 86(b)(1) of the Internal
21483 Revenue Code;

21484 (xi) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal
21485 income tax purposes, any amount rebated to a taxpayer pursuant to
21486 section 12-746;

21487 (xii) To the extent properly includable in the gross income for federal
21488 income tax purposes of a designated beneficiary, any distribution to
21489 such beneficiary from any qualified state tuition program, as defined in
21490 Section 529(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, established and
21491 maintained by this state or any official, agency or instrumentality of the
21492 state;

21493 (xiii) To the extent allowable under section 12-701a, contributions to
21494 accounts established pursuant to any qualified state tuition program, as
21495 defined in Section 529(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, established and
21496 maintained by this state or any official, agency or instrumentality of the
21497 state;

21498 (xiv) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal
21499 income tax purposes, the amount of any Holocaust victims' settlement
21500 payment received in the taxable year by a Holocaust victim;

21501 (xv) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal
21502 income tax purposes of an account holder, as defined in section 31-
21503 51ww, interest earned on funds deposited in the individual
21504 development account, as defined in section 31-51ww, of such account
21505 holder;

21506 (xvi) To the extent properly includable in the gross income for federal
21507 income tax purposes of a designated beneficiary, as defined in section
21508 3-123aa, interest, dividends or capital gains earned on contributions to
21509 accounts established for the designated beneficiary pursuant to the
21510 Connecticut Homecare Option Program for the Elderly established by
21511 sections 3-123aa to 3-123ff, inclusive;

21512 (xvii) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal
21513 income tax purposes, any income received from the United States
21514 government as retirement pay for a retired member of (I) the Armed
21515 Forces of the United States, as defined in Section 101 of Title 10 of the
21516 United States Code, or (II) the National Guard, as defined in Section 101
21517 of Title 10 of the United States Code;

21518 (xviii) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal
21519 income tax purposes for the taxable year, any income from the discharge
21520 of indebtedness in connection with any reacquisition, after December
21521 31, 2008, and before January 1, 2011, of an applicable debt instrument or
21522 instruments, as those terms are defined in Section 108 of the Internal
21523 Revenue Code, as amended by Section 1231 of the American Recovery
21524 and Reinvestment Act of 2009, to the extent any such income was added
21525 to federal adjusted gross income pursuant to subparagraph (A)(xi) of
21526 this subdivision in computing Connecticut adjusted gross income for a
21527 preceding taxable year;

21528 (xix) To the extent not deductible in determining federal adjusted

21529 gross income, the amount of any contribution to a manufacturing
21530 reinvestment account established pursuant to section 32-9zz in the
21531 taxable year that such contribution is made;

21532 (xx) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal
21533 income tax purposes, (I) for the taxable year commencing January 1,
21534 2015, ten per cent of the income received from the state teachers'
21535 retirement system, (II) for the taxable years commencing January 1,
21536 2016, to January 1, 2020, inclusive, twenty-five per cent of the income
21537 received from the state teachers' retirement system, and (III) for the
21538 taxable year commencing January 1, 2021, and each taxable year
21539 thereafter, fifty per cent of the income received from the state teachers'
21540 retirement system or, [the percentage, if applicable, pursuant to] for a
21541 taxpayer whose federal adjusted gross income does not exceed the
21542 applicable threshold under clause (xxi) of this subparagraph, the
21543 percentage pursuant to said clause of the income received from the state
21544 teachers' retirement system, whichever deduction is greater;

21545 (xxi) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal
21546 income tax purposes, except for retirement benefits under clause (iv) of
21547 this subparagraph and retirement pay under clause (xvii) of this
21548 subparagraph, for a person who files a return under the federal income
21549 tax as an unmarried individual whose federal adjusted gross income for
21550 such taxable year is less than seventy-five thousand dollars, or as a
21551 married individual filing separately whose federal adjusted gross
21552 income for such taxable year is less than seventy-five thousand dollars,
21553 or as a head of household whose federal adjusted gross income for such
21554 taxable year is less than seventy-five thousand dollars, or for a husband
21555 and wife who file a return under the federal income tax as married
21556 individuals filing jointly whose federal adjusted gross income for such
21557 taxable year is less than one hundred thousand dollars, (I) for the taxable
21558 year commencing January 1, 2019, fourteen per cent of any pension or
21559 annuity income, (II) for the taxable year commencing January 1, 2020,
21560 twenty-eight per cent of any pension or annuity income, (III) for the
21561 taxable year commencing January 1, 2021, forty-two per cent of any

21562 pension or annuity income, (IV) for the taxable year commencing
21563 January 1, 2022, fifty-six per cent of any pension or annuity income, (V)
21564 for the taxable year commencing January 1, 2023, seventy per cent of any
21565 pension or annuity income, (VI) for the taxable year commencing
21566 January 1, 2024, eighty-four per cent of any pension or annuity income,
21567 and (VII) for the taxable year commencing January 1, 2025, and each
21568 taxable year thereafter, any pension or annuity income;

21569 (xxii) The amount of lost wages and medical, travel and housing
21570 expenses, not to exceed ten thousand dollars in the aggregate, incurred
21571 by a taxpayer during the taxable year in connection with the donation
21572 to another person of an organ for organ transplantation occurring on or
21573 after January 1, 2017;

21574 (xxiii) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal
21575 income tax purposes, the amount of any financial assistance received
21576 from the Crumbling Foundations Assistance Fund or paid to or on
21577 behalf of the owner of a residential building pursuant to sections 8-442
21578 and 8-443;

21579 (xxiv) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal
21580 income tax purposes, the amount calculated pursuant to subsection (b)
21581 of section 12-704g for income received by a general partner of a venture
21582 capital fund, as defined in 17 CFR 275.203(l)-1, as amended from time to
21583 time; [and]

21584 (xxv) To the extent any portion of a deduction under Section 179 of
21585 the Internal Revenue Code was added to federal adjusted gross income
21586 pursuant to subparagraph (A)(xiv) of this subdivision in computing
21587 Connecticut adjusted gross income, twenty-five per cent of such
21588 disallowed portion of the deduction in each of the four succeeding
21589 taxable years; and

21590 (xxvi) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal
21591 income tax purposes, for a person who files a return under the federal
21592 income tax as an unmarried individual whose federal adjusted gross

21593 income for such taxable year is less than seventy-five thousand dollars,
21594 or as a married individual filing separately whose federal adjusted gross
21595 income for such taxable year is less than seventy-five thousand dollars,
21596 or as a head of household whose federal adjusted gross income for such
21597 taxable year is less than seventy-five thousand dollars, or for a husband
21598 and wife who file a return under the federal income tax as married
21599 individuals filing jointly whose federal adjusted gross income for such
21600 taxable year is less than one hundred thousand dollars, (I) for the taxable
21601 year commencing January 1, 2023, twenty-five per cent of any
21602 distribution from an individual retirement account other than a Roth
21603 individual retirement account, (II) for the taxable year commencing
21604 January 1, 2024, fifty per cent of any distribution from an individual
21605 retirement account other than a Roth individual retirement account, (III)
21606 for the taxable year commencing January 1, 2025, seventy-five per cent
21607 of any distribution from an individual retirement account other than a
21608 Roth individual retirement account, and (IV) for the taxable year
21609 commencing January 1, 2026, and each taxable year thereafter, any
21610 distribution from an individual retirement account other than a Roth
21611 individual retirement account.

21612 Sec. 470. Section 12-541 of the general statutes is repealed and the
21613 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective June 30, 2021*):

21614 (a) The provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of this section shall apply
21615 to sales occurring prior to July 1, 2021.

21616 [(a)] (b) Except as provided in subsection [(b)] (c) of this section, there
21617 is hereby imposed a tax of ten per cent of the admission charge to any
21618 place of amusement, entertainment or recreation. No tax shall be
21619 imposed with respect to any admission charge:

21620 (1) When the admission charge is less than one dollar or, in the case
21621 of any motion picture show, when the admission charge is not more
21622 than five dollars;

21623 (2) When a daily admission charge is imposed that entitles the patron

21624 to participate in an athletic or sporting activity;

21625 (3) To any event, other than events held at the stadium facility, as
21626 defined in section 32-651, if all of the proceeds from the event inure
21627 exclusively to an entity that is exempt from federal income tax under the
21628 Internal Revenue Code, provided such entity actively engages in and
21629 assumes the financial risk associated with the presentation of such
21630 event;

21631 (4) To any event, other than events held at the stadium facility, as
21632 defined in section 32-651, that, in the opinion of the commissioner, is
21633 conducted primarily to raise funds for an entity that is exempt from
21634 federal income tax under the Internal Revenue Code, provided the
21635 commissioner is satisfied that the net profit that inures to such entity
21636 from such event will exceed the amount of the admissions tax that, but
21637 for this subdivision, would be imposed upon the person making such
21638 charge to such event;

21639 (5) Other than for events held at the stadium facility, as defined in
21640 section 32-651, paid by centers of service for elderly persons, as
21641 described in section 17a-310;

21642 (6) To any production featuring live performances by actors or
21643 musicians presented at Gateway's Candlewood Playhouse, Ocean Beach
21644 Park or any nonprofit theater or playhouse in the state, provided such
21645 theater or playhouse possesses evidence confirming exemption from
21646 federal tax under Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code;

21647 (7) To any carnival or amusement ride;

21648 (8) To any interscholastic athletic event held at the stadium facility,
21649 as defined in section 32-651;

21650 (9) If the admission charge would have been subject to tax under the
21651 provisions of section 12-542 of the general statutes, revision of 1958,
21652 revised to January 1, 1999; or

21653 (10) On and after July 1, 2020, to any event at the Dunkin' Donuts Park
21654 in Hartford.

21655 [(b)] (c) (1) For the following venues and events, for sales occurring
21656 on or after July 1, 2019, but prior to July 1, 2020, the tax imposed under
21657 this section shall be seven and one-half per cent of the admission charge
21658 to:

21659 (A) Any event at the XL Center in Hartford;

21660 (B) Any event at Dillon Stadium in Hartford;

21661 (C) Any athletic event presented by a member team of the Atlantic
21662 League of Professional Baseball at the New Britain Stadium;

21663 (D) Any event at the Webster Bank Arena in Bridgeport;

21664 (E) Any event at the Harbor Yard Amphitheater in Bridgeport;

21665 (F) Any event at Dodd Stadium in Norwich;

21666 (G) Any event at the Oakdale Theatre in Wallingford; and

21667 (H) Any event other than an interscholastic athletic event at the
21668 stadium facility, as defined in section 32-651.

21669 (2) For sales occurring on or after July 1, 2019, but prior to July 1, 2020,
21670 for any event at the Dunkin' Donuts Park in Hartford, the tax imposed
21671 under this section shall be five per cent of the admission charge.

21672 (3) For the venues and events specified in subdivision (1) of this
21673 subsection, for sales occurring on or after July 1, 2020, the tax imposed
21674 under this section shall be five per cent of the admission charge.

21675 [(4)] (d) On and after July 1, 2001, the tax imposed under this section
21676 on any motion picture show with an admission charge of more than five
21677 dollars shall be six per cent of the admission charge.

21678 [(c)] The tax shall be imposed upon the person making such charge
21679 and reimbursement for the tax shall be collected by such person from
21680 the purchase. Such reimbursement, termed "tax", shall be paid by the
21681 purchaser to the person making the admission charge. Such tax, when
21682 added to the admission charge, shall be a debt from the purchaser to the
21683 person making the admission charge and shall be recoverable at law.
21684 The amount of tax reimbursement, when so collected, shall be deemed
21685 to be a special fund in trust for the state of Connecticut.

21686 Sec. 471. Section 12-412 of the general statutes is amended by adding
21687 subdivision (125) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2021, and applicable to sales*
21688 *occurring on or after July 1, 2021*):

21689 (NEW) (125) (A) Sales of and the storage, use or other consumption
21690 of breast pumps and breast pump collection and storage supplies, when
21691 sold to an individual for home use, and repair or replacement parts for
21692 and repair services rendered to such breast pumps.

21693 (B) (i) Sales of and the storage, use or other consumption of breast
21694 pump kits prepackaged by the breast pump manufacturer, when sold to
21695 an individual for home use, provided the breast pump kit is composed
21696 entirely of (I) a breast pump and breast pump collection and storage
21697 supplies, that are exempt under this subdivision, or (II) breast pump
21698 collection and storage supplies that are exempt under this subdivision.

21699 (ii) If a breast pump kit includes other taxable items of tangible
21700 personal property, the sale of and the storage, use or other consumption
21701 of such breast pump kit is subject to the tax imposed under this chapter
21702 unless the sales price of the other taxable items of tangible personal
21703 property packaged and sold with the breast pump kit at the time of sale
21704 is ten per cent or less of the total sale price of the breast pump kit.

21705 (C) As used in this subdivision:

21706 (i) "Breast pump" means an electrically or manually controlled pump
21707 device used to express milk from a human breast during lactation,

21708 including any external power supply unit packaged and sold with the
21709 pump device at the time of sale to power the pump device;

21710 (ii) (I) "Breast pump collection and storage supplies" means items of
21711 tangible personal property such as breast shields and breast shield
21712 connectors, breast pump tubes and tubing adapters; breast pump valves
21713 and membranes; backflow protectors and backflow protector adapters;
21714 bottles and bottle caps specific to the operation of the breast pump,
21715 breast milk storage bags; and related items sold as part of a breast pump
21716 kit prepackaged by the breast pump manufacturer; that are used in
21717 conjunction with a breast pump to collect milk expressed from a human
21718 breast and to store collected milk until it is ready for consumption;

21719 (II) "Breast pump collection and storage supplies" does not include
21720 bottles and bottle caps not specific to the operation of the breast pump;
21721 breast pump travel bags or other similar carrying accessories, including
21722 ice packs, labels and other similar products, unless sold as part of a
21723 breast pump kit prepackaged by the breast pump manufacturer; breast
21724 pump cleaning supplies, unless sold as part of a breast pump kit
21725 prepackaged by the breast pump manufacturer; nursing bras, bra pads,
21726 breast shells or other similar products; or creams, ointments and other
21727 similar products that relieve breastfeeding-related symptoms or
21728 conditions of the breasts or nipples; and

21729 (III) "Breast pump kit" means a prepackaged set that contains one or
21730 more of the following items: A breast pump; breast pump collection and
21731 storage supplies; and other items of tangible personal property that may
21732 be useful to initiate, support or sustain breastfeeding using a breast
21733 pump during lactation.

21734 Sec. 472. (*Effective July 1, 2021*) Any establishment that (1) sells meals,
21735 as defined in subdivision (13) of section 12-412 of the general statutes,
21736 subject to the tax under subparagraph (I) of subdivision (1) of section
21737 12-408 of the general statutes, and (2) is included in Sector 72 of the
21738 North American Industrial Classification System, United States Manual,

21739 United States Office of Management and Budget, 2017 edition, may
21740 retain one hundred per cent of the tax that is attributable to the sales of
21741 meals by such establishment during one of the following weeks, as
21742 selected by the establishment: From August 1, 2021, to August 7, 2021,
21743 inclusive; from December 12, 2021, to December 18, 2021, inclusive; or
21744 from May 15, 2022, to May 21, 2022, inclusive. Each such establishment
21745 shall provide to the Commissioner of Revenue Services such
21746 information as the commissioner requires to administer the provisions
21747 of this section, in such form and manner as prescribed by the
21748 commissioner.

21749 Sec. 473. Section 12-435 of the general statutes is repealed and the
21750 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

21751 Each distributor of alcoholic beverages shall pay a tax to the state on
21752 all sales within the state of alcoholic beverages, except sales to licensed
21753 distributors, sales of alcoholic beverages that, in the course of such sales,
21754 are actually transported to some point without the state and except the
21755 first fifteen barrels of beer that is produced annually and consumed on
21756 the premises covered by a manufacturer's permit, at the rates for the
21757 respective categories of alcoholic beverages listed below:

21758 (1) [Beer] (A) For sales occurring prior to July 1, 2023, beer, except as
21759 provided in subdivision (2) of this section, seven dollars and twenty
21760 cents for each barrel, three dollars and sixty cents for each half barrel,
21761 one dollar and eighty cents for each quarter barrel and twenty-four cents
21762 per wine gallon or fraction thereof on quantities less than a quarter
21763 barrel; and

21764 (B) For sales occurring on or after July 1, 2023, beer, except as
21765 provided in subdivision (2) of this section, six dollars for each barrel,
21766 three dollars for each half barrel, one dollar and fifty cents for each
21767 quarter barrel and twenty cents per wine gallon or fraction thereof on
21768 quantities less than a quarter barrel;

21769 (2) Beer sold on the premises covered by a manufacturer's permit for

21770 off-premises consumption, three dollars and sixty cents for each barrel,
21771 one dollar and eighty cents for each half barrel, ninety cents for each
21772 quarter barrel and twelve cents per wine gallon or fraction thereof on
21773 quantities less than a quarter barrel;

21774 (3) Liquor, five dollars and ninety-four cents per wine gallon;

21775 (4) Still wines containing not more than twenty-one per cent of
21776 absolute alcohol, except as provided in subdivisions (8) and (9) of this
21777 section, seventy-nine cents per wine gallon;

21778 (5) Still wines containing more than twenty-one per cent of absolute
21779 alcohol and sparkling wines, one dollar and ninety-eight cents per wine
21780 gallon;

21781 (6) Alcohol in excess of 100 proof, five dollars and ninety-four cents
21782 per proof gallon;

21783 (7) Liquor coolers containing not more than seven per cent of alcohol
21784 by volume, two dollars and seventy-one cents per wine gallon;

21785 (8) Still wine containing not more than twenty-one per cent of
21786 absolute alcohol, produced by a person who produces not more than
21787 fifty-five thousand wine gallons of wine during the calendar year,
21788 twenty cents per wine gallon, provided such person presents to each
21789 distributor of alcoholic beverages described in this section a certificate,
21790 issued by the commissioner, stating that such person produces not more
21791 than fifty-five thousand wine gallons of wine during the calendar year.
21792 The commissioner is authorized to issue such certificates, prescribe the
21793 procedures for obtaining such certificates and prescribe their form; and

21794 (9) Cider containing not more than seven per cent of absolute alcohol,
21795 seven dollars and ninety-two cents for each barrel, three dollars and
21796 ninety-six cents for each half barrel, one dollar and ninety-eight cents
21797 for each quarter barrel and twenty-six cents per wine gallon or fraction
21798 thereof on quantities less than a quarter barrel.

21799 Sec. 474. Section 1-1j of the general statutes is repealed and the
21800 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

21801 (a) Each state agency, as defined in section 4-166, shall accept
21802 payment in cash or by check, draft or money order for any license issued
21803 by such agency pursuant to the provisions of the general statutes.

21804 (b) Except as [otherwise] provided by any other provision of the
21805 general statutes, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management
21806 may authorize any state agency [(1)] to accept payment of any fee, cost
21807 or fine payable to such agency by means of a credit card, charge card or
21808 debit card [,] or an electronic payment service, [and (2) to charge a
21809 service fee for any such payment made by credit card, charge card or
21810 debit card or an electronic payment service] provided each state agency
21811 that accepts payment by means of a credit card, charge card or debit
21812 card shall charge the payor using such card a service fee, except that
21813 such service fee may be waived by such state agency for a category of
21814 fee, cost or fine, if such waiver has been approved by said secretary.
21815 [Such]

21816 (c) (1) Any service fee imposed pursuant to subsection (b) of this
21817 section shall [be (A) related to] (A) be for the purpose of defraying the
21818 cost of service, (B) [uniform for all credit cards, charge cards and debit
21819 cards accepted] not exceed any charge by the credit card, charge card or
21820 debit card issuer or processor, including any discount rate, and (C) be
21821 applied only when allowed by the operating rules and regulations of the
21822 credit card, charge card or debit card issuer or processor involved or
21823 when authorized in writing by such issuer or processor.

21824 (2) Each state agency that charges a service fee pursuant to this
21825 section or any other provision of the general statutes shall disclose such
21826 service fee to a payor prior to the imposition of such service fee. Such
21827 disclosure shall be made in accordance with any requirements for
21828 disclosure set forth by the card issuer or processor.

21829 (d) Payments by credit card, charge card, debit card or an electronic

21830 payment service shall be made at such times and under such conditions
21831 as the secretary may prescribe in regulations adopted in accordance
21832 with the provisions of chapter 54.

21833 (e) Payment of a fee, cost or fine, and any applicable service fee, by
21834 credit card, charge card, debit card or an electronic payment service
21835 shall constitute full payment of such fee, cost, fine or service fee,
21836 regardless of any discount applied by a credit card company.

21837 Sec. 475. Subsection (g) of section 3-99a of the general statutes is
21838 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
21839 *2022*):

21840 (g) The Secretary of the State may allow remittances to be in the form
21841 of a credit card account number and an authorization to draw upon a
21842 specified credit card account, at such time and under such conditions as
21843 the Secretary may prescribe. Remittances in the form of an authorization
21844 to draw upon a specified credit card account shall include an amount
21845 for purposes of paying the discount rate associated with drawing upon
21846 the credit card account, unless the remittances are drawn on an account
21847 with a financial institution that agrees to add the number to the credit
21848 card holder's billing, in which event the remittances drawn shall not
21849 include an amount for purposes of paying the discount rate associated
21850 with the drawing upon the credit card account.

21851 Sec. 476. Section 14-11i of the general statutes is repealed and the
21852 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

21853 The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may allow the payment of any
21854 fee specified in this chapter or chapter 247 by means of a credit card and
21855 [may] shall charge each payor a service fee for any payment made by
21856 means of a credit card. The fee shall not exceed any charge by the credit
21857 card issuer or by its authorized agent, including any discount rate.
21858 Payments by credit card shall be made under such conditions as the
21859 commissioner may prescribe, except that the commissioner shall
21860 determine the rate or amount of the service fee for any such credit card

21861 in accordance with subsection (c) of section 1-1j. Such service fee may be
21862 waived by the commissioner for a category of fee if such waiver has been
21863 approved by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management
21864 pursuant to subsection (b) of section 1-1j. If any charge with respect to
21865 payment of a fee by means of a credit card is not authorized by such
21866 issuer or its authorized agent, the commissioner shall assess the payor
21867 the fee specified in subsection (f) of section 14-50.

21868 Sec. 477. Subsection (g) of section 19a-88 of the general statutes is
21869 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
21870 *2022*):

21871 (g) (1) The Department of Public Health shall administer a secure on-
21872 line license renewal system for persons holding a license to practice
21873 medicine or surgery under chapter 370, dentistry under chapter 379,
21874 nursing under chapter 378 or nurse-midwifery under chapter 377. The
21875 department shall require such persons to renew their licenses using the
21876 on-line renewal system and to pay professional services fees on-line by
21877 means of a credit card or electronic transfer of funds from a bank or
21878 credit union account, except in extenuating circumstances, including,
21879 but not limited to, circumstances in which a licensee does not have
21880 access to a credit card and submits a notarized affidavit affirming that
21881 fact, the department may allow the licensee to renew his or her license
21882 using a paper form prescribed by the department and pay professional
21883 service fees by check or money order.

21884 (2) The department shall charge a service fee for each payment made
21885 by means of a credit card. The Commissioner of Public Health shall
21886 determine the rate or amount of the service fee for any such credit card
21887 in accordance with subsection (c) of section 1-1j. Such service fee may be
21888 waived by the commissioner for a category of fee if such waiver has been
21889 approved by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management
21890 pursuant to subsection (b) of section 1-1j.

21891 Sec. 478. Section 45a-113b of the general statutes is repealed and the

21892 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

21893 Each [court of probate] Probate Court may allow the payment of any
21894 fees charged by such court by means of a credit card, charge card or
21895 debit card. [and may] Such court shall charge the person making such
21896 payment a service fee for any such payment made by means of any such
21897 card. The fee shall not exceed any charge by the card issuer, including
21898 any discount rate. The Probate Court Administrator shall determine the
21899 rate or amount of the service fee for any such card in accordance with
21900 subsection (c) of section 1-1j.

21901 Sec. 479. Section 51-193b of the general statutes is repealed and the
21902 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

21903 Payment of any fees, costs, fines or other charges to the Judicial
21904 Branch may be made by means of a credit card [,] and the payor [may]
21905 shall be charged a service fee for any such payment made by means of
21906 a credit card. The service fee shall not exceed any charge by the credit
21907 card issuer, including any discount rate. Payments by credit card shall
21908 be made at such time and under such conditions as the Office of the
21909 Chief Court Administrator may prescribe, except that the Chief Court
21910 Administrator shall determine the rate or amount of the service fee for
21911 any such card in accordance with subsection (c) of section 1-1j.

21912 Sec. 480. Section 4-66l of the general statutes, as amended by section
21913 6 of public act 21-3, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
21914 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

21915 (a) For the purposes of this section:

21916 (1) "FY 15 mill rate" means the mill rate a municipality used during
21917 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015;

21918 (2) "Mill rate" means, unless otherwise specified, the mill rate a
21919 municipality uses to calculate tax bills for motor vehicles;

21920 (3) "Municipality" means any town, city, consolidated town and city

21921 or consolidated town and borough; [. "Municipality" includes a district
21922 for the purposes of subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of this section;]

21923 (4) "Municipal spending" means:

$$\begin{array}{lcl}
 \text{T657} & & \\
 \text{T658} & \text{Municipal} & \text{Municipal} \\
 \text{T659} & \text{spending for} & \text{spending for} \\
 \text{T660} & \text{the fiscal year} & \text{the fiscal year} \\
 \text{T661} & \text{prior to the} & \text{two years} \\
 \text{T662} & \text{current fiscal} & \text{prior to the} \\
 \text{T663} & \text{year} & \text{current year} \\
 \text{T664} & \text{Municipal spending for the fiscal} & \text{X 100} \\
 \text{T665} & \text{year two years prior to the} & \text{= Municipal} \\
 \text{T666} & \text{current year} & \text{spending;}
 \end{array}$$

21924 (5) "Per capita distribution" means:

$$\begin{array}{lcl}
 \text{T667} & & \\
 \text{T668} & \text{Municipal population} & \text{X Sales tax revenue} \\
 \text{T669} & \text{Total state population} & \text{= Per capita distribution;}
 \end{array}$$

21925 (6) "Pro rata distribution" means:

$$\begin{array}{lcl}
 \text{T671} & \text{Municipal weighted} & \\
 \text{T672} & \text{mill rate} & \\
 \text{T673} & \text{calculation} & \text{X Sales tax revenue} \\
 \text{T674} & \text{Sum of all municipal} & \text{= Pro rata distribution;} \\
 \text{T675} & \text{weighted mill rate} & \\
 \text{T676} & \text{calculations combined} &
 \end{array}$$

21926 (7) "Regional council of governments" means any such council
21927 organized under the provisions of sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive;

21928 (8) "Municipal population" means the number of persons in a
21929 municipality according to the most recent estimate of the Department of
21930 Public Health;

21931 (9) "Total state population" means the number of persons in this state
21932 according to the most recent estimate published by the Department of
21933 Public Health;

21934 (10) "Weighted mill rate" means a municipality's FY 15 mill rate
21935 divided by the average of all municipalities' FY 15 mill rate;

21936 (11) "Weighted mill rate calculation" means per capita distribution
21937 multiplied by a municipality's weighted mill rate;

21938 (12) "Sales tax revenue" means the moneys in the account remaining
21939 for distribution pursuant to subdivision [(7)] (4) of subsection (b) of this
21940 section;

21941 (13) "District" means any district, as defined in section 7-324; and

21942 (14) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
21943 Management.

21944 (b) There is established an account to be known as the "municipal
21945 revenue sharing account" which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account
21946 within the General Fund. The account shall contain any moneys
21947 required by law to be deposited in the account. The secretary shall set
21948 aside and ensure availability of moneys in the account in the following
21949 order of priority and shall transfer or disburse such moneys as follows:

21950 [(1) Ten million dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, shall
21951 be transferred not later than April fifteenth for the purposes of grants
21952 under section 10-262h;]

21953 [(2)] (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, [2018] 2022, and each fiscal
21954 year thereafter, moneys sufficient to make motor vehicle property tax
21955 grants payable to municipalities pursuant to subsection (c) of this

21956 section shall be expended not later than August first annually by the
21957 secretary;

21958 [(3)] (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, and each fiscal year
21959 thereafter, moneys sufficient to make the grants payable pursuant to
21960 subsection (d) of section 12-18b, as amended by [this act,] public act 21-
21961 3, subdivisions (1) and (3) of subsection (e) of section 12-18b, subsection
21962 (b) of section 12-19b and subsections (b) and (c) of section 12-20b shall
21963 be expended by the secretary;

21964 [(4)] For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2018, and June 30, 2019,
21965 moneys sufficient to make the municipal revenue sharing grants
21966 payable to municipalities pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (d)
21967 of this section shall be expended not later than October thirty-first
21968 annually by the secretary;]

21969 [(5)] (3) For the fiscal year ending June 30, [2018] 2022, and each fiscal
21970 year thereafter, seven million dollars shall be expended for the purposes
21971 of the regional services grants pursuant to subsection [(e)] (d) of this
21972 section to the regional councils of governments; and

21973 [(6)] For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, and each fiscal year
21974 thereafter, moneys may be expended for the purpose of supplemental
21975 motor vehicle property tax grants pursuant to subsection (c) of this
21976 section; and]

21977 [(7)] (4) For the fiscal year ending June 30, [2020] 2022, and each fiscal
21978 year thereafter, moneys in the account remaining shall be expended
21979 annually by the secretary for the purposes of the municipal revenue
21980 sharing grants established pursuant to subsection [(f)] (e) of this section.
21981 Any such moneys deposited in the account for municipal revenue
21982 sharing grants between October first and June thirtieth shall be
21983 distributed to municipalities on the following October first and any such
21984 moneys deposited in the account between July first and September
21985 thirtieth shall be distributed to municipalities on the following January
21986 thirty-first. Any municipality may apply to the Office of Policy and

21987 Management on or after July first for early disbursement of a portion of
21988 such grant. The Office of Policy and Management may approve such an
21989 application if it finds that early disbursement is required in order for a
21990 municipality to meet its cash flow needs. No early disbursement
21991 approved by said office may be issued later than September thirtieth.

21992 [(c) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, motor vehicle property
21993 tax grants to municipalities that impose mill rates on real property and
21994 personal property other than motor vehicles greater than 39 mills or
21995 that, when combined with the mill rate of any district located within the
21996 municipality, impose mill rates greater than 39 mills, shall be made in
21997 an amount equal to the difference between the amount of property taxes
21998 levied by the municipality and any district located within the
21999 municipality on motor vehicles for the assessment year commencing
22000 October 1, 2013, and the amount such levy would have been if the mill
22001 rate on motor vehicles for said assessment year was 39 mills.]

22002 [(2)] (c) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, [2020] 2022, and each
22003 fiscal year thereafter, motor vehicle property tax grants to municipalities
22004 that impose mill rates on real property and personal property other than
22005 motor vehicles greater than 45 mills or that, when combined with the
22006 mill rate of any district located within the municipality, impose mill
22007 rates greater than 45 mills, shall be made in an amount equal to the
22008 difference between the amount of property taxes levied by the
22009 municipality and any district located within the municipality on motor
22010 vehicles for the assessment year commencing October 1, [2016] 2017,
22011 and the amount such levy would have been if the mill rate on motor
22012 vehicles for said assessment year was [45 mills] equal to the mill rate
22013 imposed by such municipality and any district located within the
22014 municipality on real property and personal property other than motor
22015 vehicles.

22016 [(3) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, any municipality that
22017 imposed a mill rate for real and personal property of more than 39 mills
22018 during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, and effected a revaluation of

22019 real property for the 2014 or 2015 assessment year that resulted in an
22020 increase of 4 or more mills over the prior mill rate, may apply to the
22021 Office of Policy and Management for a supplemental motor vehicle
22022 property tax grant. The Office of Policy and Management may approve
22023 such an application, within available funds, provided such
22024 supplemental grant does not reduce any amount payable to any other
22025 municipality.]

22026 [(4)] (2) Not later than fifteen calendar days after receiving a property
22027 tax grant pursuant to this section, the municipality shall disburse to any
22028 district located within the municipality the amount of any such property
22029 tax grant that is attributable to the district.

22030 [(d) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, each municipality
22031 shall receive a municipal revenue sharing grant, which shall be payable
22032 August 1, 2016, from the Municipal Revenue Sharing Fund established
22033 in section 4-66p. The total amount of the grant payable is as follows:

T677	Municipality	Grant Amount
T678	Andover	66,705
T679	Ansonia	605,442
T680	Ashford	87,248
T681	Avon	374,711
T682	Barkhamsted	76,324
T683	Beacon Falls	123,341
T684	Berlin	843,048
T685	Bethany	114,329
T686	Bethel	392,605
T687	Bethlehem	42,762
T688	Bloomfield	438,458
T689	Bolton	106,449
T690	Bozrah	53,783
T691	Branford	570,402
T692	Bridgeport	14,476,283
T693	Bridgewater	15,670
T694	Bristol	1,276,119
T695	Brookfield	343,611
T696	Brooklyn	103,910

T697	Burlington	193,490
T698	Canaan	14,793
T699	Canterbury	58,684
T700	Canton	211,078
T701	Chaplin	48,563
T702	Cheshire	594,084
T703	Chester	57,736
T704	Clinton	268,611
T705	Colchester	330,363
T706	Colebrook	29,694
T707	Columbia	111,276
T708	Cornwall	11,269
T709	Coventry	252,939
T710	Cromwell	288,951
T711	Danbury	2,079,675
T712	Darien	171,485
T713	Deep River	93,525
T714	Derby	462,718
T715	Durham	150,019
T716	East Granby	106,222
T717	East Haddam	186,418
T718	East Hampton	263,149
T719	East Hartford	3,877,281
T720	East Haven	593,493
T721	East Lyme	243,736
T722	East Windsor	232,457
T723	Eastford	23,060
T724	Easton	155,216
T725	Ellington	321,722
T726	Enfield	911,974
T727	Essex	74,572
T728	Fairfield	795,318
T729	Farmington	335,287
T730	Franklin	26,309
T731	Glastonbury	754,546
T732	Goshen	30,286
T733	Granby	244,839
T734	Greenwich	366,588
T735	Griswold	243,727
T736	Groton	433,177
T737	Guilford	456,863

T738	Haddam	170,440
T739	Hamden	4,491,337
T740	Hampton	38,070
T741	Hartford	13,908,437
T742	Hartland	27,964
T743	Harwinton	113,987
T744	Hebron	208,666
T745	Kent	26,808
T746	Killingly	351,213
T747	Killingworth	85,270
T748	Lebanon	149,163
T749	Ledyard	307,619
T750	Lisbon	45,413
T751	Litchfield	169,828
T752	Lyme	21,862
T753	Madison	372,897
T754	Manchester	1,972,491
T755	Mansfield	525,280
T756	Marlborough	131,065
T757	Meriden	1,315,347
T758	Middlebury	154,299
T759	Middlefield	91,372
T760	Middletown	964,657
T761	Milford	1,880,830
T762	Monroe	404,221
T763	Montville	401,756
T764	Morris	28,110
T765	Naugatuck	2,405,660
T766	New Britain	5,781,991
T767	New Canaan	168,106
T768	New Fairfield	288,278
T769	New Hartford	140,338
T770	New Haven	2,118,290
T771	New London	750,249
T772	New Milford	565,898
T773	Newington	651,000
T774	Newtown	572,949
T775	Norfolk	20,141
T776	North Branford	292,517
T777	North Canaan	66,052
T778	North Haven	487,882

T779	North Stonington	107,832
T780	Norwalk	3,401,590
T781	Norwich	1,309,943
T782	Old Lyme	79,946
T783	Old Saybrook	101,527
T784	Orange	284,365
T785	Oxford	171,492
T786	Plainfield	310,350
T787	Plainville	363,176
T788	Plymouth	255,581
T789	Pomfret	54,257
T790	Portland	192,715
T791	Preston	58,934
T792	Prospect	197,097
T793	Putnam	76,399
T794	Redding	189,781
T795	Ridgefield	512,848
T796	Rocky Hill	405,872
T797	Roxbury	15,998
T798	Salem	85,617
T799	Salisbury	20,769
T800	Scotland	36,200
T801	Seymour	343,388
T802	Sharon	19,467
T803	Shelton	706,038
T804	Sherman	39,000
T805	Simsbury	567,460
T806	Somers	141,697
T807	South Windsor	558,715
T808	Southbury	404,731
T809	Southington	889,821
T810	Sprague	89,456
T811	Stafford	243,095
T812	Stamford	2,372,358
T813	Sterling	77,037
T814	Stonington	202,888
T815	Stratford	1,130,316
T816	Suffield	321,763
T817	Thomaston	158,888
T818	Thompson	114,582
T819	Tolland	303,971

T820	Torrington	2,435,109
T821	Trumbull	745,325
T822	Union	17,283
T823	Vernon	641,027
T824	Voluntown	33,914
T825	Wallingford	919,984
T826	Warren	11,006
T827	Washington	25,496
T828	Waterbury	13,438,542
T829	Waterford	259,091
T830	Watertown	453,012
T831	West Hartford	1,614,320
T832	West Haven	1,121,850
T833	Westbrook	80,601
T834	Weston	211,384
T835	Westport	262,402
T836	Wethersfield	940,267
T837	Willington	121,568
T838	Wilton	380,234
T839	Winchester	224,447
T840	Windham	513,847
T841	Windsor	593,921
T842	Windsor Locks	256,241
T843	Wolcott	340,859
T844	Woodbridge	247,758
T845	Woodbury	200,175
T846	Woodstock	97,708
T847	Borough of Danielson	-
T848	Borough of Litchfield	-
T849	Bloomfield, Blue Hills FD	92,961
T850	Enfield Thompsonville FD #2	354,311
T851	Manchester - Eighth Utility District	436,718
T852	Middletown - City Fire	910,442
T853	Middletown So Fire	413,961
T854	Norwich CCD	552,565
T855	Norwich TCD	62,849
T856	Simsbury FD	221,536
T857	Plainfield Fire District	-
T858	Windham, Special Service District #2	640,000
T859	Windham 1st Taxing District	-
T860	Windham First	

T861	West Haven First Center (D1)	1,039,843
T862	West Haven: Allintown FD (D3)	483,505
T863	West Haven: West Shore FD (D2)	654,640

22034 (2) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2018, and June 30, 2019, each
22035 municipality shall receive a municipal sharing grant payable not later
22036 than October thirty-first of each year. The total amount of the grant
22037 payable is as follows:

T864	Municipality	Grant Amount
T865	Andover	96,020
T866	Ansonia	643,519
T867	Ashford	125,591
T868	Avon	539,387
T869	Barkhamsted	109,867
T870	Beacon Falls	177,547
T871	Berlin	1,213,548
T872	Bethany	164,574
T873	Bethel	565,146
T874	Bethlehem	61,554
T875	Bloomfield	631,150
T876	Bolton	153,231
T877	Bozrah	77,420
T878	Branford	821,080
T879	Bridgeport	9,758,441
T880	Bridgewater	22,557
T881	Bristol	1,836,944
T882	Brookfield	494,620
T883	Brooklyn	149,576
T884	Burlington	278,524
T885	Canaan	21,294
T886	Canterbury	84,475
T887	Canton	303,842
T888	Chaplin	69,906
T889	Cheshire	855,170
T890	Chester	83,109
T891	Clinton	386,660
T892	Colchester	475,551
T893	Colebrook	42,744

		Bill No.
T894	Columbia	160,179
T895	Cornwall	16,221
T896	Coventry	364,100
T897	Cromwell	415,938
T898	Danbury	2,993,644
T899	Darien	246,849
T900	Deep River	134,627
T901	Derby	400,912
T902	Durham	215,949
T903	East Granby	152,904
T904	East Haddam	268,344
T905	East Hampton	378,798
T906	East Hartford	2,036,894
T907	East Haven	854,319
T908	East Lyme	350,852
T909	East Windsor	334,616
T910	Eastford	33,194
T911	Easton	223,430
T912	Ellington	463,112
T913	Enfield	1,312,766
T914	Essex	107,345
T915	Fairfield	1,144,842
T916	Farmington	482,637
T917	Franklin	37,871
T918	Glastonbury	1,086,151
T919	Goshen	43,596
T920	Granby	352,440
T921	Greenwich	527,695
T922	Griswold	350,840
T923	Groton	623,548
T924	Guilford	657,644
T925	Haddam	245,344
T926	Hamden	2,155,661
T927	Hampton	54,801
T928	Hartford	1,498,643
T929	Hartland	40,254
T930	Harwinton	164,081
T931	Hebron	300,369
T932	Kent	38,590
T933	Killingly	505,562
T934	Killingworth	122,744

		Bill No.
T935	Lebanon	214,717
T936	Ledyard	442,811
T937	Lisbon	65,371
T938	Litchfield	244,464
T939	Lyme	31,470
T940	Madison	536,777
T941	Manchester	1,971,540
T942	Mansfield	756,128
T943	Marlborough	188,665
T944	Meriden	1,893,412
T945	Middlebury	222,109
T946	Middlefield	131,529
T947	Middletown	1,388,602
T948	Milford	2,707,412
T949	Monroe	581,867
T950	Montville	578,318
T951	Morris	40,463
T952	Naugatuck	1,251,980
T953	New Britain	3,131,893
T954	New Canaan	241,985
T955	New Fairfield	414,970
T956	New Hartford	202,014
T957	New Haven	114,863
T958	New London	917,228
T959	New Milford	814,597
T960	Newington	937,100
T961	Newtown	824,747
T962	Norfolk	28,993
T963	North Branford	421,072
T964	North Canaan	95,081
T965	North Haven	702,295
T966	North Stonington	155,222
T967	Norwalk	4,896,511
T968	Norwich	1,362,971
T969	Old Lyme	115,080
T970	Old Saybrook	146,146
T971	Orange	409,337
T972	Oxford	246,859
T973	Plainfield	446,742
T974	Plainville	522,783
T975	Plymouth	367,902

		<i>Bill No.</i>
T976	Pomfret	78,101
T977	Portland	277,409
T978	Preston	84,835
T979	Prospect	283,717
T980	Putnam	109,975
T981	Redding	273,185
T982	Ridgefield	738,233
T983	Rocky Hill	584,244
T984	Roxbury	23,029
T985	Salem	123,244
T986	Salisbury	29,897
T987	Scotland	52,109
T988	Seymour	494,298
T989	Sharon	28,022
T990	Shelton	1,016,326
T991	Sherman	56,139
T992	Simsbury	775,368
T993	Somers	203,969
T994	South Windsor	804,258
T995	Southbury	582,601
T996	Southington	1,280,877
T997	Sprague	128,769
T998	Stafford	349,930
T999	Stamford	3,414,955
T1000	Sterling	110,893
T1001	Stonington	292,053
T1002	Stratford	1,627,064
T1003	Suffield	463,170
T1004	Thomaston	228,716
T1005	Thompson	164,939
T1006	Tolland	437,559
T1007	Torrington	1,133,394
T1008	Trumbull	1,072,878
T1009	Union	24,878
T1010	Vernon	922,743
T1011	Voluntown	48,818
T1012	Wallingford	1,324,296
T1013	Warren	15,842
T1014	Washington	36,701
T1015	Waterbury	5,595,448
T1016	Waterford	372,956

T1017	Watertown	652,100
T1018	West Hartford	2,075,223
T1019	West Haven	1,614,877
T1020	Westbrook	116,023
T1021	Weston	304,282
T1022	Westport	377,722
T1023	Wethersfield	1,353,493
T1024	Willington	174,995
T1025	Wilton	547,338
T1026	Winchester	323,087
T1027	Windham	739,671
T1028	Windsor	854,935
T1029	Windsor Locks	368,853
T1030	Wolcott	490,659
T1031	Woodbridge	274,418
T1032	Woodbury	288,147
T1033	Woodstock	140,648]

22038 [(e)] (d) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, and each fiscal year
22039 thereafter, each regional council of governments shall receive a regional
22040 services grant, the amount of which will be based on a formula to be
22041 determined by the secretary, except that, for the fiscal year ending June
22042 30, 2018, and each fiscal year thereafter, thirty-five per cent of such grant
22043 moneys shall be awarded to regional councils of governments for the
22044 purpose of assisting regional education service centers in merging their
22045 human resource, finance or technology services with such services
22046 provided by municipalities within the region. For the fiscal year ending
22047 June 30, 2017, three million dollars shall be expended by the secretary
22048 from the Municipal Revenue Sharing Fund established in section 4-66p
22049 for the purpose of the regional services grant. No such council shall
22050 receive a grant for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, or any fiscal year
22051 thereafter, unless the secretary approves a spending plan for such grant
22052 moneys submitted by such council to the secretary on or before July 1,
22053 2017, and annually thereafter. The regional councils of governments
22054 shall use such grants for planning purposes and to achieve efficiencies
22055 in the delivery of municipal services by regionalizing such services,

22056 including, but not limited to, region-wide consolidation of such services.
22057 Such efficiencies shall not diminish the quality of such services. A
22058 unanimous vote of the representatives of such council shall be required
22059 for approval of any expenditure from such grant. On or before October
22060 1, 2017, and biennially thereafter, each such council shall submit a
22061 report, in accordance with section 11-4a, to the joint standing
22062 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
22063 relating to planning and development and finance, revenue and
22064 bonding. Such report shall summarize the expenditure of such grants
22065 and provide recommendations concerning the expansion, reduction or
22066 modification of such grants.

22067 [(f)] (e) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, and each fiscal year
22068 thereafter, each municipality shall receive a municipal revenue sharing
22069 grant as follows:

22070 (1) (A) A municipality having a mill rate at or above twenty-five shall
22071 receive the per capita distribution or pro rata distribution, whichever is
22072 higher for such municipality.

22073 (B) Such grants shall be increased by a percentage calculated as
22074 follows:

T1034 Sum of per capita distribution amount
T1035 for all municipalities having a mill rate
T1036 below twenty-five – pro rata distribution
T1037 amount for all municipalities
T1038 having a mill rate below twenty-five

T1039 _____
T1040 Sum of all grants to municipalities
T1041 calculated pursuant to subparagraph (A)
T1042 of subdivision (1) of this subsection.

22075 (C) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraphs (A) and (B) of

22076 this subdivision, Hartford shall receive not more than 5.2 per cent of the
22077 municipal revenue sharing grants distributed pursuant to this
22078 subsection; Bridgeport shall receive not more than 4.5 per cent of the
22079 municipal revenue sharing grants distributed pursuant to this
22080 subsection; New Haven shall receive not more than 2.0 per cent of the
22081 municipal revenue sharing grants distributed pursuant to this
22082 subsection and Stamford shall receive not more than 2.8 per cent of the
22083 equalization grants distributed pursuant to this subsection. Any excess
22084 funds remaining after such reductions in payments to Hartford,
22085 Bridgeport, New Haven and Stamford shall be distributed to all other
22086 municipalities having a mill rate at or above twenty-five on a pro rata
22087 basis according to the payment they receive pursuant to this
22088 subdivision; and

22089 (2) A municipality having a mill rate below twenty-five shall receive
22090 the per capita distribution or pro rata distribution, whichever is less for
22091 such municipality.

22092 (3) For the purposes of this subsection, "mill rate" means the mill rate
22093 for real property and personal property other than motor vehicles.

22094 [(g)] (f) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, a
22095 municipality may disburse any municipal revenue sharing grant funds
22096 to a district within such municipality.

22097 [(h)] (g) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection,
22098 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, and each fiscal year thereafter,
22099 the amount of the grant payable to a municipality in any year in
22100 accordance with subsection [(d) or (f)] (e) of this section shall be reduced
22101 if such municipality increases its adopted budget expenditures for such
22102 fiscal year above a cap equal to the amount of adopted budget
22103 expenditures authorized for the previous fiscal year by 2.5 per cent or
22104 more or the rate of inflation, whichever is greater. Such reduction shall
22105 be in an amount equal to fifty cents for every dollar expended over the
22106 cap set forth in this subsection. For the purposes of this section, (A)

22107 "municipal spending" does not include expenditures for debt service,
22108 special education, implementation of court orders or arbitration awards,
22109 expenditures associated with a major disaster or emergency declaration
22110 by the President of the United States, a disaster emergency declaration
22111 issued by the Governor pursuant to chapter 517 or any disbursement
22112 made to a district pursuant to subsection (c) or ~~[(g)]~~ (f) of this section,
22113 budgeting for an audited deficit, nonrecurring grants, capital
22114 expenditures or payments on unfunded pension liabilities, (B) "adopted
22115 budget expenditures" includes expenditures from a municipality's
22116 general fund and expenditures from any nonbudgeted funds, and (C)
22117 "capital expenditure" means a nonrecurring capital expenditure of one
22118 hundred thousand dollars or more. Each municipality shall annually
22119 certify to the secretary, on a form prescribed by said secretary, whether
22120 such municipality has exceeded the cap set forth in this subsection and
22121 if so the amount by which the cap was exceeded.

22122 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, and each fiscal year
22123 thereafter, the amount of the grant payable to a municipality in any year
22124 in accordance with subsection ~~[(d) or (f)]~~ (e) of this section shall not be
22125 reduced in the case of a municipality whose adopted budget
22126 expenditures exceed the cap set forth in subdivision (1) of this
22127 subsection by an amount proportionate to any increase to its municipal
22128 population from the previous fiscal year, as determined by the secretary.

22129 ~~[(i)]~~ (h) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, and each fiscal year
22130 thereafter, the amount of the grant payable to a municipality in any year
22131 in accordance with subsection ~~[(f)]~~ (e) of this section shall be reduced
22132 proportionately in the event that the total of such grants in such year
22133 exceeds the amount available for such grants in the municipal revenue
22134 sharing account established pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

22135 Sec. 481. Section 12-18b of the general statutes, as amended by section
22136 5 of public act 21-3, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
22137 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

22138 (a) For the purposes of this section:

22139 (1) "College and hospital property" means all real property described
22140 in subsection (a) of section 12-20a;

22141 (2) "District" has the same meaning as provided in section 7-324;

22142 (3) "Equalized net grand list per capita" means the grand list of a
22143 municipality upon which taxes were levied for the general expenses of
22144 such municipality three years prior to the fiscal year in which a grant
22145 under this section is to be paid, equalized in accordance with the
22146 provisions of section 10-261a and divided by the total population of such
22147 municipality;

22148 (4) "Municipality" means any town, city, borough, consolidated town
22149 and city and consolidated town and borough;

22150 (5) "State, municipal or tribal property" means all real property
22151 described in subsection (a) of section 12-19a;

22152 (6) "Tier one municipality" means a municipality with an equalized
22153 net grand list per capita of less than one hundred thousand dollars;

22154 (7) "Tier two municipality" means a municipality with an equalized
22155 net grand list per capita of one hundred thousand dollars to two
22156 hundred thousand dollars; and

22157 (8) "Tier three municipality" means a municipality with an equalized
22158 net grand list per capita of greater than two hundred thousand dollars.

22159 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 12-19a and 12-20a, all
22160 funds appropriated for state grants in lieu of taxes shall be payable to
22161 municipalities and districts pursuant to the provisions of this section.
22162 On or before January first, annually, the Secretary of the Office of Policy
22163 and Management shall determine the amount due, as a state grant in
22164 lieu of taxes, to each municipality and district in this state wherein
22165 college and hospital property is located and to each municipality and

22166 district in this state wherein state, municipal or tribal property, except
22167 that which was acquired and used for highways and bridges, but not
22168 excepting property acquired and used for highway administration or
22169 maintenance purposes, is located.

22170 (1) The grant payable to any municipality or district for state,
22171 municipal or tribal property under the provisions of this section in the
22172 fiscal year ending June 30, [2017] 2022, and each fiscal year thereafter,
22173 shall be equal to the total of:

22174 (A) One hundred per cent of the property taxes that would have been
22175 paid with respect to any facility designated by the Commissioner of
22176 Correction, on or before August first of each year, to be a correctional
22177 facility administered under the auspices of the Department of
22178 Correction or a juvenile detention center under direction of the
22179 Department of Children and Families that was used for incarcerative
22180 purposes during the preceding fiscal year. If a list containing the name
22181 and location of such designated facilities and information concerning
22182 their use for purposes of incarceration during the preceding fiscal year
22183 is not available from the Secretary of the State on August first of any
22184 year, the Commissioner of Correction shall, on said date, certify to the
22185 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management a list containing such
22186 information;

22187 (B) One hundred per cent of the property taxes that would have been
22188 paid with respect to that portion of the John Dempsey Hospital located
22189 at The University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington that is
22190 used as a permanent medical ward for prisoners under the custody of
22191 the Department of Correction. Nothing in this section shall be construed
22192 as designating any portion of The University of Connecticut Health
22193 Center John Dempsey Hospital as a correctional facility;

22194 (C) One hundred per cent of the property taxes that would have been
22195 paid on any land designated within the 1983 Settlement boundary and
22196 taken into trust by the federal government for the Mashantucket Pequot

22197 Tribal Nation on or after June 8, 1999;

22198 (D) One hundred per cent of the property taxes that would have been
22199 paid with respect to the property and facilities owned by the
22200 Connecticut Port Authority;

22201 [(D)] (E) Subject to the provisions of subsection (c) of section 12-19a,
22202 sixty-five per cent of the property taxes that would have been paid with
22203 respect to the buildings and grounds comprising Connecticut Valley
22204 Hospital and Whiting Forensic Hospital in Middletown;

22205 [(E)] (F) With respect to any municipality in which more than fifty per
22206 cent of the property is state-owned real property, one hundred per cent
22207 of the property taxes that would have been paid with respect to such
22208 state-owned property;

22209 [(F)] (G) Forty-five per cent of the property taxes that would have
22210 been paid with respect to all municipally owned airports; except for the
22211 exemption applicable to such property, on the assessment list in such
22212 municipality for the assessment date two years prior to the
22213 commencement of the state fiscal year in which such grant is payable.
22214 The grant provided pursuant to this section for any municipally owned
22215 airport shall be paid to any municipality in which the airport is located,
22216 except that the grant applicable to Sikorsky Airport shall be paid one-
22217 half to the town of Stratford and one-half to the city of Bridgeport;

22218 [(G) Forty-five] (H) One hundred per cent of the property taxes that
22219 would have been paid with respect to any land designated within the
22220 1983 Settlement boundary and taken into trust by the federal
22221 government for the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation prior to June 8,
22222 1999, or taken into trust by the federal government for the Mohegan
22223 Tribe of Indians of Connecticut, provided the real property subject to
22224 this subparagraph shall be the land only, and shall not include the
22225 assessed value of any structures, buildings or other improvements on
22226 such land; and

22227 [(H)] (I) Forty-five per cent of the property taxes that would have
22228 been paid with respect to all other state-owned real property.

22229 (2) The grant payable to any municipality or district for college and
22230 hospital property under the provisions of this section in the fiscal year
22231 ending June 30, 2017, and each fiscal year thereafter, shall be equal to
22232 the total of seventy-seven per cent of the property taxes that, except for
22233 any exemption applicable to any college and hospital property under
22234 the provisions of section 12-81, would have been paid with respect to
22235 college and hospital property on the assessment list in such municipality
22236 or district for the assessment date two years prior to the commencement
22237 of the state fiscal year in which such grant is payable.

22238 (c) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall list
22239 municipalities, boroughs and districts based on the equalized net grand
22240 list per capita. Boroughs and districts shall have the same equalized net
22241 grand list per capita as the town, city, consolidated town and city or
22242 consolidated town and borough in which such borough or district is
22243 located.

22244 (d) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, and each fiscal year
22245 thereafter:

22246 (1) The total amount of the [grant] grants paid to a municipality or
22247 district pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall not be lower
22248 than the total amount of the payment in lieu of taxes [grant] grants
22249 received by such municipality or district for the fiscal year ending June
22250 30, 2021.

22251 (2) If the total of grants payable to each municipality and district in
22252 accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) of this section exceeds
22253 the amount appropriated for the purposes of said subsection for a fiscal
22254 year:

22255 (A) Each tier one municipality shall receive fifty per cent of the grant
22256 amount payable to such municipality as calculated under subsection (b)

22257 of this section;

22258 (B) Each tier two municipality shall receive forty per cent of the grant
22259 amount payable to such municipality as calculated under subsection (b)
22260 of this section; and

22261 (C) Each tier three municipality shall receive thirty per cent of the
22262 grant amount payable to such municipality as calculated under
22263 subsection (b) of this section.

22264 (3) Each municipality designated as an alliance district pursuant to
22265 section 10-262u or in which more than fifty per cent of the property is
22266 state-owned real property shall be classified as a tier one municipality.

22267 (4) Each district shall receive the same percentage of the grant amount
22268 payable to the municipality in which it is located.

22269 (5) (A) If the total of grants payable to each municipality and district
22270 in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) of this section
22271 exceeds the amount appropriated for the purposes of said subsection,
22272 but such appropriated amount exceeds the amount required for grants
22273 payable to each municipality and district in accordance with the
22274 provisions of subdivisions (1) to (4), inclusive, of this subsection, the
22275 amount of the grant payable to each municipality and district shall be
22276 increased proportionately.

22277 (B) If the total of grants payable to each municipality and district in
22278 accordance with the provisions of subdivisions (1) to (4), inclusive, of
22279 this subsection exceeds the amount appropriated for the purposes of
22280 said subdivisions, the amount of the grant payable to each municipality
22281 and district shall be reduced proportionately, except that no grant shall
22282 be reduced below the amount set forth in subdivision (1) of this
22283 subsection.

22284 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) to (d), inclusive,
22285 of this section:

22286 (1) The grant payable to any municipality or district with respect to a
22287 campus of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs
22288 Connecticut Healthcare Systems shall be one hundred per cent;

22289 (2) For any municipality receiving payments under section 15-120ss,
22290 property located in such municipality at Bradley International Airport
22291 shall not be included in the calculation of any state grant in lieu of taxes
22292 pursuant to this section; and

22293 (3) The city of Bridgeport shall be due five million dollars, on or
22294 before the thirtieth day of September, annually, which amount shall be
22295 [(A) paid from the annual appropriation, from the General Fund, for
22296 reimbursement to towns for loss of taxes on private tax-exempt
22297 property, and (B)] in addition to the amount due such city pursuant to
22298 the provisions of subsections (b) or (d) of this section.

22299 (f) For purposes of this section, any real property that is owned by the
22300 John Dempsey Hospital Finance Corporation established pursuant to
22301 the provisions of sections 10a-250 to 10a-263, inclusive, or by one or
22302 more subsidiary corporations established pursuant to subdivision (13)
22303 of section 10a-254 and that is free from taxation pursuant to the
22304 provisions of section 10a-259 shall be deemed to be state-owned real
22305 property.

22306 Sec. 482. Section 12-19b of the general statutes is repealed and the
22307 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

22308 (a) Not later than April first in any assessment year, any town, [or]
22309 borough or district, as defined in section 7-324, to which a grant is
22310 payable under the provisions of section 12-18b or 12-19a shall provide
22311 the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management with the assessed
22312 valuation of the real property eligible therefor as of the first day of
22313 October immediately preceding, adjusted in accordance with any
22314 gradual increase in or deferment of assessed values of real property
22315 implemented in accordance with section 12-62c, which is required for
22316 computation of such grant. Any town, [which] borough or district that

22317 neglects to transmit to the secretary the assessed valuation as required
22318 by this section shall forfeit two hundred fifty dollars to the state,
22319 provided the secretary may waive such forfeiture in accordance with
22320 procedures and standards adopted by regulation in accordance with
22321 chapter 54. Said secretary may, on or before the first day of August of
22322 the state fiscal year in which such grant is payable, reevaluate any such
22323 property when, in the secretary's judgment, the valuation is inaccurate
22324 and shall notify such town, borough or district of such reevaluation by
22325 certified or registered mail. Any town, [or] borough or district aggrieved
22326 by the action of the secretary under the provisions of this section may,
22327 not later than ten business days following receipt of such notice, appeal
22328 to the secretary for a hearing concerning such reevaluation. Such appeal
22329 shall be in writing and shall include a statement as to the reasons for
22330 such appeal. The secretary shall, not later than ten business days
22331 following receipt of such appeal, grant or deny such hearing by
22332 notification in writing, including in the event of a denial, a statement as
22333 to the reasons for such denial. Such notification shall be sent by certified
22334 or registered mail. If any town, [or] borough or district is aggrieved by
22335 the action of the secretary following such hearing or in denying any such
22336 hearing, the town, [or] borough or district may not later than ten
22337 business days after receiving such notice, appeal to the superior court
22338 for the judicial district wherein such town is located. Any such appeal
22339 shall be privileged.

22340 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 12-18b or subsection (a)
22341 of this section, there shall be an amount due the municipality of
22342 Voluntown, on or before the thirtieth day of September, annually, with
22343 respect to any state-owned forest, of an additional sixty thousand
22344 dollars, which amount shall be paid from the [annual appropriation,
22345 from the General Fund] municipal revenue sharing account established
22346 pursuant to section 4-66l, for reimbursement to towns for loss of taxes
22347 on private tax-exempt property.

22348 Sec. 483. Subsections (b) and (c) of section 12-20b of the general
22349 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof

22350 *(Effective July 1, 2021):*

22351 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 12-18b or subsection (a)
22352 of this section, the amount due the municipality of Branford, on or
22353 before the thirtieth day of September, annually, with respect to the
22354 Connecticut Hospice, in Branford, shall be one hundred thousand
22355 dollars, which amount shall be paid from the [annual appropriation,
22356 from the General Fund] municipal revenue sharing account established
22357 pursuant to section 4-66l, for reimbursement to towns for loss of taxes
22358 on private tax-exempt property.

22359 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 12-18b or subsection (a)
22360 of this section, the amount due the city of New London, on or before the
22361 thirtieth day of September, annually, with respect to the United States
22362 Coast Guard Academy in New London, shall be one million dollars,
22363 which amount shall be paid from the [annual appropriation, from the
22364 General Fund] municipal revenue sharing account established pursuant
22365 to section 4-66l, for reimbursement to towns for loss of taxes on private
22366 tax-exempt property.

22367 Sec. 484. *(Effective July 1, 2021)* (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of
22368 4-66l of the general statutes, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2022, and
22369 June 30, 2023:

22370 (1) Payments for the motor vehicle property tax grants shall be made
22371 in accordance with the provisions of subsection (c) of section 4-66l of the
22372 general statutes and from the funds appropriated for said fiscal years
22373 for such purpose;

22374 (2) Payments for the grants payable under said section pursuant to
22375 subsection (d) of section 12-18b, subdivisions (1) and (3) of subsection
22376 (e) of section 12-18b, subsection (b) of section 12-19b and subsections (b)
22377 and (c) of section 12-20b of the general statutes shall be made from the
22378 funds appropriated for said fiscal years for such purpose and the
22379 remaining balance due for such grants shall be made from the municipal
22380 revenue sharing account established under section 4-66l of the general

22381 statutes; and

22382 (3) Payments for the regional service grants payable under section 4-
22383 66l of the general statutes shall be made from the municipal revenue
22384 sharing account.

22385 (b) (1) After the payment of the remaining balance, as set forth in
22386 subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section, has been made from the
22387 municipal revenue sharing account for each said fiscal year, the
22388 following amounts shall be transferred from the resources of said
22389 account to the General Fund: (A) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022,
22390 two hundred sixty-two million seven hundred thousand dollars; and (B)
22391 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, two hundred seventy-six million
22392 three hundred thousand dollars.

22393 (2) Moneys remaining in the municipal revenue sharing account for
22394 said fiscal years after all payments are made under this section shall be
22395 expended for the municipal revenue sharing grants under section 4-66l
22396 of the general statutes.

22397 Sec. 485. (*Effective July 1, 2021*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
22398 section 1 of house bill 6689 of the 2021 regular session, the Secretary of
22399 the Office of Policy and Management may transfer funds appropriated
22400 under said section, for the Reimbursements to Towns for Loss of Taxes
22401 on State Property account and the Reimbursements to Towns for Private
22402 Tax-Exempt Property account, to the Tiered PILOT account, to make
22403 payments pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 484 of
22404 this act.

22405 Sec. 486. (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section:

22406 (1) "Person" has the same meaning as provided in section 12-1 of the
22407 general statutes;

22408 (2) "Affected taxable period" means any taxable period ending on or
22409 before December 30, 2020;

22410 (3) "Affected person" means a person owing any tax for an affected
22411 taxable period;

22412 (4) "Tax" means any tax imposed by any law of this state and required
22413 to be collected by the department, other than the tax imposed under
22414 chapter 222 of the general statutes on any licensee, as defined in
22415 subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 12-486 of the general statutes;

22416 (5) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Revenue Services;
22417 and

22418 (6) "Department" means the Department of Revenue Services.

22419 (b) (1) The commissioner shall establish a tax amnesty program for
22420 persons owing any tax for any affected taxable period. The tax amnesty
22421 program shall be conducted during the period from November 1, 2021,
22422 to January 31, 2022, inclusive.

22423 (2) An amnesty application shall be prepared by the commissioner
22424 that shall provide for specification by the affected person of the tax and
22425 the affected taxable period for which amnesty is being sought under the
22426 tax amnesty program. The commissioner may require that such amnesty
22427 applications be filed electronically and that the amounts associated with
22428 such applications be paid electronically.

22429 (3) Any affected person who files an amnesty application shall,
22430 subject to review of such application by the commissioner, be eligible
22431 for a reduction of interest due on the amount of tax owed by such person
22432 for an affected taxable period. Upon compliance with all requirements
22433 of the tax amnesty program under this section, an affected person whose
22434 application is granted by the commissioner shall be entitled to a
22435 seventy-five per cent reduction in interest that would otherwise be
22436 owed on the tax such person owes for the affected taxable period.

22437 (4) The tax amnesty program shall provide that, upon the filing of an
22438 amnesty application by an affected person and payment by such person

22439 of the tax and interest determined to be due by the commissioner from
22440 such person for an affected taxable period, the commissioner shall not
22441 seek to collect any civil penalties that may be applicable and shall not
22442 seek criminal prosecution for any affected person for an affected taxable
22443 period for which amnesty has been granted.

22444 (5) An amnesty application, if filed by an affected person and if
22445 granted by the commissioner, shall constitute an express and absolute
22446 relinquishment by the affected person of all of the affected person's
22447 administrative and judicial rights of appeal that have not run or
22448 otherwise expired as of the date payment is made for an affected taxable
22449 period, and no payment made by an affected person pursuant to this
22450 section for an affected taxable period shall be refunded or credited to
22451 such person. The commissioner shall not consider any request to
22452 exercise the authority granted to the commissioner under section 12-39s
22453 of the general statutes in connection with any amnesty application
22454 granted by the commissioner under this section.

22455 (6) Each affected person who files an amnesty application during the
22456 period the tax amnesty program under this section is conducted shall
22457 pay all amounts due to the state under such program with such
22458 application. Any person who fails to pay all such amounts due shall be
22459 ineligible for amnesty under such program.

22460 (7) No amnesty application shall be accepted for an affected taxable
22461 period in which the liability for such period has already been paid,
22462 unless such application is filed to report an additional amount of tax for
22463 such period. In no event shall an amnesty application result in a refund
22464 or credit of any amount of tax, penalty or interest previously paid.

22465 (c) Amnesty shall not be granted pursuant to subsection (b) of this
22466 section to any affected person who (1) is a party to any criminal
22467 investigation or to any criminal litigation that is pending on July 1, 2021,
22468 in any court of the United States or this state, (2) is a party to a closing
22469 agreement with the commissioner, (3) has made an offer of compromise

22470 that has been accepted by the commissioner, or (4) is a party to a
22471 managed audit agreement.

22472 (d) The provisions of subsection (d) of section 12-35i of the general
22473 statutes shall not apply to an affected taxable period that ends on or
22474 before November 30, 2012, for which no return has been previously
22475 filed, if such period is the subject of or included in any amnesty
22476 application granted by the commissioner under this section, provided
22477 the affected person pays all amounts due to the state in connection with
22478 such application in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (6) of
22479 subsection (b) of this section.

22480 (e) Any person who wilfully delivers or discloses to the commissioner
22481 or the commissioner's authorized agent any application, list return,
22482 account, statement or other document, known by such person to be
22483 fraudulent or false in any material matter, shall be ineligible for the tax
22484 amnesty program under this section and may, in addition to any other
22485 penalty provided by law, be fined not more than five thousand dollars
22486 or imprisoned not more than five years nor less than one year, or both.

22487 (f) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, the
22488 commissioner may do all things necessary to provide for the timely
22489 implementation of this section.

22490 Sec. 487. (*Effective from passage*) The Comptroller shall transfer from
22491 the General Fund to the Tourism Fund established under section 10-
22492 395b of the general statutes: (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021,
22493 nine million eight hundred thousand dollars; and (2) for the fiscal year
22494 ending June 30, 2022, three million one hundred thousand dollars.

22495 Sec. 488. (*Effective from passage*) For the fiscal years ending June 30,
22496 2022, and June 30, 2023, the amount deemed appropriated pursuant to
22497 sections 3-20i and 3-115b of the general statutes in each of said fiscal
22498 years shall be one dollar.

22499 Sec. 489. (*Effective from passage*) The Comptroller shall transfer to the

22500 General Fund from funds allocated, in accordance with the provisions
22501 of special act 21-1, from the federal funds designated for the state
22502 pursuant to the provisions of Section 604 of Subtitle M of Title IX of the
22503 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, P.L. 117-2, as amended from time to
22504 time: (1) Five hundred fifty-nine million nine hundred thousand dollars,
22505 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022; and (2) one billion one hundred
22506 ninety-four million nine hundred thousand dollars for the fiscal year
22507 ending June 30, 2023.

22508 Sec. 490. Subsection (a) of section 21a-415 of the general statutes is
22509 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*
22510 *1, 2022*):

22511 (a) As used in this chapter and section [53-344] 491 of this act:

22512 (1) "Authorized owner" means the owner or authorized designee of a
22513 business entity that is applying for a registration or is registered with
22514 the Department of Consumer Protection pursuant to this chapter;

22515 (2) "Business entity" means any corporation, limited liability
22516 company, association, partnership, sole proprietorship, government,
22517 governmental subdivision or agency, business trust, estate, trust or any
22518 other legal entity;

22519 (3) "Dealer registration" means an electronic nicotine delivery system
22520 certificate of dealer registration issued by the Commissioner of
22521 Consumer Protection pursuant to this section;

22522 (4) "Manufacturer registration" means an electronic nicotine delivery
22523 system certificate of manufacturer registration issued by the
22524 Commissioner of Consumer Protection pursuant to section 21a-415a to
22525 any person who mixes, compounds, repackages or resizes any nicotine-
22526 containing electronic nicotine delivery system or vapor product;

22527 (5) "Electronic cigarette liquid" means a liquid that, when used in an
22528 electronic nicotine delivery system or vapor product, produces a vapor

22529 that may or may not include nicotine and is inhaled by the user of such
22530 electronic nicotine delivery system or vapor product;

22531 (6) "Electronic nicotine delivery system" means an electronic device
22532 used in the delivery of nicotine or other substances to a person inhaling
22533 from the device, and includes, but is not limited to, an electronic
22534 cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe or
22535 electronic hookah and any related device and any cartridge or other
22536 component of such device, including, but not limited to, electronic
22537 cigarette liquid;

22538 (7) "Vapor product" means any product that employs a heating
22539 element, power source, electronic circuit or other electronic, chemical or
22540 mechanical means, regardless of shape or size, to produce a vapor that
22541 may include nicotine and is inhaled by the user of such product. "Vapor
22542 product" does not include a medicinal or therapeutic product that is (A)
22543 used by a licensed health care provider to treat a patient in a health care
22544 setting, (B) used by a patient, as prescribed or directed by a licensed
22545 health care provider in any setting, or (C) any drug or device, as defined
22546 in the federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, 21 USC 321, as amended
22547 from time to time, any combination product, as described in said act, 21
22548 USC 353(g), as amended from time to time, or any biological product, as
22549 described in 42 USC 262, as amended from time to time, and 21 CFR
22550 600.3, as amended from time to time, authorized for sale by the United
22551 States Food and Drug Administration;

22552 (8) "Sale" or "sell" means an act done intentionally by any person,
22553 whether done as principal, proprietor, agent, servant or employee, of
22554 transferring, or offering or attempting to transfer, for consideration,
22555 including bartering or exchanging, or offering to barter or exchange;
22556 [and]

22557 (9) "Deliver" or "delivering" means an act done intentionally by any
22558 person, whether as principal, proprietor, agent, servant or employee, of
22559 transferring, or offering or attempting to transfer, physical possession

22560 or control of an electronic nicotine delivery system or vapor product; [.]

22561 (10) "Flavoring agent" means an additive used in food or drugs when
22562 such additive (A) is used in accordance with good manufacturing
22563 practice principles and in the minimum quantity required to produce its
22564 intended effect; (B) (i) consists of one or more ingredients generally
22565 recognized as safe in food or drugs, (ii) has been previously sanctioned
22566 for use in food or drugs by the state or the federal government, (iii)
22567 meets United States Pharmacopeia standards, or (iv) is an additive
22568 permitted for direct addition to food for human consumption pursuant
22569 to 21 CFR 172, as amended from time to time; (C) is inert and produces
22570 no effect other than the instillation or modification of flavor; and (D) is
22571 not greater than five per cent of the total weight of the product.

22572 Sec. 491. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2022*) (a) No person shall sell,
22573 give, deliver or possess with intent to sell in this state an electronic
22574 nicotine delivery system or a vapor product with a flavoring agent,
22575 other than tobacco flavor, that has been added for the purpose of
22576 flavoring the contents of the electronic nicotine delivery system or vapor
22577 product. This section shall not apply to any product (1) that the United
22578 States Secretary of Health and Human Services determines to be a
22579 modified risk tobacco product pursuant to 21 USC 387k, as amended
22580 from time to time, or (2) for which the manufacturer has a pending
22581 application for or has received a marketing order from the federal Food
22582 and Drug Administration under 21 USC 387j, as amended from time to
22583 time.

22584 (b) (1) No person shall sell, give, deliver or possess with intent to sell,
22585 in this state an electronic nicotine delivery system or a vapor product
22586 with a nicotine content that is greater than thirty-five milligrams per
22587 milliliter. Each person with a manufacturer registration shall provide
22588 documentation to a person with a dealer registration, indicating the
22589 nicotine content, expressed as milligrams per milliliter, for each
22590 electronic nicotine delivery system and vapor product sold by such
22591 person with a manufacturer registration to such person with a dealer

22592 registration.

22593 (2) Each business entity holding a dealer registration shall (A)
22594 maintain documentation, within the place of business identified in the
22595 business entity's application for dealer registration, of the nicotine
22596 content provided pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection by the
22597 person with a manufacturer registration, for each electronic nicotine
22598 delivery system and vapor product sold, given or delivered by such
22599 person to the business entity, and (B) provide such documentation at the
22600 request of the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services,
22601 or the commissioner's designee, during any unannounced compliance
22602 check conducted pursuant to section 21-415b of the general statutes.

22603 (c) As used in this section, "person" means any individual, authorized
22604 owner of a business entity, retail establishment, as defined in section
22605 19a-106a of the general statutes, partnership, company, limited liability
22606 company, public or private corporation, association, trustee, executor,
22607 administrator or other fiduciary or custodian.

22608 Sec. 492. Section 21a-415b of the general statutes is repealed and the
22609 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2022*):

22610 (a) Each business entity with a dealer registration shall place and
22611 maintain in legible condition at each point of sale of electronic nicotine
22612 delivery systems or vapor products a notice to consumers that states (1)
22613 the sale, giving or delivering of electronic nicotine delivery systems and
22614 vapor products to any person under twenty-one years of age is
22615 prohibited by section 53-344b, (2) the use of false identification by a
22616 person under twenty-one years of age to purchase an electronic nicotine
22617 delivery system or a vapor product is prohibited, and (3) the penalties
22618 and fines for violating the provisions of this section and section 53-344b.

22619 (b) (1) The Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services,
22620 or the commissioner's designee, shall conduct unannounced compliance
22621 checks on business entities [holding] with a dealer registration by
22622 engaging persons between the ages of sixteen and twenty to enter the

22623 place of business of each such business entity to attempt to purchase an
22624 electronic nicotine delivery system or a vapor product.

22625 (2) The Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services, or
22626 the commissioner's designee, shall conduct unannounced compliance
22627 checks on business entities with a dealer registration to determine
22628 whether any such business entity is selling, giving or delivering or has
22629 sold, given or delivered any electronic nicotine delivery system or vapor
22630 product with a flavoring agent, other than tobacco flavor, that has been
22631 added for the purpose of flavoring the contents of the electronic delivery
22632 system or vapor product, in violation of subsection (a) of section 491 of
22633 this act.

22634 (3) The Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services, or
22635 the commissioner's designee, shall conduct unannounced compliance
22636 checks on business entities with a dealer registration to determine
22637 whether each such business entity is in possession of the documentation
22638 required under subsection (b) of section 491 of this act and whether such
22639 documentation indicates that electronic nicotine delivery systems or
22640 vapor products with a nicotine content greater than thirty-five
22641 milligrams per milliliter were sold, given or delivered by such business
22642 entity. The commissioner shall refer all business entities that do not
22643 possess such documentation or that sold, gave, delivered or possessed
22644 with intent to sell an electronic nicotine delivery system or a vapor
22645 product with a nicotine content that is greater than thirty-five
22646 milligrams per milliliter to the Commissioner of Revenue Services.

22647 (4) The [commissioner] Commissioner of Mental Health and
22648 Addiction Services shall conduct unannounced follow-up compliance
22649 checks of all noncompliant business entities and shall refer all
22650 noncompliant business entities to the Commissioner of Revenue
22651 Services.

22652 (c) Upon receipt of a referral made pursuant to subsection (b) of this
22653 section, the Commissioner of Revenue Services may, following a

22654 hearing, impose a civil penalty and direct the Commissioner of
22655 Consumer Protection to suspend or revoke the dealer registration of the
22656 business entity that is the subject of such referral. The Commissioner of
22657 Revenue Services shall provide such business entity with written notice
22658 of the hearing, specifying the time and place of such hearing and
22659 requiring such business entity to show cause why such dealer
22660 registration should not be suspended or revoked. The written notice of
22661 the hearing shall be mailed or delivered to such business entity not less
22662 than ten days preceding the date of the hearing. Such notice may be
22663 served personally or by registered or certified mail.

22664 (d) If the Commissioner of Revenue Services finds, after a hearing
22665 pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, that any person employed by
22666 any business entity issued a dealer registration under section 21a-415
22667 has sold, given or delivered an electronic nicotine delivery system or
22668 vapor product to a person under twenty-one years of age, other than a
22669 person under twenty-one years of age who is delivering or accepting
22670 delivery in such person's capacity as an employee, said commissioner
22671 shall, for the first violation, require such employee to successfully
22672 complete an online prevention education program administered by the
22673 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services not later than
22674 thirty days after said commissioner's finding. [Said commissioner] The
22675 Commissioner of Revenue Services shall assess any employee who fails
22676 to complete such program a civil penalty of [two] four hundred dollars.
22677 Said commissioner shall assess any employee a civil penalty of [two
22678 hundred fifty] five hundred dollars for a second or subsequent violation
22679 on or before twenty-four months after the date of the first violation.

22680 (e) (1) If the Commissioner of Revenue Services finds, after a hearing
22681 pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, that [(1)] (A) any business
22682 entity issued a dealer registration under section 21a-415 has sold, given
22683 or delivered an electronic nicotine delivery system or vapor product to
22684 a person under twenty-one years of age, other than a person under
22685 twenty-one years of age who is delivering or accepting delivery in such
22686 person's capacity as an employee, or [(2)] (B) such person's employee

22687 has sold, given or delivered an electronic nicotine delivery system or
22688 vapor product to a person under twenty-one years of age, the
22689 commissioner shall, for the first violation, require the authorized owner
22690 of such business entity to successfully complete an online prevention
22691 education program administered by the Department of Mental Health
22692 and Addiction Services not later than thirty days after said
22693 commissioner's finding. [Said commissioner] The Commissioner of
22694 Revenue Services shall assess any business entity issued a dealer
22695 registration, whose authorized owner fails to complete such program, a
22696 civil penalty of [three] six hundred dollars for the first violation. [Said
22697 commissioner]

22698 (2) The Commissioner of Revenue Services shall assess such business
22699 entity a civil penalty of [seven hundred fifty] one thousand five hundred
22700 dollars for a second violation on or before twenty-four months after the
22701 date of the first violation.

22702 (3) For a third violation by such business entity on or before twenty-
22703 four months after the date of the first violation, [said commissioner] the
22704 Commissioner of Revenue Services shall assess such business entity a
22705 civil penalty of [one] two thousand dollars and notify the Commissioner
22706 of Consumer Protection that the dealer registration held by such
22707 business entity under this chapter shall be suspended for not less than
22708 thirty days.

22709 (4) For a fourth violation on or before twenty-four months after the
22710 date of the first violation, the Commissioner of Revenue Services shall
22711 assess such business entity a civil penalty of [one] two thousand dollars
22712 and notify the Commissioner of Consumer Protection that the dealer
22713 registration held by such business entity under [said] this chapter shall
22714 be revoked. The Commissioner of Revenue Services shall order such
22715 business entity to conspicuously post a notice in a public place stating
22716 that electronic nicotine delivery systems and vapor products cannot be
22717 sold during the period of suspension or revocation and the reasons for
22718 such suspension or revocation. Any sale of an electronic nicotine

22719 delivery system or vapor product by such business entity during the
22720 period of such suspension or revocation shall be deemed an additional
22721 violation of this section.

22722 (f) (1) If the Commissioner of Revenue Services finds, after a hearing
22723 pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, that (A) any business entity
22724 issued a dealer registration under section 21a-415 has sold, given or
22725 delivered an electronic nicotine delivery system or vapor product with
22726 a flavoring agent, other than tobacco flavor, that has been added for the
22727 purpose of flavoring the contents of the electronic nicotine delivery
22728 system or vapor product, or (B) any such business entity does not
22729 possess documentation of nicotine content or nicotine content that
22730 indicates a level of nicotine that is greater than thirty-five milligrams per
22731 milliliter for any electronic nicotine delivery system or vapor product
22732 sold, given or delivered within the retail establishment of the business
22733 entity, the commissioner shall, for the first violation, require the
22734 authorized owner of such business entity to successfully complete an
22735 online prevention education program administered by the Department
22736 of Mental Health and Addiction Services not later than thirty days after
22737 said commissioner's finding. The Commissioner of Revenue Services
22738 shall assess any business entity issued a dealer registration, whose
22739 authorized owner fails to complete such program, a civil penalty of six
22740 hundred dollars for the first violation.

22741 (2) The Commissioner of Revenue Services shall assess such business
22742 entity a civil penalty of one thousand five hundred dollars for a second
22743 violation on or before twenty-four months after the date of the first
22744 violation.

22745 (3) For a third violation by such business entity on or before twenty-
22746 four months after the date of the first violation, The Commissioner of
22747 Revenue Services shall assess such business entity a civil penalty of two
22748 thousand dollars and notify the Commissioner of Consumer Protection
22749 that the dealer registration held by such business entity under this
22750 chapter shall be suspended for not less than thirty days.

22751 (4) For a fourth violation on or before twenty-four months after the
22752 date of the first violation, the Commissioner of Revenue Services shall
22753 assess such business entity a civil penalty of two thousand dollars and
22754 notify the Commissioner of Consumer Protection that the dealer
22755 registration held by such business entity under this chapter shall be
22756 revoked. The Commissioner of Revenue Services shall order such
22757 business entity to conspicuously post a notice in a public place stating
22758 that electronic nicotine delivery systems and vapor products cannot be
22759 sold during the period of suspension or revocation and the reasons for
22760 such suspension or revocation. Any sale of an electronic nicotine
22761 delivery system or vapor product by such business entity during the
22762 period of such suspension or revocation shall be deemed an additional
22763 violation of this section.

22764 [(f)] (g) Upon receipt of notice of determination from the
22765 Commissioner of Revenue Services made under subsection (e) or (f) of
22766 this section, the Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall suspend or
22767 revoke the dealer registration of the business entity that is the subject of
22768 [said] the determination. The Commissioner of Consumer Protection
22769 shall not be required to hold a hearing in connection with any notice of
22770 determination received from the Commissioner of Revenue Services
22771 under this section.

22772 [(g)] (h) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall not issue a
22773 new dealer registration to a former registrant whose dealer registration
22774 was revoked unless the commissioner is satisfied that such business
22775 entity that holds a dealer registration will comply with the provisions of
22776 this chapter and any regulations related thereto, and section 53-344b.

22777 Sec. 493. Section 12-295a of the general statutes is repealed and the
22778 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2022*):

22779 (a) If the Commissioner of Revenue Services finds, after a hearing,
22780 that any person employed by a dealer or distributor, as defined in
22781 section 12-285, has sold, given or delivered cigarettes or tobacco

22782 products to a person under twenty-one years of age other than a person
22783 under twenty-one years of age who is delivering or accepting delivery
22784 in such person's capacity as an employee, said commissioner shall, for
22785 the first violation, require such person to successfully complete an
22786 online tobacco prevention education program administered by the
22787 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services not later than
22788 thirty days after said commissioner's finding. [Said commissioner] The
22789 Commissioner of Revenue Services shall assess any person who fails to
22790 complete such program a civil penalty of [two] four hundred dollars.
22791 Said commissioner shall assess any person employed by a dealer or
22792 distributor a civil penalty of [two hundred fifty] five hundred dollars
22793 for a second or subsequent violation on or before twenty-four months
22794 after the date of the first violation.

22795 (b) (1) If the Commissioner of Revenue Services finds, after a hearing,
22796 that any dealer or distributor has sold, given or delivered cigarettes or a
22797 tobacco product to a person under twenty-one years of age other than a
22798 person under twenty-one years of age who is delivering or accepting
22799 delivery in such person's capacity as an employee, or such dealer or
22800 distributor's employee has sold, given or delivered cigarettes or a
22801 tobacco product to such person, said commissioner shall require such
22802 dealer or distributor, for the first violation, to successfully complete an
22803 online tobacco prevention education program administered by the
22804 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services not later than
22805 thirty days after said commissioner's finding. [Said commissioner] The
22806 Commissioner of Revenue Services shall assess any dealer or distributor
22807 who fails to complete such program a civil penalty of [three] six
22808 hundred dollars. [Said commissioner]

22809 (2) The Commissioner of Revenue Services shall assess [any] such
22810 dealer or distributor a civil penalty of [seven hundred fifty] one
22811 thousand five hundred dollars for a second violation on or before
22812 twenty-four months after the date of the first violation.

22813 (3) For a third violation on or before twenty-four months after the

22814 date of the first violation, [said commissioner] the Commissioner of
22815 Revenue Services shall assess such dealer or distributor a civil penalty
22816 of [one] two thousand dollars and suspend any license held by such
22817 dealer or distributor under this chapter for not less than thirty days.

22818 (4) For a fourth violation on or before twenty-four months after the
22819 date of the first violation, [said commissioner] the Commissioner of
22820 Revenue Services shall assess such dealer or distributor a civil penalty
22821 of [one] two thousand dollars and revoke any license issued to such
22822 dealer or distributor under this chapter. Said commissioner shall order
22823 such distributor or dealer to conspicuously post a notice in a public
22824 place within such distributor's or dealer's establishment stating that
22825 cigarettes and tobacco products cannot be sold during the period of such
22826 suspension or revocation and the reasons for such suspension or
22827 revocation. Any sale of cigarettes or a tobacco product by such dealer or
22828 distributor during such suspension or revocation shall be deemed an
22829 additional violation of this subsection.

22830 (c) (1) If the Commissioner of Revenue Services finds, after a hearing,
22831 that any owner of an establishment in which a cigarette vending
22832 machine or restricted cigarette vending machine is located has sold,
22833 given or delivered cigarettes or tobacco products from any such
22834 machine to a person under twenty-one years of age other than a person
22835 under twenty-one years of age who is delivering or accepting delivery
22836 in such person's capacity as an employee, or has allowed cigarettes or
22837 tobacco products to be sold, given or delivered to such person from any
22838 such machine, said commissioner shall require such owner, for the first
22839 violation, to successfully complete an online tobacco prevention
22840 education program administered by the Department of Mental Health
22841 and Addiction Services not later than thirty days after said
22842 commissioner's finding. [Said commissioner] The Commissioner of
22843 Revenue Services shall assess any owner who fails to complete such
22844 program a civil penalty of [five hundred] one thousand dollars. [Said
22845 commissioner]

22846 (2) The Commissioner of Revenue Services shall assess [any] such
22847 owner a civil penalty of [seven hundred fifty] one thousand five
22848 hundred dollars for a second violation on or before twenty-four months
22849 after the date of the first violation.

22850 (3) For a third violation on or before twenty-four months after the
22851 date of the first violation, [said commissioner] the Commissioner of
22852 Revenue Services shall assess such owner a civil penalty of [one] two
22853 thousand dollars and immediately remove any such machine from such
22854 establishment and no such machine may be placed in such
22855 establishment for a period of one year following such removal.

22856 (d) Any person aggrieved by any action of the [commissioner]
22857 Commissioner of Revenue Services pursuant to this section may take
22858 any appeal of such action as provided in sections 12-311 and 12-312.

22859 Sec. 494. Subsection (b) of section 53-344 of the general statutes is
22860 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*
22861 *1, 2022*):

22862 (b) Any person who sells, gives or delivers to any person under
22863 twenty-one years of age cigarettes or a tobacco product shall be fined
22864 not more than [three] six hundred dollars for the first offense, not more
22865 than [seven hundred fifty] one thousand five hundred dollars for a
22866 second offense on or before twenty-four months after the date of the first
22867 offense and not more than [one] two thousand dollars for each
22868 subsequent offense on or before twenty-four months after the date of the
22869 first offense. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to a person
22870 under twenty-one years of age who is delivering or accepting delivery
22871 of cigarettes or a tobacco product (1) in such person's capacity as an
22872 employee, or (2) as part of a scientific study being conducted by an
22873 organization for the purpose of medical research to further efforts in
22874 cigarette and tobacco product use prevention and cessation, provided
22875 such medical research has been approved by the organization's
22876 institutional review board, as defined in section 21a-408.

22877 Sec. 495. Subsection (b) of section 53-344b of the general statutes is
22878 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*
22879 *1, 2022*):

22880 (b) Any person who sells, gives or delivers to any person under
22881 twenty-one years of age an electronic nicotine delivery system or vapor
22882 product in any form shall be fined not more than [three] six hundred
22883 dollars for the first offense, not more than [seven hundred fifty] one
22884 thousand five hundred dollars for a second offense on or before twenty-
22885 four months after the date of the first offense and not more than [one]
22886 two thousand dollars for each subsequent offense on or before twenty-
22887 four months after the date of the first offense. The provisions of this
22888 subsection shall not apply to a person under twenty-one years of age
22889 who is delivering or accepting delivery of an electronic nicotine delivery
22890 system or vapor product (1) in such person's capacity as an employee,
22891 or (2) as part of a scientific study being conducted by an organization
22892 for the purpose of medical research to further efforts in tobacco use
22893 prevention and cessation, provided such medical research has been
22894 approved by the organization's institutional review board, as defined in
22895 section 21a-408.

22896 Sec. 496. Section 4a-16 of the general statutes is repealed and the
22897 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

22898 When any person supported or cared for by the state (1) under a
22899 program of [public] cash assistance or medical assistance, [or] (2) in an
22900 institution maintained by the Department of Developmental Services or
22901 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, [or] (3) when an
22902 inmate of the Department of Correction, or [when any] (4) as a child
22903 committed to the Commissioner of Social Services or Commissioner of
22904 Children and Families dies, leaving only personal estate, including
22905 personal assets owing and due the estate after death, not exceeding the
22906 aggregate value, as described in section 45a-273, the Commissioner of
22907 Administrative Services or the commissioner's authorized
22908 representative shall, upon [filing] completing a financial accounting of

22909 the estate's assets and debt, make a reasonable effort to inform the next
22910 of kin of the decedent in writing that the commissioner or the
22911 commissioner's designee intends to become the legal representative of
22912 the estate for the purpose of securing partial or full reimbursement of
22913 the claim of the state for care or assistance rendered to the decedent
22914 required to be recovered under federal law or the provisions of section
22915 17b-93 or 18-85c. The commissioner, or the commissioner's designee, not
22916 later than thirty days after making a reasonable effort to contact the next
22917 of kin of the decedent, shall file with the [probate court] Probate Court
22918 having jurisdiction of such estate a certificate that the total estate is
22919 under the aggregate value, as described in section 45a-273, and the claim
22920 of the state, together with the expense of last illness not exceeding three
22921 hundred seventy-five dollars and funeral and burial expenses in
22922 accordance with [section] sections 17b-84 and 17b-131, equals or exceeds
22923 the amount of such estate. [.] The Commissioner of Administrative
22924 Services shall be issued a certificate by said court that the commissioner
22925 is the legal representative of such estate only for the following purpose.
22926 The commissioner shall have authority to claim such estate, the
22927 commissioner's receipt for the same to be a valid discharge of the
22928 liability of any person turning over the same, and to settle the same by
22929 payment of the expense of last illness not exceeding three hundred
22930 seventy-five dollars, expense of funeral and burial in accordance with
22931 [section] sections 17b-84 and 17b-131 and the remainder as partial or full
22932 reimbursement of the claim of the state [for care or assistance rendered
22933 to the decedent] only for amounts due under the provisions of federal
22934 law or section 17b-93 or 18-85c. The commissioner shall file with [said
22935 probate court] the Probate Court a statement of the settlement of such
22936 estate as herein provided. As used in this section, "cash assistance"
22937 means payments made to a beneficiary of the aid to families with
22938 dependent children program, the state-administered general assistance
22939 program, the state supplement program or the temporary family
22940 assistance program.

22941 Sec. 497. Section 17b-79 of the general statutes, as amended by section

22942 3 of public act 21-3, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
22943 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

22944 (a) As used in this section, "cash assistance" means payments made
22945 to a beneficiary of the state supplement program, temporary family
22946 assistance program or the state-administered general assistance
22947 program. No person shall be deemed ineligible to receive an award
22948 under the state supplement program, medical assistance program,
22949 temporary family assistance program, state-administered general
22950 assistance program or supplemental nutrition assistance program for
22951 himself or herself or for any person for whose support he or she is liable
22952 by reason of having an interest in real property, maintained as his or her
22953 home, provided the equity in such property does not exceed the limits
22954 established by the commissioner. The commissioner may place a lien
22955 against any property to secure the claim of the state for all amounts
22956 which it has paid or may thereafter pay to such person or in such
22957 person's behalf (1) for cash assistance or medical assistance, provided no
22958 such lien shall be placed on real property unless [required by] for
22959 amounts required to be recovered under federal law, or (2) to or on
22960 behalf of any person for whose support he or she is liable, except for
22961 property maintained as a home in aid to families of dependent children
22962 cases, in which case such lien shall secure the state only for that portion
22963 of the assistance grant awarded for amortization of a mortgage or other
22964 encumbrance beginning with the fifth month after the original grant for
22965 principal payment on any such encumbrance is made, and each
22966 succeeding month of such grant thereafter. The claim of the state shall
22967 be secured by filing a certificate in the land records of the town or towns
22968 in which any such real estate is situated, describing such real estate. Any
22969 such lien may, at any time during which the amount secured by such
22970 lien remains unpaid, be foreclosed in an action brought in a court of
22971 competent jurisdiction by the commissioner on behalf of the state. Any
22972 real estate to which title has been taken by foreclosure under this section,
22973 or which has been conveyed to the state in lieu of foreclosure, may be
22974 sold, transferred or conveyed for the state by the commissioner with the

22975 approval of the Attorney General, and the commissioner may, in the
22976 name of the state, execute deeds for such purpose. Such lien shall be
22977 released by the commissioner upon payment of the amount secured by
22978 such lien, or an amount equal to the value of the beneficiary's interest in
22979 such property if the value of such interest is less than the amount
22980 secured by such lien, at the commissioner's discretion, and with the
22981 advice and consent of the Attorney General, upon a compromise of the
22982 amount due to the state. At the discretion of the commissioner, the
22983 beneficiary, or, in the case of a husband and wife living together, the
22984 survivor of them, as long as he or she lives, or a dependent child or
22985 children, may be permitted to occupy such real property.

22986 (b) On and after July 1, 2021, the state shall not recover cash assistance
22987 or medical assistance from a lien filed on any real property, unless the
22988 state is required to recover such assistance under federal law. Any
22989 certificate or lien filed under this section by or on behalf of the state on
22990 such real property prior to July 1, 2021, shall be deemed released by the
22991 state if the recovery of such assistance is not required under federal law.

22992 Sec. 498. Section 17b-93 of the general statutes, as amended by section
22993 4 of public act 21-3, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
22994 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

22995 (a) If a beneficiary of aid under the state supplement program,
22996 medical assistance program, aid to families with dependent children
22997 program, temporary family assistance program or state-administered
22998 general assistance program has or acquires property of any kind or
22999 interest in any property, estate or claim of any kind, except moneys
23000 received for the replacement of real or personal property, the state of
23001 Connecticut shall have a claim subject to subsections (b) and (c) of this
23002 section, which shall have priority over all other unsecured claims and
23003 unrecorded encumbrances, against such beneficiary for the [full]
23004 amount paid, subject to the provisions of section 17b-94, to the
23005 beneficiary or on the beneficiary's behalf under said programs [;
23006 provided no lien on real property shall be applied to enforce the claim

23007 of the state which exceeds the amount the state is required to recover
23008 under federal law,] that the state is required to recover under federal
23009 law; and, in addition thereto, the parents of an aid to dependent children
23010 beneficiary, a state-administered general assistance beneficiary or a
23011 temporary family assistance beneficiary shall be liable to repay, subject
23012 to the provisions of section 17b-94, to the state the full amount of any
23013 such aid paid to or on behalf of either parent, his or her spouse, and his
23014 or her dependent child or children, as defined in section 17b-75. The
23015 state of Connecticut shall have a lien against property of any kind or
23016 interest in any property, estate or claim of any kind of the parents of an
23017 aid to dependent children, temporary family assistance or state
23018 administered general assistance beneficiary, in addition and not in
23019 substitution of any other state claim, for amounts owing under any
23020 order for support of any court or any family support magistrate,
23021 including any arrearage under such order, provided household goods
23022 and other personal property identified in section 52-352b, real property
23023 pursuant to section 17b-79, as amended by [this act] public act 21-3 and
23024 this act, as long as such property is used as a home for the beneficiary
23025 and money received for the replacement of real or personal property,
23026 shall be exempt from such lien.

23027 (b) Any person who received cash benefits under the aid to families
23028 with dependent children program, the temporary family assistance
23029 program or the state-administered general assistance program, when
23030 such person was under eighteen years of age, shall not be liable to repay
23031 the state for such assistance.

23032 (c) No claim, except a claim required to be made under federal law,
23033 shall be made, or lien applied, against any payment made pursuant to
23034 chapter 135, any payment made pursuant to section 47-88d or 47-287,
23035 any moneys received as a settlement or award in a housing or
23036 employment or public accommodation discrimination case or in any
23037 action brought by a tenant or occupant or former tenant or occupant
23038 against an owner or lessor of a residential premises or manufactured
23039 mobile home park, any court-ordered retroactive rent abatement,

23040 including any made pursuant to subsection (e) of section 47a-14h or
23041 section 47a-4a, 47a-5 or 47a-57, or any security deposit refund pursuant
23042 to subsection (d) of section 47a-21 paid to a beneficiary of assistance
23043 under the state supplement program, medical assistance program, aid
23044 to families with dependent children program, temporary family
23045 assistance program or state-administered general assistance program or
23046 paid to any person who has been supported wholly, or in part, by the
23047 state, in accordance with section 17b-223, in a humane institution.

23048 (d) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, whenever
23049 funds are collected pursuant to this section or section 17b-94, and the
23050 person who otherwise would have been entitled to such funds is subject
23051 to a court-ordered current or arrearage child support payment
23052 obligation in a IV-D support case, such funds shall first be paid to the
23053 state for reimbursement of Medicaid funds granted to such person for
23054 medical expenses incurred for injuries related to a legal claim by such
23055 person which was the subject of the state's lien and such funds shall then
23056 be paid to the Office of Child Support Services for distribution pursuant
23057 to the federally mandated child support distribution system
23058 implemented pursuant to subsection (j) of section 17b-179. The
23059 remainder, if any, shall be paid to the state for payment of previously
23060 provided assistance through the state supplement program, medical
23061 assistance program, aid to families with dependent children program,
23062 temporary family assistance program or state-administered general
23063 assistance program.

23064 (e) The Commissioner of Social Services shall adopt regulations, in
23065 accordance with chapter 54, establishing criteria and procedures for
23066 adjustment of the claim of the state of Connecticut under subsection (a)
23067 of this section. The purpose of any such adjustment shall be to
23068 encourage the positive involvement of noncustodial parents in the lives
23069 of their children and to encourage noncustodial parents to begin making
23070 regular support payments.

23071 (f) On and after July 1, 2021, the state shall not recover cash assistance

23072 or medical assistance from a lien filed on any real property, or a claim
23073 filed against property, a property interest or estate or claim of any kind,
23074 unless the state is required to recover such assistance under federal law
23075 and the provisions of this section. Any lien on real property or state
23076 claim against property, a property interest or estate or claim of any kind
23077 filed under this section by or on behalf of the state [on such property,
23078 estate or claim of any kind] prior to July 1, 2021, shall be deemed
23079 released by the state if the recovery of such assistance is not required
23080 under federal law and the provisions of this section. As used in this
23081 subsection, "cash assistance" means payments made to a beneficiary of
23082 the aid to families with dependent children program, the state-
23083 administered general assistance program, the state supplement
23084 program or the temporary family assistance program.

23085 Sec. 499. Section 17b-94 of the general statutes is repealed and the
23086 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

23087 (a) In the case of causes of action of beneficiaries of aid under the state
23088 supplement program, medical assistance program, aid to families with
23089 dependent children program, temporary family assistance program or
23090 state-administered general assistance program, subject to subsections
23091 (b) and (c) of section 17b-93, or of a parent liable to repay the state under
23092 the provisions of section 17b-93, the claim of the state shall be a lien
23093 against the proceeds therefrom in the amount of the assistance paid [or
23094 fifty per cent of the proceeds received by such beneficiary or such
23095 parent] that the state is required to recover under federal law, or, in the
23096 case of a parent liable to repay the state under the provisions of section
23097 17b-93, whose proceeds from the cause of action are not subject to
23098 recovery under federal law, fifty per cent of the proceeds received by
23099 such parent or the amount owed by such parent after payment of all
23100 expenses connected with the cause of action, whichever is less, for
23101 repayment under section 17b-93, and shall have priority over all other
23102 claims except attorney's fees for said causes, expenses of suit, costs of
23103 hospitalization connected with the cause of action by whomever paid
23104 over and above hospital insurance or other such benefits, and, for such

23105 period of hospitalization as was not paid for by the state, physicians'
23106 fees for services during any such period as are connected with the cause
23107 of action over and above medical insurance or other such benefits. [; and
23108 such claim shall consist of the total assistance repayment for which
23109 claim may be made under said programs.] The proceeds of such causes
23110 of action shall be assignable to the state for payment of the amount due
23111 under this section and section 17b-93, irrespective of any other provision
23112 of law. Upon presentation to the attorney for the beneficiary of an
23113 assignment of such proceeds executed by the beneficiary or his
23114 conservator or guardian, such assignment shall constitute an irrevocable
23115 direction to the attorney to pay the Commissioner of Administrative
23116 Services in accordance with its terms, except if, after settlement of the
23117 cause of action or judgment thereon, the Commissioner of
23118 Administrative Services does not inform the attorney for the beneficiary
23119 of the amount of lien which is to be paid to the Commissioner of
23120 Administrative Services within forty-five days of receipt of the written
23121 request of such attorney for such information, such attorney may
23122 distribute such proceeds to such beneficiary and shall not be liable for
23123 any loss the state may sustain thereby.

23124 (b) In the case of an inheritance of an estate by a beneficiary of aid
23125 under the state supplement program, medical assistance program, aid
23126 to families with dependent children program, temporary family
23127 assistance program or state-administered general assistance program,
23128 subject to subsections (b) and (c) of section 17b-93, or by a parent liable
23129 to repay the state under the provisions of section 17b-93, [fifty per cent
23130 of the assets of the estate payable to the beneficiary or such parent or]
23131 the amount of such assets equal to the amount of assistance paid that
23132 the state is required to recover under federal law, or in the case of a
23133 parent liable to repay the state under the provisions of section 17b-93,
23134 whose inheritance is not subject to recovery under federal law, fifty per
23135 cent of the assets of the estate payable to such parent, or the amount
23136 owed by such parent, whichever is less, shall be assignable to the state
23137 for payment of the amount due under section 17b-93. The state shall

23138 have a lien against such assets in the applicable amount specified in this
23139 subsection. The Court of Probate shall accept any such assignment
23140 executed by the beneficiary or parent or any such lien notice if such
23141 assignment or lien notice is filed by the Commissioner of Administrative
23142 Services with the court prior to the distribution of such inheritance, and
23143 to the extent of such inheritance not already distributed, the court shall
23144 order distribution in accordance with such assignment or lien notice. If
23145 the Commissioner of Administrative Services receives any assets of an
23146 estate pursuant to any such assignment, the commissioner shall be
23147 subject to the same duties and liabilities concerning such assigned assets
23148 as the beneficiary or parent.

23149 (c) On and after July 1, 2021, the state shall not recover cash assistance
23150 or medical assistance from a claim filed on any property, property
23151 interest, proceeds from a cause of action or estate, unless the state is
23152 required to recover such assistance under federal law and the provisions
23153 of section 17b-93. Any claim filed under this section by or on behalf of
23154 the state on such property, property interest, proceeds from a cause of
23155 action or estate prior to July 1, 2021, shall be released by the state if the
23156 recovery of such assistance is not required under federal law and the
23157 provisions of section 17b-93. As used in this subsection, "cash assistance"
23158 means payments made to a beneficiary of the aid to families with
23159 dependent children program, the state-administered general assistance
23160 program, the state supplement program or the temporary family
23161 assistance program.

23162 Sec. 500. Section 17b-95 of the general statutes is repealed and the
23163 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

23164 (a) Subject to the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, upon the
23165 death of a parent of a child who has, at any time, been a beneficiary
23166 under the program of aid to families with dependent children, the
23167 temporary family assistance program or the state-administered general
23168 assistance program, or upon the death of any person who has at any
23169 time been a beneficiary of aid under the state supplement program,

23170 medical assistance program, aid to families with dependent children
23171 program, temporary family assistance program or state-administered
23172 general assistance program, except as provided in subsection (b) of
23173 section 17b-93, the state shall have a claim against such parent's or
23174 person's estate for all amounts paid on behalf of each such child that the
23175 state is required to recover under federal law and the provisions of
23176 section 17b-93, or for the support of either parent or such child or such
23177 person under the state supplement program, medical assistance
23178 program, aid to families with dependent children program, temporary
23179 family assistance program or state-administered general assistance
23180 program for which the state has not been reimbursed and that the state
23181 is required to recover under federal law and the provisions of section
23182 17b-93, to the extent that the amount which the surviving spouse, parent
23183 or dependent children of the decedent would otherwise take from such
23184 estate is not needed for their support. Notwithstanding the provisions
23185 of this subsection, effective for services provided on or after January 1,
23186 2014, no state claim pursuant to this section shall be made against the
23187 estate of a recipient of medical assistance under the Medicaid Coverage
23188 for the Lowest Income Populations program, established pursuant to
23189 Section 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII) of the Social Security Act, as amended
23190 from time to time, except to the extent required by federal law.

23191 (b) In the case of any person dying after October 1, 1959, the claim for
23192 medical payments, even though such payments were made prior
23193 thereto, shall be restricted to medical disbursements actually made for
23194 care of such deceased beneficiary.

23195 (c) Claims pursuant to this section shall have priority over all
23196 unsecured claims against such estate, except (1) expenses of last sickness
23197 not to exceed three hundred seventy-five dollars, (2) funeral and burial
23198 expenses in accordance with [section] sections 17b-84 and 17b-131, and
23199 (3) administrative expenses, including probate fees and taxes, and
23200 including fiduciary fees not exceeding the following commissions on the
23201 value of the whole estates accounted for by such fiduciaries: On the first
23202 two thousand dollars or portion thereof, five per cent; on the next eight

23203 thousand dollars or portion thereof, four per cent; on the excess over ten
23204 thousand dollars, three per cent. Upon petition by any fiduciary, the
23205 Probate Court, after a hearing thereon, may authorize compensation in
23206 excess of the above schedule for extraordinary services. Notice of any
23207 such petition and hearing shall be given to the Commissioner of
23208 Administrative Services in Hartford at least ten days in advance of such
23209 hearing. The allowable funeral and burial payment herein shall be
23210 reduced by the amount of any prepaid funeral arrangement. Any
23211 amount paid from the estate under this section to any person which
23212 exceeds the limits provided herein shall be repaid to the estate by such
23213 person, and such amount may be recovered in a civil action with interest
23214 at six per cent from the date of demand.

23215 (d) For purposes of this section, all sums due on or after July 1, 2003,
23216 to any individual after the death of a public assistance beneficiary
23217 pursuant to the terms of an annuity contract purchased at any time with
23218 assets of a public assistance beneficiary, shall be deemed to be part of
23219 the estate of the deceased beneficiary and shall be payable to the state
23220 by the recipient of such annuity payments to the extent necessary to
23221 achieve full reimbursement of any public assistance benefits paid to, or
23222 on behalf of, the deceased beneficiary that the state is required to recover
23223 under federal law and the provisions of section 17b-93, irrespective of
23224 any provision of law. The recipient of beneficiary payments from any
23225 such annuity contract shall be solely liable to the state of Connecticut for
23226 reimbursement of public assistance benefits paid to, or on behalf of, the
23227 deceased beneficiary that the state is required to recover under federal
23228 law and the provisions of section 17b-93 to the extent of any payments
23229 received by such recipient pursuant to the annuity contract.

23230 (e) On and after July 1, 2021, the state shall not recover cash assistance
23231 or medical assistance from a claim filed on any property, property
23232 interest, proceeds from a cause of action or estate, unless the state is
23233 required to recover such assistance under federal law and the provisions
23234 of section 17b-93. Any claim filed under this section by or on behalf of
23235 the state on such property, property interest, proceeds from a cause of

23236 action or estate prior to July 1, 2021, shall be released by the state if the
23237 recovery of such assistance is not required under federal law and the
23238 provisions of section 17b-93. As used in this subsection, "cash assistance"
23239 means payments made to a beneficiary of the aid to families with
23240 dependent children program, the state-administered general assistance
23241 program, the state supplement program or the temporary family
23242 assistance program.

23243 Sec. 501. Section 38a-91aa of the general statutes is repealed and the
23244 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

23245 As used in [sections 38a-91aa to 38a-91tt] this section and sections
23246 38a-91bb to 38a-91uu, inclusive, [and] sections 38a-91ww and 38a-91xx
23247 and section 502 of this act:

23248 (1) "Affiliated company" means any company in the same corporate
23249 system as a parent, an industrial insured or a member organization by
23250 virtue of common ownership, control, operation or management.

23251 (2) "Agency captive insurance company" means a captive insurance
23252 company that:

23253 (A) Is owned or directly or indirectly controlled by one or more
23254 insurance agents or insurance producers licensed in accordance with
23255 sections 38a-702a to 38a-702r, inclusive;

23256 (B) Only insures against risks covered by insurance policies sold,
23257 solicited or negotiated through the insurance agents or insurance
23258 producers that own or control such captive insurance company; and

23259 (C) Does not insure against risks covered by any health insurance
23260 policy or plan.

23261 (3) "Alien captive insurance company" means any insurance
23262 company formed to write insurance business for its parent and affiliated
23263 companies and licensed pursuant to the laws of an alien jurisdiction that
23264 imposes statutory or regulatory standards on companies transacting the

23265 business of insurance in such jurisdiction that the commissioner deems
23266 to be acceptable.

23267 (4) "Association" means any legal association of individuals,
23268 corporations, limited liability companies, partnerships, associations or
23269 other entities [that has been in continuous existence for at least one
23270 year,] where the association itself or some or all of the member
23271 organizations:

23272 (A) Directly or indirectly own, control or hold with power to vote all
23273 of the outstanding voting securities or other voting interests of an
23274 association captive insurance company incorporated as a stock insurer;

23275 (B) Have complete voting control over an association captive
23276 insurance company incorporated as a mutual corporation or formed as
23277 a limited liability company; or

23278 (C) Constitute all of the subscribers of an association captive
23279 insurance company formed as a reciprocal insurer.

23280 (5) "Association captive insurance company" means any company
23281 that insures risks of the member organizations of an association, and
23282 includes a company that also insures risks of such member
23283 organizations' affiliated companies or of the association.

23284 (6) "Branch business" means any insurance business transacted in this
23285 state by a branch captive insurance company.

23286 (7) "Branch captive insurance company" means any alien captive
23287 insurance company or foreign captive insurance company licensed by
23288 the commissioner to transact the business of insurance in this state
23289 through a business unit with a principal place of business in this state.

23290 (8) "Branch operations" means any business operations in this state of
23291 a branch captive insurance company.

23292 (9) "Captive insurance company" means any (A) pure captive

23293 insurance company, agency captive insurance company, association
23294 captive insurance company, industrial insured captive insurance
23295 company, risk retention group, sponsored captive insurance company
23296 or special purpose financial captive insurance company that is
23297 domiciled in this state and formed or licensed under the provisions of
23298 [sections 38a-91aa] this section and sections 38a-91bb to 38a-91tt,
23299 inclusive, or (B) branch captive insurance company.

23300 (10) "Ceding insurer" means an insurance company, approved by the
23301 commissioner and licensed or otherwise authorized to transact the
23302 business of insurance or reinsurance in its state or country of domicile,
23303 that cedes risk to a special purpose financial captive insurance company
23304 pursuant to a reinsurance contract.

23305 (11) "Commissioner" means the Insurance Commissioner.

23306 (12) "Controlled unaffiliated business" means any person:

23307 (A) Who, (i) in the case of a pure captive insurance company, is not
23308 in the corporate system of a parent and the parent's affiliated companies,
23309 [or] (ii) in the case of an industrial insured captive insurance company,
23310 is not in the corporate system of an industrial insured and the industrial
23311 insured's affiliated companies, or (iii) in the case of a sponsored captive
23312 insurance company, is not in the corporate system of a participant and
23313 the participant's affiliated companies;

23314 (B) Who, (i) in the case of a pure captive insurance company, has an
23315 existing contractual relationship with a parent or one of the parent's
23316 affiliated companies, [or] (ii) in the case of an industrial insured captive
23317 insurance company, has an existing contractual relationship with an
23318 industrial insured or one of the industrial insured's affiliated companies,
23319 or (iii) in the case of a sponsored captive insurance company, has an
23320 existing contractual relationship with a participant or one of the
23321 participant's affiliated companies; and

23322 (C) Whose risks are managed by a pure captive insurance company,

23323 [or] an industrial insured captive insurance company or a sponsored
23324 captive insurance company, as applicable, in accordance with section
23325 38a-91qq.

23326 (13) "Excess workers' compensation insurance" means, in the case of
23327 an employer that has insured or self-insured its workers' compensation
23328 risks in accordance with applicable state or federal law, insurance in
23329 excess of a specified per-incident or aggregate limit established by the
23330 commissioner.

23331 (14) "Foreign captive insurance company" means any insurance
23332 company formed to write insurance business for its parent and affiliated
23333 companies and licensed pursuant to the laws of a foreign jurisdiction
23334 that imposes statutory or regulatory standards on companies
23335 transacting the business of insurance in such jurisdiction that the
23336 commissioner deems to be acceptable.

23337 [(14)] (15) "Incorporated protected cell" means a protected cell that is
23338 established as a corporation or a limited liability company, separate
23339 from the sponsored captive insurance company with which it has
23340 entered into a participant contract.

23341 [(15)] (16) "Industrial insured" means an insured:

23342 (A) Who procures the insurance of any risk or risks by use of the
23343 services of a full-time employee acting as an insurance manager or
23344 buyer;

23345 (B) Whose aggregate annual premiums for insurance on all risks total
23346 at least twenty-five thousand dollars; and

23347 (C) Who has at least twenty-five full-time employees.

23348 [(16)] (17) "Industrial insured captive insurance company" means any
23349 company that insures risks of the industrial insureds that comprise an
23350 industrial insured group, and includes a company that also insures risks
23351 of such industrial insureds' affiliated companies.

23352 ~~[(17)]~~ (18) "Industrial insured group" means any group of industrial
23353 insureds that collectively:

23354 (A) Directly or indirectly own, control or hold with power to vote all
23355 of the outstanding voting securities or other voting interests of an
23356 industrial insured captive insurance company incorporated as a stock
23357 insurer;

23358 (B) Have complete voting control over an industrial insured captive
23359 insurance company incorporated as a mutual corporation or formed as
23360 a limited liability company; or

23361 (C) Constitute all of the subscribers of an industrial insured captive
23362 insurance company formed as a reciprocal insurer.

23363 ~~[(18)]~~ (19) "Insurance securitization" or "securitization" means a
23364 transaction or a group of related transactions, which may include capital
23365 market offerings, that are effected through related risk transfer
23366 instruments and facilitating administrative agreements, in which all or
23367 part of the result of such transaction is used to fund a special purpose
23368 financial captive insurance company's obligations under a reinsurance
23369 contract with a ceding insurer and by which:

23370 (A) A special purpose financial captive insurance company directly
23371 or indirectly obtains proceeds through the issuance of securities by such
23372 company or any other person; or

23373 (B) A person provides, for the benefit of a special purpose financial
23374 captive insurance company, one or more letters of credit or other assets
23375 that the commissioner has authorized such company to treat as
23376 admitted assets for purposes of its annual report. "Insurance
23377 securitization" or "securitization" does not include the issuance of a
23378 letter of credit for the benefit of the commissioner to satisfy all or part of
23379 a special purpose financial captive insurance company's capital and
23380 surplus requirements under section 38a-91dd.

23381 [(19)] (20) "Member organization" means any individual, corporation,
23382 limited liability company, partnership, association or other entity that
23383 belongs to an association.

23384 [(20)] (21) "Mutual corporation" means a corporation organized
23385 without stockholders and includes a nonprofit corporation with
23386 members.

23387 [(21)] (22) "Parent" means any individual, corporation, limited
23388 liability company, partnership or other entity that directly or indirectly
23389 owns, controls or holds with power to vote more than fifty per cent of
23390 the outstanding voting:

23391 (A) Securities of a pure captive insurance company organized as a
23392 stock insurer; or

23393 (B) Membership interests of a pure captive insurance company
23394 organized as a nonprofit corporation or as a limited liability company.

23395 [(22)] (23) "Participant" means any association, corporation, limited
23396 liability company, partnership, trust or other entity, and any affiliated
23397 company or controlled unaffiliated business thereof, that is insured by
23398 a sponsored captive insurance company pursuant to a participant
23399 contract.

23400 [(23)] (24) "Participant contract" means a contract entered into by a
23401 sponsored captive insurance company and a participant by which the
23402 sponsored captive insurance company insures the risks of the
23403 participant and limits the losses of each such participant to its pro rata
23404 share of the assets of one or more protected cells identified in such
23405 participant contract.

23406 [(24)] (25) "Protected cell" means a separate account established by a
23407 sponsored captive insurance company, in which assets are maintained
23408 for one or more participants in accordance with the terms of one or more
23409 participant contracts to fund the liability of the sponsored captive

23410 insurance company assumed on behalf of such participants as set forth
23411 in such participant contracts.

23412 [(25)] (26) "Pure captive insurance company" means any company
23413 that insures risks of its parent and affiliated companies or controlled
23414 unaffiliated business.

23415 [(26)] (27) "Reinsurance contract" means a contract entered into by a
23416 special purpose financial captive insurance company and a ceding
23417 insurer by which the special purpose financial captive insurance
23418 company agrees to provide reinsurance to the ceding insurer for risks
23419 associated with the ceding insurer's insurance or reinsurance business.

23420 [(27)] (28) "Risk retention group" means a captive insurance company
23421 organized under the laws of this state pursuant to the federal Liability
23422 Risk Retention Act of 1986, 15 USC 3901 et seq., as amended from time
23423 to time, as a stock insurer or mutual corporation, a reciprocal or other
23424 limited liability entity.

23425 [(28)] (29) "Security" has the same meaning as provided in section
23426 36b-3 and includes any form of debt obligation, equity, surplus
23427 certificate, surplus note, funding agreement, derivative or other
23428 financial instrument that the commissioner designates as a security for
23429 purposes of [sections 38a-91aa] this section and sections 38a-91bb to 38a-
23430 91tt, inclusive.

23431 [(29)] (30) "Special purpose financial captive insurance company"
23432 means a company that is licensed by the commissioner in accordance
23433 with section 38a-91bb.

23434 [(30)] (31) "Special purpose financial captive insurance company
23435 security" means a security issued by (A) a special purpose financial
23436 captive insurance company, or (B) a third party, the proceeds of which
23437 are obtained directly or indirectly by a special purpose financial captive
23438 insurance company.

23439 [(31)] (32) "Sponsor" means any association, corporation, limited
23440 liability company, partnership, trust or other entity that is approved by
23441 the commissioner to organize and operate a sponsored captive
23442 insurance company and to provide all or part of the required
23443 unimpaired paid-in capital and surplus.

23444 [(32)] (33) "Sponsored captive insurance company" means a captive
23445 insurance company:

23446 (A) In which the minimum required unimpaired paid-in capital and
23447 surplus are provided by one or more sponsors;

23448 (B) That insures risks of its participants only through separate
23449 participant contracts; and

23450 (C) That funds its liability to each participant through one or more
23451 protected cells and segregates the assets of each protected cell from the
23452 assets of other protected cells and from the assets of the sponsored
23453 captive insurance company's general account.

23454 [(33)] (34) "Surplus note" means an unsecured subordinated debt
23455 obligation possessing characteristics consistent with the National
23456 Association of Insurance Commissioners Statement of Statutory
23457 Accounting Principles No. 41, as amended from time to time, and as
23458 modified or supplemented by the commissioner.

23459 Sec. 502. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) The Commissioner of
23460 Revenue Services shall waive any and all penalties that would otherwise
23461 be due under section 38a-277 of the general statutes for any taxable
23462 period beginning on or after July 1, 2018, and ending before July 1, 2021,
23463 if, not later than June 30, 2022, the insured:

23464 (1) Establishes a branch captive insurance company in this state or
23465 transfers the domicile of its alien captive insurance company or foreign
23466 captive insurance company to this state in accordance with the
23467 provisions of section 38a-58a of the general statutes; and

23468 (2) Pays all taxes and interest due and outstanding under section 38a-
23469 277 of the general statutes for all taxable periods ending on or after July
23470 1, 2018, but before July 1, 2021.

23471 (b) Any insured that satisfies the provisions of subsection (a) of this
23472 section shall not be liable for any taxes, interest and penalties that would
23473 otherwise be due under section 38a-277 of the general statutes for any
23474 taxable period ending before July 1, 2018.

23475 Sec. 503. Section 38a-91bb of the general statutes is repealed and the
23476 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

23477 (a) Any captive insurance company, when permitted by its articles of
23478 association, charter or other organizational document, may apply to the
23479 [Insurance Commissioner] commissioner for a license to do the business
23480 of insurance against any kind of loss, damage or liability properly a
23481 subject of insurance, if such insurance is not prohibited by law or [is not]
23482 disapproved by the commissioner as being contrary to public policy,
23483 including life insurance, annuities, health insurance, as defined in
23484 section 38a-469, and commercial risk insurance, as defined in section
23485 38a-663, provided:

23486 (1) No pure captive insurance company may insure any risks other
23487 than those of its parent and affiliated companies or controlled
23488 unaffiliated business;

23489 (2) No association captive insurance company may insure any risks
23490 other than those of its association, the member organizations of its
23491 association, and the member organizations' affiliated companies;

23492 (3) No industrial insured captive insurance company may insure any
23493 risks other than those of (A) the industrial insureds that comprise the
23494 industrial insured group, (B) the industrial insureds' affiliated
23495 companies, or (C) the industrial insureds' controlled unaffiliated
23496 businesses;

23497 (4) No risk retention group may insure any risks other than those of
23498 its members and owners;

23499 (5) No captive insurance company may provide personal risk
23500 insurance, as defined in section 38a-663, for private passenger motor
23501 vehicle or homeowners insurance coverage or any component thereof;

23502 (6) No captive insurance company may accept or cede reinsurance
23503 except as provided in section 38a-91kk;

23504 (7) Any captive insurance company may provide excess workers'
23505 compensation insurance to its parent and affiliated companies, unless
23506 prohibited by the laws of the state having jurisdiction over the
23507 transaction or by federal law. Any captive insurance company may
23508 reinsure a workers' compensation qualified self-insured plan of its
23509 parent and affiliated companies, unless prohibited by federal law;

23510 (8) Any captive insurance company that provides life insurance,
23511 annuities or health insurance shall comply with all applicable state and
23512 federal laws.

23513 (b) No captive insurance company shall do any insurance business in
23514 this state unless:

23515 (1) [It] The captive insurance company first obtains from the
23516 [Insurance Commissioner] commissioner a license authorizing [it] the
23517 captive insurance company to do insurance business in this state;

23518 (2) [Its] The captive insurance company's board of directors or
23519 committee of managers or, in the case of a reciprocal insurer, its
23520 subscribers' advisory committee holds at least one meeting each year in
23521 this state;

23522 (3) [It] The captive insurance company maintains its principal place
23523 of business in this state; and

23524 (4) [It] The captive insurance company appoints a registered agent to

23525 accept service of process and to otherwise act on its behalf in this state.
23526 Whenever such registered agent cannot with reasonable diligence be
23527 found at the registered office of the captive insurance company, the
23528 [Insurance Commissioner] commissioner shall be an agent of [such] the
23529 captive insurance company upon whom any process, notice or demand
23530 may be served.

23531 (c) (1) To be considered for a license, a captive insurance company
23532 shall:

23533 (A) File with the commissioner a certified copy of its organizational
23534 documents, a statement under oath of its president and secretary
23535 showing its financial condition, and any other statements or documents
23536 required by the commissioner; and

23537 (B) Submit to the commissioner for approval a description of the
23538 coverages, deductibles, coverage limits and rates and such additional
23539 information as the commissioner may require. In the event of any
23540 subsequent material change in any item in such description, the captive
23541 insurance company shall submit to the commissioner for approval an
23542 appropriate revision and shall not offer any additional kinds of
23543 insurance until a revision of such description is approved by the
23544 commissioner. The captive insurance company shall inform the
23545 commissioner of any material change in rates not later than thirty days
23546 after the adoption of such change.

23547 (2) Each applicant captive insurance company shall also file with the
23548 commissioner evidence of the following:

23549 (A) The amount and liquidity of the company's assets relative to the
23550 risks to be assumed;

23551 (B) The adequacy of the expertise, experience and character of the
23552 persons who will manage the company;

23553 (C) The overall soundness of the company's plan of operation;

23554 (D) The adequacy of the loss prevention programs of the company's
23555 insureds; and

23556 (E) Such other factors deemed relevant by the commissioner in
23557 ascertaining whether the proposed captive insurance company will be
23558 able to meet its policy obligations.

23559 (3) Each applicant sponsored captive insurance company shall also
23560 file with the commissioner:

23561 (A) Materials demonstrating how the applicant will account for the
23562 loss and expense experience of each protected cell at a level of detail
23563 deemed sufficient by the commissioner, and how [it] such applicant will
23564 report such experience to the commissioner;

23565 (B) A statement acknowledging that all financial records of the
23566 sponsored captive insurance company, including records pertaining to
23567 any protected cells, shall be made available for examination or
23568 inspection or by the commissioner or the commissioner's designee;

23569 (C) All contracts or sample contracts between the sponsored captive
23570 insurance company and any participants; and

23571 (D) Evidence that expenses shall be allocated to each protected cell in
23572 a fair and equitable manner.

23573 (4) Each applicant special purpose financial captive insurance
23574 company shall also:

23575 (A) Include with its plan of operation:

23576 (i) A complete description of all significant transactions, including
23577 reinsurance, reinsurance security arrangements, securitizations, related
23578 transactions or arrangements, and to the extent not included in the
23579 transactions listed in this clause, a complete description of all parties
23580 other than the special purpose financial captive insurance company and
23581 the ceding insurer that will be involved in the issuance of special

23582 purpose financial captive insurance company securities and a
23583 description of any pledge, hypothecation or grant of a security interest
23584 in any of the special purpose financial captive insurance company's
23585 assets and in any stock or limited liability company interest in the
23586 special purpose financial captive insurance company;

23587 (ii) The source and form of the special purpose financial captive
23588 insurance company's capital and surplus;

23589 (iii) The proposed investment policy of the special purpose financial
23590 captive insurance company;

23591 (iv) A description of the underwriting, reporting and claims payment
23592 methods by which losses covered by the reinsurance contract will be
23593 reported, accounted for and settled;

23594 (v) Pro forma balance sheets and income statements illustrating one
23595 or more adverse case scenarios, as determined under criteria required
23596 by the commissioner, for the performance of the special purpose
23597 financial captive insurance company under all reinsurance contracts;
23598 and

23599 (vi) The proposed rate and method for discounting reserves, if the
23600 special purpose financial captive insurance company is requesting
23601 authority to discount its reserves;

23602 (B) Submit an affidavit of its president, a vice president, its treasurer
23603 or its chief financial officer that includes the following statements, that
23604 to the best of such person's knowledge and belief after reasonable
23605 inquiry:

23606 (i) The proposed organization and operation of the special purpose
23607 financial captive insurance company comply with all applicable
23608 provisions of this chapter;

23609 (ii) The special purpose financial captive insurance company's
23610 investment policy reflects and takes into account the liquidity of assets

23611 and the reasonable preservation, administration and management of
23612 such assets with respect to the risks associated with the reinsurance
23613 contract and the insurance securitization transaction. With respect to a
23614 special purpose financial captive insurance company, "management"
23615 means the board of directors, managing board or other individual or
23616 individuals vested with overall responsibility for the management of the
23617 affairs of such company, including, but not limited to, officers or other
23618 agents elected or appointed to act on behalf of such company; and

23619 (iii) The reinsurance contract and any arrangement for securing the
23620 special purpose financial captive insurance company's obligations
23621 under such reinsurance contract, including, but not limited to, any
23622 agreements or other documentation to implement such arrangement,
23623 comply with the provisions of this chapter; and

23624 (C) Include with its application:

23625 (i) Copies of all agreements and documentation described in
23626 subparagraph (A) of this subdivision unless otherwise approved by the
23627 commissioner, and any other statements or documents required by the
23628 commissioner to evaluate the special purpose financial captive
23629 insurance company's application for licensure; and

23630 (ii) An opinion of qualified legal counsel, in a form acceptable to the
23631 commissioner, that the offer and sale of any special purpose financial
23632 captive insurance company securities complies with all applicable
23633 registration requirements or applicable exemptions from or exceptions
23634 to such requirements of the federal securities laws and that the offer and
23635 sale of securities by the special purpose financial captive insurance
23636 company itself comply with all registration requirements or applicable
23637 exemptions from or exceptions to such requirements of the securities
23638 laws of this state. Such opinion shall not be required as part of the
23639 application if the special purpose financial captive insurance company
23640 includes a specific statement in its plan of operation that such opinions
23641 will be provided to the commissioner in advance of the offer or sale of

23642 any special purpose financial captive insurance company securities.

23643 (5) A sponsored captive insurance company may apply to be licensed
23644 as a special purpose financial captive insurance company. Such
23645 company shall be subject to the provisions of sections 38a-91aa to 38a-
23646 91tt, inclusive, applicable to a sponsored captive insurance company
23647 and to a special purpose financial captive insurance company. In the
23648 event of conflict between such provisions applicable to a sponsored
23649 captive insurance company and to a special purpose financial captive
23650 insurance company, the provisions applicable to a special purpose
23651 financial captive insurance company shall control.

23652 (6) Information submitted pursuant to this subsection shall be and
23653 shall remain confidential and shall not be made public by the
23654 commissioner or an employee or agent of the commissioner without the
23655 written consent of the company, except that:

23656 (A) Such information may be discoverable by a party in a civil action
23657 or contested case to which the captive insurance company that
23658 submitted such information is a party upon a showing by the party
23659 seeking to discover such information that:

23660 (i) The information sought is relevant to and necessary for the
23661 furtherance of such action or case;

23662 (ii) The information sought is unavailable from other nonconfidential
23663 sources; and

23664 (iii) A subpoena issued by a judicial or administrative officer of
23665 competent jurisdiction has been submitted to the commissioner,
23666 provided such submission requirement shall not apply to a risk
23667 retention group; and

23668 (B) The commissioner may, in the commissioner's discretion, disclose
23669 such information to a public official having jurisdiction over the
23670 regulation of insurance in another state, provided:

23671 (i) Such public official agrees, in writing, to maintain the
23672 confidentiality of such information; and

23673 (ii) The laws of the state in which such public official serves require
23674 such information to be and [to] remain confidential.

23675 (d) (1) Each captive insurance company shall pay to the commissioner
23676 a nonrefundable fee of eight hundred dollars for examining,
23677 investigating and processing its application for a license. The
23678 commissioner may retain legal, financial and examination services from
23679 outside the department for the licensing and financial oversight of a
23680 captive insurance company, the reasonable cost of which may be
23681 charged against such company. The provisions of subdivisions (2) to (5),
23682 inclusive, of subsection (k) of section 38a-14 shall apply to this
23683 subdivision.

23684 (2) Each captive insurance company shall pay a license fee for the first
23685 year of licensure and a renewal fee for each year thereafter as set forth
23686 in section 38a-11.

23687 (e) (1) If the commissioner finds that the documents and statements
23688 that a captive insurance company, other than a special purpose financial
23689 captive insurance company, has filed comply with the provisions of
23690 sections 38a-91aa to 38a-91tt, inclusive, the commissioner may grant a
23691 license authorizing the company to do insurance business in this state
23692 until April first thereafter. The captive insurance company may apply
23693 to renew such license on such forms as the commissioner prescribes.

23694 (2) (A) The commissioner may grant a license authorizing a special
23695 purpose financial captive insurance company to do reinsurance
23696 business in this state until April first thereafter upon the commissioner's
23697 finding that (i) the proposed plan of operation provides for a reasonable
23698 and expected successful operation, (ii) the terms of the reinsurance
23699 contract and related transactions comply with sections 38a-91aa to 38a-
23700 91tt, inclusive, (iii) the proposed plan of operation is not hazardous to
23701 any ceding insurer, and (iv) the insurance regulator of the state of

23702 domicile of each ceding insurer has notified the commissioner in writing
23703 or has otherwise provided assurance satisfactory to the commissioner
23704 that such regulator has approved or has not disapproved the
23705 transaction, provided the commissioner shall not be precluded from
23706 issuing a license to a special purpose financial captive insurance
23707 company if such regulator has not responded with respect to all or any
23708 part of the transaction.

23709 (B) In conjunction with granting such license, the commissioner may
23710 issue an order to the special purpose financial captive insurance
23711 company of any additional provisions, terms or conditions regarding
23712 the organization, licensing or operation of such company that are not
23713 inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter and are deemed
23714 appropriate by the commissioner.

23715 (3) The commissioner shall not grant a license to a branch captive
23716 insurance company unless the alien captive insurance company or
23717 foreign captive insurance company grants the commissioner authority
23718 to examine the alien captive insurance company or foreign captive
23719 insurance company in the jurisdiction in which the alien captive
23720 insurance company or foreign captive insurance company is formed,
23721 operates or maintains books and records.

23722 Sec. 504. Section 38a-91dd of the general statutes is repealed and the
23723 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

23724 (a) (1) [The Insurance Commissioner] Except as provided in
23725 subdivision (3) of this subsection, the commissioner shall not issue a
23726 license to a captive insurance company or allow the company to retain
23727 such license unless the company has and maintains unimpaired paid-in
23728 capital and surplus of:

23729 (A) In the case of a pure captive insurance company, not less than
23730 [two hundred fifty] the greater of:

23731 (i) Fifty thousand dollars; or

23732 (ii) An amount that the commissioner determines is necessary for the
23733 pure captive insurance company to meet such pure captive insurance
23734 company's policy obligations;

23735 (B) In the case of an association captive insurance company, not less
23736 than [five hundred] the greater of:

23737 (i) Two hundred fifty thousand dollars; or

23738 (ii) An amount that the commissioner determines is necessary for the
23739 association captive insurance company to meet such association captive
23740 insurance company's policy obligations;

23741 (C) In the case of an industrial insured captive insurance company,
23742 not less than [five hundred] the greater of:

23743 (i) Two hundred fifty thousand dollars; or

23744 (ii) An amount that the commissioner determines is necessary for the
23745 industrial insured captive insurance company to meet such industrial
23746 insured captive insurance company's policy obligations;

23747 (D) In the case of a risk retention group, not less than one million
23748 dollars;

23749 (E) In the case of a sponsored captive insurance company, not less
23750 than [two hundred twenty-five] the greater of:

23751 (i) Seventy-five thousand dollars; or

23752 (ii) An amount that the commissioner determines is necessary for the
23753 sponsored captive insurance company to meet such sponsored captive
23754 insurance company's policy obligations;

23755 (F) In the case of a special purpose financial captive insurance
23756 company, not less than [two] the greater of:

23757 (i) Two hundred fifty thousand dollars; or

23758 (ii) An amount that the commissioner determines is necessary for the
23759 special purpose financial captive insurance company to meet such
23760 special purpose financial captive insurance company's policy
23761 obligations;

23762 (G) In the case of a sponsored captive insurance company licensed as
23763 a special purpose financial captive insurance company, not less than
23764 [five hundred] the greater of:

23765 (i) Two hundred fifty thousand dollars; or

23766 (ii) An amount that the commissioner determines is necessary for
23767 such captive insurance company to meet such captive insurance
23768 company's policy obligations; and

23769 (H) In the case of an agency captive insurance company, not less than
23770 [five hundred] the greater of:

23771 (i) Two hundred fifty thousand dollars; or

23772 (ii) An amount that the commissioner determines is necessary for the
23773 agency captive insurance company to meet such agency captive
23774 insurance company's policy obligations.

23775 (2) (A) The [Insurance Commissioner] commissioner shall not issue a
23776 license to a branch captive insurance company or allow the branch
23777 captive insurance company to retain such license unless the branch
23778 captive insurance company has and maintains, as security for the
23779 payment of liabilities attributable to the branch operations:

23780 (i) Not less than [two hundred fifty] the greater of:

23781 (I) Fifty thousand dollars; or

23782 (II) An amount that the commissioner determines is necessary to
23783 secure the payment of liabilities attributable to the branch captive
23784 insurance company's operations; and

23785 (ii) Reserves on such insurance policies or such reinsurance contracts
23786 as may be issued or assumed by the branch captive insurance company
23787 through its branch operations, including reserves for losses, allocated
23788 loss adjustment expenses, incurred but not reported losses and
23789 unearned premiums with regard to business written through the branch
23790 operations. The commissioner may permit a branch captive insurance
23791 company to credit against any such reserves any [security for loss
23792 reserves that the branch captive insurance company posts with a ceding
23793 insurer or is posted by a reinsurer with the branch captive insurance
23794 company, so long as such security remains posted.] assets belonging to:

23795 (I) The branch captive insurance company that are held in trust for,
23796 or otherwise segregated or controlled by, a ceding insurer that secure
23797 the branch captive insurance company's reinsurance obligations to the
23798 ceding insurer; or

23799 (II) A reinsurer that are held in trust for, or otherwise under the
23800 control of, the branch captive insurance company and secure the
23801 reinsurer's reinsurance obligations to the branch captive insurance
23802 company.

23803 (B) The amounts required under subparagraph (A) of this
23804 subdivision may be held, with the prior approval of the commissioner,
23805 in the form of:

23806 (i) [a] A trust formed under a trust agreement and funded by assets
23807 acceptable to the commissioner; [,]

23808 (ii) [an] An irrevocable letter of credit issued or confirmed by a bank
23809 approved by the commissioner; [,]

23810 (iii) [with] With respect to the amount required under subparagraph
23811 (A)(i) of this subdivision only, cash on deposit with the commissioner;
23812 [,] or

23813 (iv) [any] Any combination [thereof.] of the forms described in

23814 subparagraphs (B)(i) to (B)(iii), inclusive, of this subdivision.

23815 (3) The commissioner may exempt a branch captive insurance
23816 company from the provisions of subdivisions (1) and (2) of this
23817 subsection if the branch captive insurance company is a foreign captive
23818 insurance company and the commissioner, in the commissioner's
23819 discretion, determines that the branch captive insurance company is
23820 financially stable.

23821 [(b) The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with
23822 chapter 54, to establish additional capital and surplus requirements
23823 based upon the type, volume and nature of insurance business
23824 transacted.]

23825 [(c)] (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the
23826 commissioner shall have the discretion to allow a captive insurance
23827 company, other than a captive insurance company organized as a risk
23828 retention group, to maintain less than the required unimpaired paid-in
23829 capital and surplus set forth in subsection (a) of this section. The
23830 commissioner shall consider the type, volume and nature of the
23831 insurance or reinsurance business transacted by such a captive
23832 insurance company in establishing the amount of unimpaired paid-in
23833 capital and surplus the company is required to maintain.

23834 [(d)] (c) Except as specified in subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this
23835 section, capital and surplus may be in the form of cash or an irrevocable
23836 letter of credit issued by a bank approved by the commissioner.

23837 (d) The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with
23838 chapter 54, to establish additional capital and surplus requirements
23839 based upon the type, volume and nature of insurance business
23840 transacted.

23841 Sec. 505. Subsection (h) of section 38a-91ff of the general statutes is
23842 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
23843 *2021*):

23844 (h) In the case of a captive insurance company licensed as a branch
23845 captive insurance company, the alien captive insurance company or
23846 foreign captive insurance company shall petition the commissioner to
23847 issue a certificate setting forth the commissioner's finding that, after
23848 considering the character, reputation, financial responsibility, insurance
23849 experience, and business qualifications of the officers and directors of
23850 the alien captive insurance company or foreign captive insurance
23851 company, the licensing and maintenance of the branch operations will
23852 promote the general good of the state. The alien captive insurance
23853 company or foreign captive insurance company may register to do
23854 business in this state after the commissioner's certificate is issued.

23855 Sec. 506. Subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 38a-91gg of the
23856 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
23857 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

23858 (b) (1) (A) [Prior] Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this
23859 subdivision, prior to March first of each year and, in the case of pure
23860 captive insurance companies and industrial insured captive insurance
23861 companies, prior to March fifteenth of each year, each captive insurance
23862 company [other than a branch captive insurance company shall submit
23863 to the Insurance Commissioner] shall file with the commissioner a
23864 report of [its] the captive insurance company's financial condition
23865 verified by oath of two [of its] executive officers of the captive insurance
23866 company. The commissioner shall establish the form and content of the
23867 annual report to be filed by special purpose captive insurance
23868 companies.

23869 (B) [In the case of branch captive insurance companies, prior to March
23870 first of each year, each such] Each branch captive insurance company
23871 shall [submit to] file with the commissioner a copy of all reports and
23872 statements required to be filed under the laws of the jurisdiction in
23873 which the alien captive insurance company or foreign captive insurance
23874 company is formed. Such reports and statements shall be verified by
23875 oath of two [of its] executive officers of the branch captive insurance

23876 company and filed with the commissioner on the same day that such
23877 reports and statements must be filed in the domiciliary jurisdiction of
23878 the alien captive insurance company or foreign captive insurance
23879 company. If the commissioner is satisfied that the annual report filed by
23880 the alien captive insurance company [in its] or foreign captive insurance
23881 company in the domiciliary jurisdiction of the alien captive insurance
23882 company or foreign captive insurance company provides adequate
23883 information concerning the financial condition of the alien captive
23884 insurance company or foreign captive insurance company, the
23885 commissioner may waive the requirement for completion of the [captive
23886 annual statement for business written in the alien jurisdiction] annual
23887 report required under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision. If the
23888 commissioner is not satisfied with such reports and statements, or if the
23889 branch captive insurance company is not required to file such reports
23890 and statements in the domiciliary jurisdiction of the alien captive
23891 insurance company or foreign captive insurance company, the branch
23892 captive insurance company shall file a report, at a time and in a form
23893 and manner prescribed by the commissioner, that provides the
23894 commissioner with adequate information concerning the financial
23895 condition of the alien captive insurance company or foreign captive
23896 insurance company.

23897 Sec. 507. Subsection (a) of section 38a-91hh of the general statutes is
23898 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
23899 *2021*):

23900 (a) (1) [At least once every three years, and additionally whenever the
23901 Insurance Commissioner] Except as provided in subdivision (3) of this
23902 subsection, the commissioner or the commissioner's designee shall,
23903 whenever the commissioner determines it to be prudent, [the
23904 commissioner or the commissioner's designee shall visit each captive
23905 insurance company and thoroughly] but not less frequently than once
23906 every five years, inspect and examine [its] each captive insurance
23907 company's affairs to ascertain [its] the captive insurance company's
23908 financial condition, [its] the captive insurance company's ability to fulfill

23909 its obligations and whether [it] the captive insurance company has
23910 complied with the provisions of sections 38a-91aa to 38a-91tt, inclusive,
23911 and any other applicable provisions of this title. [The commissioner may
23912 extend the three-year period to five years, provided a captive insurance
23913 company is subject to a comprehensive annual audit during such period
23914 by independent auditors approved by the commissioner and of a scope
23915 satisfactory to the commissioner.]

23916 (2) The examination of a branch captive insurance company pursuant
23917 to this section shall be of branch business and branch operations only,
23918 as long as the branch captive insurance company provides annually to
23919 the commissioner a certificate of compliance or its equivalent, issued by
23920 or filed with the licensing authority of the jurisdiction in which the
23921 branch captive insurance company is formed, and demonstrates to the
23922 commissioner's satisfaction that [it] such branch captive insurance
23923 company is operating in sound financial condition in accordance with
23924 all applicable laws and regulations of such jurisdiction.

23925 (3) The commissioner may waive the requirement that the
23926 commissioner or the commissioner's designee inspect and examine a
23927 captive insurance company's affairs pursuant to this subsection if the
23928 captive insurance company is a pure captive insurance company or a
23929 branch captive insurance company of the pure captive insurance
23930 company.

23931 Sec. 508. Subsection (a) of section 38a-91ii of the general statutes is
23932 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
23933 *2021*):

23934 (a) (1) The commissioner may, at any time, for cause, suspend, revoke
23935 or refuse to renew any license of a captive insurance company, or in lieu
23936 of or in addition to suspension or revocation of such license, the
23937 commissioner, after reasonable notice to and hearing of any holder of
23938 such license, may impose a fine not to exceed ten thousand dollars. Such
23939 hearings may be held by the commissioner or any person designated by

23940 the commissioner. For purposes of this subsection, cause for such
23941 administrative action shall include, but not be limited to, the following
23942 reasons: (A) Insolvency or impairment of capital or surplus; (B) failure
23943 to meet the requirements of section 38a-91dd; (C) refusal or failure to
23944 [submit] file an annual report, as required by section 38a-91gg, or any
23945 other report or statement required by law or by lawful order of the
23946 commissioner; (D) failure to comply with the provisions of its own
23947 charter, bylaws or other organizational document; (E) failure to submit
23948 to or pay the cost of examination or any legal obligation relative thereto;
23949 (F) use of methods that, although not otherwise specifically prohibited
23950 by law, nevertheless render its operation detrimental or its condition
23951 unsound with respect to the public or to its policyholders; or (G) failure
23952 otherwise to comply with the laws of this state.

23953 (2) Any captive insurance company aggrieved by the action of the
23954 commissioner in suspending, revoking or refusing to renew a license or
23955 in imposing a fine may appeal therefrom, in accordance with the
23956 provisions of section 4-183, except venue for such appeal shall be in the
23957 judicial district of New Britain. Appeals under this section shall be
23958 privileged in respect to the order of trial assignment.

23959 Sec. 509. Subsection (a) of section 38a-91kk of the general statutes is
23960 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
23961 *2021*):

23962 (a) Any captive insurance company may assume reinsurance from
23963 any other insurer. [only on risks that such company is authorized to
23964 write directly.]

23965 Sec. 510. Section 38a-91qq of the general statutes is repealed and the
23966 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

23967 The Insurance Commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance
23968 with chapter 54, as are necessary to carry out the provisions of sections
23969 38a-91aa to [38a-91tt] 38a-91uu, inclusive, sections 38a-91ww and 38a-
23970 91xx and section 502 of this act and to establish standards to ensure that

23971 a parent or affiliated company is able to exercise control of the risk
23972 management function of any controlled unaffiliated business to be
23973 insured by a pure captive insurance company, industrial insured
23974 captive insurance company or sponsored captive insurance company,
23975 except that until such regulations are approved, the commissioner may
23976 approve the coverage of such risks by a pure captive insurance
23977 company, industrial insured captive insurance company or sponsored
23978 captive insurance company.

23979 Sec. 511. Subparagraph (A) of subdivision (2) of subsection (g) of
23980 section 38a-91ss of the general statutes is repealed and the following is
23981 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

23982 (A) Proceeds from a special purpose financial captive insurance
23983 company securitization or letters of credit or other assets described in
23984 subdivision [(18)] (19) of section 38a-91aa;

23985 Sec. 512. Subsections (b) and (c) of section 38a-91uu of the general
23986 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
23987 (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

23988 (b) A dormant captive insurance company that is domiciled in this
23989 state may apply to the Insurance Commissioner for a certificate of
23990 dormancy. The certificate of dormancy shall be subject to renewal once
23991 every [two] five years, and shall be forfeited if the dormant captive
23992 insurance company commences transacting insurance business or fails
23993 to timely renew such certificate.

23994 (c) A dormant captive insurance company that has been issued a
23995 certificate of dormancy shall:

23996 (1) Possess and maintain unimpaired, paid-in capital and surplus of
23997 not less than [twenty-five] fifteen thousand dollars, provided such
23998 dormant captive insurance company shall not be required to add capital
23999 upon entering dormancy if such dormant captive insurance company
24000 was never capitalized;

24001 (2) Not later than March [15, 2018] fifteenth, annually, submit to the
24002 commissioner a report on the financial condition of such company,
24003 verified by oath of two executive officers of such company, in such form
24004 as the commissioner prescribes; and

24005 (3) Pay the license renewal fee specified in section 38a-11 for a captive
24006 insurance company.

24007 Sec. 513. (NEW) (*Effective from passage and applicable to sales occurring*
24008 *on or after July 1, 2023*) (a) For purposes of subparagraph (A) of
24009 subdivision (3) of section 12-412 of the general statutes, subdivision (18)
24010 of section 12-412 of the general statutes and section 12-412i of the general
24011 statutes, on and after July 1, 2023, a sale to a purchaser that
24012 manufactures or will manufacture beer under a manufacturer permit for
24013 beer issued pursuant to section 30-16 of the general statutes, which sale
24014 would otherwise qualify for the sales and use tax exemption pursuant
24015 to subparagraph (A) of subdivision (3) of section 12-412 of the general
24016 statutes, subdivision (18) of section 12-412 of the general statutes or
24017 section 12-412i of the general statutes, except for the fact that such beer
24018 is manufactured or will be manufactured at a facility that also makes
24019 substantial retail sales, shall qualify for such exemption in the same
24020 manner as if such sale was to an industrial plant.

24021 (b) For purposes of subdivision (34) of section 12-412 of the general
24022 statutes, on and after July 1, 2023, a sale of machinery to a purchaser,
24023 which sale would otherwise qualify for the sales and use tax exemption
24024 pursuant to said subdivision except for the fact that such machinery will
24025 be used to manufacture beer at a facility that also makes substantial
24026 retail sales, shall qualify for such exemption in the same manner as if
24027 such sale was to an industrial plant.

24028 Sec. 514. Subdivision (8) of section 8-265tt of the general statutes is
24029 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
24030 *2021*):

24031 (8) "Eligible financial institution" means a bank or credit union; [that

24032 has a physical presence in this state;]

24033 Sec. 515. Subdivision (3) of section 8-265vv of the general statutes is
24034 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
24035 *2021*):

24036 (3) The eligible financial institution may recover up to eight hundred
24037 dollars from the eligible borrower, or up to one-half of one per cent of
24038 the amount of the loan in the case of a loan to an eligible borrower that
24039 is an association, for expenses paid by the eligible financial institution
24040 to third parties for services related to processing the application and
24041 closing the loan, including obtaining a credit report, flood certification,
24042 title search, appraisal or other valuation, and any recording fees. Such
24043 expenses may be financed as part of the loan subject to the seventy-five-
24044 thousand-dollar limit described in subparagraph (C) of subdivision (2)
24045 of this subsection or paid separately by the eligible borrower.

24046 Sec. 516. Section 12-263i of the general statutes is repealed and the
24047 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

24048 (a) As used in this section:

24049 (1) "Ambulatory surgical center" means an entity included within the
24050 definition of said term that is set forth in 42 CFR 416.2 and that is
24051 licensed by the Department of Public Health as an outpatient surgical
24052 facility, and any other ambulatory surgical center that is Medicare
24053 certified;

24054 (2) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Revenue Services;
24055 [and]

24056 (3) "Department" means the Department of Revenue Services;

24057 (4) "Medicaid" means the program operated by the Department of
24058 Social Services pursuant to section 17b-260 and authorized by Title XIX
24059 of the Social Security Act, as amended from time to time; and

24060 (5) "Medicare" means the programs operated by the Centers for
24061 Medicare and Medicaid Services in accordance with Title XVIII of the
24062 Social Security Act, as amended from time to time, including, but not
24063 limited to, those programs established pursuant to Parts A, B and C of
24064 Title XVIII of said act, as amended from time to time.

24065 (b) (1) For each calendar quarter commencing on or after October 1,
24066 2015, but prior to July 1, 2023, there is hereby imposed a tax on each
24067 ambulatory surgical center in this state to be paid each calendar quarter.
24068 The tax imposed by this section shall be at the rate of six per cent of the
24069 gross receipts of each ambulatory surgical center, except that:

24070 (A) Prior to July 1, 2019, such tax shall not be imposed on any amount
24071 of such gross receipts that constitutes either (i) the first million dollars
24072 of gross receipts of the ambulatory surgical center in the applicable fiscal
24073 year, or (ii) net revenue of a hospital that is subject to the tax imposed
24074 under section 12-263q; and

24075 (B) On and after July 1, 2019, but prior to July 1, 2023, such tax shall
24076 not be imposed on any amount of such gross receipts that constitutes
24077 any of the following: (i) The first million dollars of gross receipts of the
24078 ambulatory surgical center in the applicable fiscal year, excluding
24079 Medicaid and Medicare payments, (ii) net revenue of a hospital that is
24080 subject to the tax imposed under section 12-263q, (iii) Medicaid
24081 payments received by the ambulatory surgical center, and (iv) Medicare
24082 payments received by the ambulatory surgical center.

24083 (2) Nothing in this section shall prohibit an ambulatory surgical
24084 center from seeking remuneration for the tax imposed by this section.

24085 (3) Each ambulatory surgical center shall, on or before January 31,
24086 2016, and thereafter on or before the last day of January, April, July and
24087 October of each year until and including July 31, 2023, render to the
24088 commissioner a return, on forms prescribed or furnished by the
24089 commissioner, reporting the name and location of such ambulatory
24090 surgical center, the entire amount of gross receipts generated by such

24091 ambulatory surgical center during the calendar quarter ending on the
24092 last day of the preceding month and such other information as the
24093 commissioner deems necessary for the proper administration of this
24094 section. The tax imposed under this section shall be due and payable on
24095 the due date of such return. Each ambulatory surgical center shall be
24096 required to file such return electronically with the department and to
24097 make payment of such tax by electronic funds transfer in the manner
24098 provided by chapter 228g, regardless of whether such ambulatory
24099 surgical center would have otherwise been required to file such return
24100 electronically or to make such tax payment by electronic funds transfer
24101 under the provisions of chapter 228g.

24102 (c) Whenever the tax imposed under this section is not paid when
24103 due, a penalty of ten per cent of the amount due and unpaid or fifty
24104 dollars, whichever is greater, shall be imposed and interest at the rate of
24105 one per cent per month or fraction thereof shall accrue on such tax from
24106 the due date of such tax until the date of payment.

24107 (d) The provisions of sections 12-548, 12-550 to 12-554, inclusive, and
24108 12-555a shall apply to the provisions of this section in the same manner
24109 and with the same force and effect as if the language of said sections had
24110 been incorporated in full into this section and had expressly referred to
24111 the tax imposed under this section, except to the extent that any
24112 provision is inconsistent with a provision in this section.

24113 (e) For the fiscal [year] years ending June 30, 2016, [and each fiscal
24114 year thereafter] to June 30, 2023, inclusive, the Comptroller is authorized
24115 to record as revenue for each fiscal year the amount of tax imposed
24116 under the provisions of this section prior to the end of each fiscal year
24117 and which tax is received by the Commissioner of Revenue Services not
24118 later than five business days after the last day of July immediately
24119 following the end of each fiscal year.

24120 Sec. 517. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023, and applicable to calendar quarters*
24121 *commencing on or after July 1, 2023*) (a) As used in this section and sections

24122 518 to 522, inclusive, of this act, unless the context otherwise requires:

24123 (1) "Ambulatory surgical center" means any distinct entity that (A)
24124 operates exclusively for the purpose of providing surgical services to
24125 patients not requiring hospitalization and in which the expected
24126 duration of services would not exceed twenty-four hours following an
24127 admission, (B) has an agreement with the Centers for Medicare and
24128 Medicaid Services to participate in Medicare as an ambulatory surgical
24129 center, and (C) meets the general and specific conditions for
24130 participation in Medicare set forth in 42 CFR Part 416, Subparts B and
24131 C, as amended from time to time;

24132 (2) "Ambulatory surgical center services" means only those
24133 procedures or services included in a facility fee payment to an
24134 ambulatory surgical center facility associated with each surgical
24135 procedure and that are not reimbursable ancillary or professional
24136 procedures or services. "Ambulatory surgical services" includes facility
24137 services only and does not include surgical procedures, physicians'
24138 services, anesthetists' services, radiology services, diagnostic services or
24139 ambulance services, if such procedures or services would be reimbursed
24140 as a separate line item from facility services under 42 CFR 416.164(a), as
24141 amended from time to time;

24142 (3) "Gross receipts" means the amount received, whether in cash or in
24143 kind, from patients, third-party payers and others for taxable
24144 ambulatory surgical center services provided by the ambulatory
24145 surgical center in the state, including retroactive adjustments under
24146 reimbursement agreements with third-party payers, without any
24147 deduction for any expense of any kind;

24148 (4) "Net revenue" means gross receipts less payer discounts, charity
24149 care and bad debts, to the extent the ambulatory surgical center
24150 previously paid tax under this section on the amount of such bad debts;

24151 (5) "Payer discounts" means the difference between an ambulatory
24152 surgical center's published charges and the payments received by the

24153 ambulatory surgical center from one or more health care payers for a
24154 rate or method of payment that is different than or discounted from such
24155 published charges. "Payer discounts" does not include charity care or
24156 bad debts;

24157 (6) "Charity care" means free or discounted health care services
24158 rendered by an ambulatory surgical center to an individual who cannot
24159 afford to pay for such services, including, but not limited to, health care
24160 services provided to an uninsured patient who is not expected to pay all
24161 or part of an ambulatory surgical center's bill based on income
24162 guidelines and other financial criteria set forth in the general statutes or
24163 in an ambulatory surgical center's charity care policies on file at the
24164 office of such center. "Charity care" does not include bad debts or payer
24165 discounts;

24166 (7) "Received" means received or accrued, construed according to the
24167 method of accounting customarily employed by the ambulatory
24168 surgical center;

24169 (8) "Medicaid" means the program operated by the Department of
24170 Social Services pursuant to section 17b-260 of the general statutes and
24171 authorized by Title XIX of the Social Security Act, as amended from time
24172 to time;

24173 (9) "Medicare" means the programs operated by the Centers for
24174 Medicare and Medicaid Services in accordance with Title XVIII of the
24175 Social Security Act, as amended from time to time, including, but not
24176 limited to, those programs established pursuant to Parts A, B and C of
24177 Title XVIII of said act, as amended from time to time;

24178 (10) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Revenue Services;
24179 and

24180 (11) "Department" means the Department of Revenue Services.

24181 (b) For each calendar quarter commencing on or after July 1, 2023,

24182 there is hereby imposed a tax on each ambulatory surgical center in this
24183 state to be paid each calendar quarter.

24184 (1) The tax imposed by this section for each calendar quarter shall be
24185 at the rate of three per cent of each ambulatory surgical center's net
24186 revenue received during the calendar quarter, except that such tax shall
24187 not be imposed on any amount of such net revenue that constitutes any
24188 of the following: (A) Net revenue of a hospital that is subject to the tax
24189 imposed under section 12-263q of the general statutes; (B) Medicaid
24190 payments received by the ambulatory surgical center for the provision
24191 of ambulatory surgical center services; and (C) Medicare payments
24192 received by the ambulatory surgical center for the provision of
24193 ambulatory surgical center services.

24194 (2) Each ambulatory surgical center doing business in the state shall,
24195 on or before the last day of January, April, July and October of each year,
24196 render to the commissioner a return, on forms prescribed or furnished
24197 by the commissioner, reporting the name and location of such
24198 ambulatory surgical center, the entire amount of net revenue received
24199 by such ambulatory surgical center during the calendar quarter ending
24200 on the last day of the preceding month and such other information as
24201 the commissioner deems necessary for the proper administration of this
24202 section. Except as provided in subdivision (3) of this subsection, the tax
24203 imposed under this section shall be due and payable on the due date of
24204 such return. Each ambulatory surgical center shall be required to file
24205 such return electronically with the department and to make payment of
24206 such tax by electronic funds transfer in the manner provided by chapter
24207 228g of the general statutes, regardless of whether such ambulatory
24208 surgical center would have otherwise been required to file such return
24209 electronically or to make such tax payment by electronic funds transfer
24210 under the provisions of chapter 228g of the general statutes.

24211 (3) (A) Any ambulatory surgical center may file, on or before the due
24212 date of a payment of tax imposed under this section, a request for a
24213 reasonable extension of time for such payment for reasons of undue

24214 hardship. Undue hardship shall be demonstrated by a showing that the
24215 ambulatory surgical center is at substantial risk of defaulting on a bond
24216 or loan covenant or similar obligation if such ambulatory surgical center
24217 were to make payment on the due date of the amount for which the
24218 extension is requested. Such request shall be filed on forms prescribed
24219 by the commissioner and shall include complete information of such
24220 ambulatory surgical center's inability, due to undue hardship, to make
24221 payment of the tax on or before the due date of such payment. The
24222 commissioner shall not grant any extension for a general statement of
24223 hardship by an ambulatory surgical center or for the convenience of an
24224 ambulatory surgical center.

24225 (B) The commissioner may grant an extension if the commissioner
24226 determines an undue hardship exists. Such extension shall not exceed
24227 three months from the original due date of the payment, except that the
24228 commissioner may grant an additional extension not exceeding three
24229 months from the initial extended due date of the payment (i) upon the
24230 filing of a subsequent request by the ambulatory surgical center on or
24231 before the extended due date of the payment, on forms prescribed by
24232 the commissioner, and (ii) upon a showing of extraordinary
24233 circumstances, as determined by the commissioner.

24234 (4) If the commissioner grants an extension pursuant to subdivision
24235 (3) of this subsection, no penalty shall be imposed and no interest shall
24236 accrue during the period of time for which an extension is granted if the
24237 ambulatory surgical center pays the tax due on or before the extended
24238 due date of the payment. If the ambulatory surgical center does not pay
24239 such tax by the extended due date, a penalty shall be imposed in
24240 accordance with subsection (c) of this section and interest shall begin to
24241 accrue at a rate of one per cent per month for each month or fraction
24242 thereof from the extended due date of such tax until the date of
24243 payment.

24244 (5) Nothing in this section shall prohibit an ambulatory surgical
24245 center from seeking remuneration for the tax imposed by this section.

24246 (c) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of this
24247 section, if any ambulatory surgical center fails to pay the amount of tax
24248 reported to be due on such ambulatory surgical center's return within
24249 the time specified under the provisions of this section, there shall be
24250 imposed a penalty equal to ten per cent of such amount due and unpaid
24251 or fifty dollars, whichever is greater. The tax shall bear interest at the
24252 rate of one per cent per month or fraction thereof from the due date of
24253 such tax until the date of payment.

24254 (2) If any ambulatory surgical center has not filed its return within
24255 one month of the due date of such return, the commissioner may file
24256 such return at any time thereafter, according to the best information
24257 obtainable and according to the forms prescribed. There shall be added
24258 to the tax imposed upon the basis of such return an amount equal to ten
24259 per cent of such tax or fifty dollars, whichever is greater. The tax shall
24260 bear interest at the rate of one per cent per month or fraction thereof
24261 from the due date of such tax until the date of payment.

24262 (3) Subject to the provisions of section 12-3a of the general statutes,
24263 the commissioner may waive all or part of the penalties provided under
24264 this subsection when it is proven to the commissioner's satisfaction that
24265 the failure to pay any tax on time was due to reasonable cause and was
24266 not intentional or due to neglect.

24267 (4) The commissioner shall notify the Commissioner of Social
24268 Services of any amount delinquent under this section and, upon receipt
24269 of such notice, the Commissioner of Social Services shall deduct and
24270 withhold such amount from amounts otherwise payable by the
24271 Department of Social Services to the delinquent ambulatory surgical
24272 center.

24273 (d) (1) Any person required under this section to pay any tax, file a
24274 return, keep any records or supply any information and who wilfully
24275 fails, at the time required by law, to pay such tax, file such return, keep
24276 such records or supply such information shall, in addition to any other

24277 penalty provided by law, be fined not more than one thousand dollars
24278 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both. As used in this
24279 subsection, "person" includes any officer or employee of an ambulatory
24280 surgical center under a duty to pay such tax, file such return, keep such
24281 records or supply such information. Notwithstanding the provisions of
24282 section 54-193 of the general statutes, no person shall be prosecuted for
24283 a violation of the provisions of this subsection committed on or after July
24284 1, 1997, except within three years after such violation has been
24285 committed.

24286 (2) Any person who wilfully delivers or discloses to the commissioner
24287 or the commissioner's authorized agent any list, return, account,
24288 statement or other document, known by such person to be fraudulent
24289 or false in any material matter, shall, in addition to any other penalty
24290 provided by law, be guilty of a class D felony. No person shall be
24291 charged with an offense under both this subdivision and subdivision (1)
24292 of this subsection in relation to the same tax period but such person may
24293 be charged and prosecuted for both such offenses upon the same
24294 information.

24295 (e) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, and each fiscal year
24296 thereafter, the Comptroller is authorized to record as revenue for each
24297 fiscal year the amount of tax imposed under the provisions of this
24298 section prior to the end of each fiscal year and which tax is received by
24299 the Commissioner of Revenue Services not later than five business days
24300 after the last day of July immediately following the end of each fiscal
24301 year.

24302 Sec. 518. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023, and applicable to calendar quarters*
24303 *commencing on or after July 1, 2023*) (a) (1) The commissioner may
24304 examine, as the commissioner deems necessary, the records of any
24305 ambulatory surgical center subject to the tax imposed under section 517
24306 of this act. If the commissioner determines from such examination that
24307 there is a deficiency with respect to the payment of any such tax due, the
24308 commissioner shall assess the deficiency in tax, give notice of such

24309 deficiency assessment to the ambulatory surgical center and make
24310 demand for payment. Such amount shall bear interest at the rate of one
24311 per cent per month or fraction thereof from the date when the original
24312 tax was due and payable.

24313 (A) When it appears that any part of the deficiency for which a
24314 deficiency assessment is made is due to negligence or intentional
24315 disregard of the provisions of this section or regulations adopted
24316 thereunder, there shall be imposed a penalty equal to ten per cent of the
24317 amount of such deficiency assessment or fifty dollars, whichever is
24318 greater.

24319 (B) When it appears that any part of the deficiency for which a
24320 deficiency assessment is made is due to fraud or intent to evade the
24321 provisions of this section or regulations adopted thereunder, there shall
24322 be imposed a penalty equal to twenty-five per cent of the amount of such
24323 deficiency assessment.

24324 (C) No ambulatory surgical center shall be subject to more than one
24325 penalty under this subdivision in relation to the same tax period. Not
24326 later than thirty days after the mailing of such notice, the ambulatory
24327 surgical center shall pay to the commissioner, in cash or by check, draft
24328 or money order drawn to the order of the Commissioner of Revenue
24329 Services, any additional amount of tax, penalty and interest shown to be
24330 due.

24331 (2) Except in the case of a wilfully false or fraudulent return with
24332 intent to evade the tax, no assessment of additional tax or fee shall be
24333 made after the expiration of more than three years from the date of the
24334 filing of a return or from the original due date of a return, whichever is
24335 later. Where, before the expiration of the period prescribed under this
24336 subsection for the assessment of an additional tax, an ambulatory
24337 surgical center has consented, in writing, that such period may be
24338 extended, the amount of such additional tax due may be determined at
24339 any time within such extended period. The period so extended may be

24340 further extended by subsequent consent, in writing, before the expiration
24341 of the extended period.

24342 (b) (1) The commissioner may enter into an agreement with the
24343 Commissioner of Social Services, delegating to the Commissioner of
24344 Social Services the authority to examine the records and returns of any
24345 ambulatory surgical center for any period during which such
24346 ambulatory surgical center received payments pursuant to the state's
24347 Medicaid program and was subject to the tax imposed under section 517
24348 of this act, to determine whether such tax has been underpaid or
24349 overpaid. If such authority is so delegated, examinations of such records
24350 and returns by the Commissioner of Social Services and determinations
24351 by the Commissioner of Social Services that such tax has been underpaid
24352 or overpaid shall have the same effect as similar examinations or
24353 determinations made by the commissioner.

24354 (2) The commissioner may enter into an agreement with the
24355 Commissioner of Social Services to facilitate the exchange of returns or
24356 return information necessary for the Commissioner of Social Services to
24357 perform his or her responsibilities under this section and to ensure
24358 compliance with the state's Medicaid program.

24359 (3) The Commissioner of Social Services may engage an independent
24360 auditor to assist in the performance of said commissioner's duties and
24361 responsibilities under this subsection. Any reports generated by such
24362 independent auditor shall be provided simultaneously to the
24363 department and the Department of Social Services.

24364 (c) (1) The commissioner may require all persons subject to the tax
24365 imposed under section 517 of this act to keep such records as the
24366 commissioner may prescribe and may require the production of books,
24367 papers, documents and other data, to provide or secure information
24368 pertinent to the determination of the taxes imposed under section 517 of
24369 this act and the enforcement and collection thereof.

24370 (2) The commissioner or any person authorized by the commissioner

24371 may examine the books, papers, records and equipment of any person
24372 liable under the provisions of this section and may investigate the
24373 character of the business of such liable person to verify the accuracy of
24374 any return filed or, if no return is filed by such person, to ascertain and
24375 determine the amount required to be paid.

24376 (3) All records, books, papers, documents, data, secure information,
24377 audit reports and audit work papers maintained or generated pursuant
24378 to sections 517 to 522, inclusive, of this act shall be deemed to be return
24379 and return information, as such terms are defined in section 12-15 of the
24380 general statutes, and shall be subject to the provisions of said section.

24381 Sec. 519. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023, and applicable to calendar quarters*
24382 *commencing on or after July 1, 2021*) (a) Any ambulatory surgical center
24383 subject to the tax under section 517 of this act, believing that it has
24384 overpaid any tax due under said sections, may file a claim for refund, in
24385 writing, with the commissioner not later than three years after the due
24386 date for which such overpayment was made, stating the specific grounds
24387 upon which the claim is founded. Failure to file a claim within the time
24388 prescribed in this subsection shall constitute a waiver of any demand
24389 against the state on account of overpayment. Within a reasonable time,
24390 as determined by the commissioner, following receipt of such claim for
24391 refund, the commissioner shall determine whether such claim is valid
24392 and, if so determined, the commissioner shall notify the Comptroller of
24393 the amount of such refund. The Comptroller shall draw an order on the
24394 Treasurer in the amount thereof for payment to the ambulatory surgical
24395 center. If the commissioner determines that such claim is not valid, either
24396 in whole or in part, the commissioner shall mail notice of the proposed
24397 disallowance in whole or in part of the claim to the ambulatory surgical
24398 center, which notice shall set forth briefly the commissioner's findings of
24399 fact and the basis of disallowance in each case decided in whole or in
24400 part adversely to the ambulatory surgical center. Sixty days after the date
24401 on which it is mailed, a notice of proposed disallowance shall constitute
24402 a final disallowance except only for such amounts as to which the
24403 ambulatory surgical center has filed a written protest with the

24404 commissioner in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) of this
24405 section.

24406 (b) On or before the sixtieth day after the mailing of the proposed
24407 disallowance, the ambulatory surgical center may file with the
24408 commissioner a written protest against the proposed disallowance. The
24409 ambulatory surgical center shall set forth in such protest the grounds on
24410 which the protest is based. If a protest is filed, the commissioner shall
24411 reconsider the proposed disallowance and, if the ambulatory surgical
24412 center has so requested, may grant or deny the ambulatory surgical
24413 center or its authorized representative a hearing.

24414 (c) The commissioner shall mail notice of the commissioner's
24415 determination to the ambulatory surgical center, which notice shall set
24416 forth briefly the commissioner's findings of fact and the basis of decision
24417 in each case decided in whole or in part adversely to the ambulatory
24418 surgical center.

24419 (d) The action of the commissioner on the ambulatory surgical
24420 center's protest shall be final upon the expiration of one month from the
24421 date on which the commissioner mails notice of the commissioner's
24422 determination to the ambulatory surgical center, unless within such
24423 period the ambulatory surgical center seeks judicial review of the
24424 commissioner's determination.

24425 Sec. 520. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023, and applicable to calendar quarters*
24426 *commencing on or after July 1, 2023*) (a) Any ambulatory surgical center
24427 subject to any tax under section 517 of this act that is aggrieved by the
24428 action of the commissioner, the Commissioner of Social Services or an
24429 authorized agent of said commissioners in fixing the amount of any tax,
24430 penalty or interest under section 517 of this act may apply to the
24431 commissioner, in writing, not later than sixty days after the notice of such
24432 action is delivered or mailed to such ambulatory surgical center, for a
24433 hearing and a correction of the amount of such tax, penalty or interest,
24434 setting forth the reasons why such hearing should be granted and the

24435 amount by which such tax, penalty or interest should be reduced. The
24436 commissioner shall promptly consider each such application and may
24437 grant or deny the hearing requested. If the hearing request is denied, the
24438 ambulatory surgical center shall be notified immediately. If the hearing
24439 request is granted, the commissioner shall notify the ambulatory surgical
24440 center of the date, time and place for such hearing. After such hearing,
24441 the commissioner may make such order as appears just and lawful to the
24442 commissioner and shall furnish a copy of such order to the ambulatory
24443 surgical center. The commissioner may, by notice in writing, order a
24444 hearing on the commissioner's own initiative and require an ambulatory
24445 surgical center or any other individual who the commissioner believes
24446 to be in possession of relevant information concerning such ambulatory
24447 surgical center to appear before the commissioner or the commissioner's
24448 authorized agent with any specified books of account, papers or other
24449 documents, for examination under oath.

24450 (b) Any ambulatory surgical center subject to the tax under section
24451 517 of this act that is aggrieved because of any order, decision,
24452 determination or disallowance of the commissioner under section 517 of
24453 this act or subsection (a) of this section may, not later than one month
24454 after service of notice of such order, decision, determination or
24455 disallowance, take an appeal therefrom to the superior court for the
24456 judicial district of New Britain, which appeal shall be accompanied by a
24457 citation to the commissioner to appear before said court. Such citation
24458 shall be signed by the same authority and such appeal shall be returnable
24459 at the same time and served and returned in the same manner as is
24460 required in case of a summons in a civil action. The authority issuing the
24461 citation shall take from the appellant a bond or recognizance to the state
24462 of Connecticut, with surety, to prosecute the appeal to effect and to
24463 comply with the orders and decrees of the court in the premises. Such
24464 appeals shall be preferred cases, to be heard, unless cause appears to the
24465 contrary, at the first session, by the court or by a committee appointed
24466 by the court. Said court may grant such relief as may be equitable and, if
24467 such tax or charge has been paid prior to the granting of such relief, may

24468 order the Treasurer to pay the amount of such relief, with interest at the
24469 rate of two-thirds of one per cent per month or fraction thereof, to such
24470 ambulatory surgical center. If the appeal has been taken without
24471 probable cause, the court may tax double or triple costs, as the case
24472 demands and, upon all such appeals that are denied, costs may be taxed
24473 against such ambulatory surgical center at the discretion of the court but
24474 no costs shall be taxed against the state.

24475 Sec. 521. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023, and applicable to calendar quarters*
24476 *commencing on or after July 1, 2023*) The commissioner and any agent of
24477 the commissioner duly authorized to conduct any inquiry, investigation
24478 or hearing pursuant to section 517 of this act shall have power to
24479 administer oaths and take testimony under oath relative to the matter of
24480 inquiry or investigation. At any hearing ordered by the commissioner,
24481 the commissioner or the commissioner's agent authorized to conduct
24482 such hearing and having authority by law to issue such process may
24483 subpoena witnesses and require the production of books, papers and
24484 documents pertinent to such inquiry or investigation. No witness under
24485 subpoena authorized to be issued under the provisions of this section
24486 shall be excused from testifying or from producing books, papers or
24487 documentary evidence on the ground that such testimony or the
24488 production of such books, papers or documentary evidence would tend
24489 to incriminate such witness, but such books, papers or documentary
24490 evidence so produced shall not be used in any criminal proceeding
24491 against such witness. If any person disobeys such process or, having
24492 appeared in obedience thereto, refuses to answer any pertinent question
24493 put to such person by the commissioner or the commissioner's
24494 authorized agent, or to produce any books, papers or other documentary
24495 evidence pursuant thereto, the commissioner or such agent may apply
24496 to the superior court of the judicial district wherein the ambulatory
24497 surgical center resides or wherein the business has been conducted, or to
24498 any judge of such court if the same is not in session, setting forth such
24499 disobedience to process or refusal to answer, and such court or such
24500 judge shall cite such person to appear before such court or such judge to

24501 answer such question or to produce such books, papers or other
24502 documentary evidence and, upon such person's refusal so to do, shall
24503 commit such person to a community correctional center until such
24504 person testifies, but not for a period longer than sixty days.
24505 Notwithstanding the serving of the term of such commitment by any
24506 person, the commissioner may proceed in all respects with such inquiry
24507 and examination as if the witness had not previously been called upon
24508 to testify. Officers who serve subpoenas issued by the commissioner or
24509 under the commissioner's authority and witnesses attending hearings
24510 conducted by the commissioner pursuant to this section shall receive fees
24511 and compensation at the same rates as officers and witnesses in the
24512 courts of this state, to be paid on vouchers of the commissioner on order
24513 of the Comptroller from the proper appropriation for the administration
24514 of this section.

24515 Sec. 522. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023, and applicable to calendar quarters*
24516 *commencing on or after July 1, 2023*) The amount of any tax, penalty or
24517 interest, due and unpaid under the provisions of section 517 of this act
24518 may be collected under the provisions of section 12-35 of the general
24519 statutes. The warrant provided under section 12-35 of the general
24520 statutes shall be signed by the commissioner or the commissioner's
24521 authorized agent. The amount of any such tax, penalty or interest shall
24522 be a lien on the real estate of the ambulatory surgical center from the last
24523 day of the month next preceding the due date of such tax until such tax
24524 is paid. The commissioner may record such lien in the records of any
24525 town in which the real estate of such ambulatory surgical center is
24526 situated but no such lien shall be enforceable against a bona fide
24527 purchaser or qualified encumbrancer of such real estate. When any tax
24528 with respect to which a lien has been recorded under the provisions of
24529 this subsection has been satisfied, the commissioner shall, upon request
24530 of any interested party, issue a certificate discharging such lien, which
24531 certificate shall be recorded in the same office in which the lien was
24532 recorded. Any action for the foreclosure of such lien shall be brought by
24533 the Attorney General in the name of the state in the superior court for

24534 the judicial district in which the property subject to such lien is situated,
24535 or, if such property is located in two or more judicial districts, in the
24536 superior court for any one such judicial district, and the court may limit
24537 the time for redemption or order the sale of such property or make such
24538 other or further decree as it judges equitable. For purposes of section 12-
24539 39g of the general statutes, a fee under this section shall be treated as a
24540 tax.

24541 Sec. 523. Section 12 of house bill 6690 of the 2021 regular session is
24542 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
24543 *2021*):

24544 The State Bond Commission shall have power, in accordance with the
24545 provisions of this section and sections 13 to 19, inclusive, of [this act]
24546 house bill 6690 of the 2021 regular session, from time to time to authorize
24547 the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal
24548 amounts in the aggregate, not exceeding [\$304,150,000] \$309,150,000.

24549 Sec. 524. Subsection (d) of section 13 of house bill 6690 of the 2021
24550 regular session is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
24551 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

24552 (d) For the Connecticut Port Authority: Grants-in-aid for
24553 improvements to deep water ports, including dredging, not exceeding
24554 [\$50,000,000] \$70,000,000, provided not less than \$20,000,000 shall be
24555 used for deep water ports outside of New London.

24556 Sec. 525. Subsection (h) of section 13 of house bill 6690 of the 2021
24557 regular session is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
24558 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

24559 (h) For the Department of Public Health: For the Health Disparities
24560 and Prevention Grant Program, not exceeding [\$40,000,000] \$25,000,000,
24561 provided (1) not more than [\$25,000,000] \$15,000,000 shall be used for
24562 federally qualified health centers, and not more than \$300,000 of such
24563 amount may be used to conduct a health disparities study, and (2) not

24564 more than [\$15,000,000] \$10,000,000 shall be used for mental health and
24565 substance abuse treatment providers.

24566 Sec. 526. Section 20 of house bill 6690 of the 2021 regular session is
24567 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
24568 *2022*):

24569 The State Bond Commission shall have power, in accordance with the
24570 provisions of this section and sections 21 to 26, inclusive, of [this act]
24571 house bill 6690 of the 2021 regular session, from time to time to authorize
24572 the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal
24573 amounts in the aggregate not exceeding [\$216,565,000] \$241,565,000.

24574 Sec. 527. Subsection (a) of section 21 of house bill 6690 of the 2021
24575 regular session is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
24576 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

24577 (a) For the Office of Policy and Management: For an information
24578 technology capital investment program, not exceeding [\$15,000,000]
24579 \$40,000,000.

24580 Sec. 528. Section 31 of house bill 6690 of the 2021 regular session is
24581 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
24582 *2022*):

24583 The State Bond Commission shall have power, in accordance with the
24584 provisions of this section and sections 32 to 38, inclusive, of [this act]
24585 house bill 6690 of the 2021 regular session, from time to time to authorize
24586 the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal
24587 amounts in the aggregate, not exceeding [\$263,550,000] \$198,550,000.

24588 Sec. 529. Subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 32 of house bill
24589 6690 of the 2021 regular session is repealed. (*Effective July 1, 2022*)

24590 Sec. 530. Subsection (f) of section 32 of house bill 6690 of the 2021
24591 regular session is repealed. (*Effective July 1, 2022*)

24592 Sec. 531. Section 10-287d of the general statutes, as amended by
24593 section 57 of house bill 6690 of the 2021 regular session, is repealed and
24594 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

24595 For the purposes of funding (1) grants to projects that have received
24596 approval of the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to
24597 sections 10-287 and 10-287a, subsection (a) of section 10-65 and section
24598 10-76e, (2) grants to assist school building projects to remedy safety and
24599 health violations and damage from fire and catastrophe, and (3)
24600 technical education and career school projects pursuant to section 10-
24601 283b, the State Treasurer is authorized and directed, subject to and in
24602 accordance with the provisions of section 3-20, to issue bonds of the state
24603 from time to time in one or more series in an aggregate amount not
24604 exceeding thirteen billion ~~[six]~~ seven hundred twelve million one
24605 hundred sixty thousand dollars, provided ~~[four]~~ five hundred fifty
24606 million dollars of said authorization shall be effective July 1, 2022. Bonds
24607 of each series shall bear such date or dates and mature at such time or
24608 times not exceeding thirty years from their respective dates and be
24609 subject to such redemption privileges, with or without premium, as may
24610 be fixed by the State Bond Commission. They shall be sold at not less
24611 than par and accrued interest and the full faith and credit of the state is
24612 pledged for the payment of the interest thereon and the principal thereof
24613 as the same shall become due, and accordingly and as part of the
24614 contract of the state with the holders of said bonds, appropriation of all
24615 amounts necessary for punctual payment of such principal and interest
24616 is hereby made, and the State Treasurer shall pay such principal and
24617 interest as the same become due. The State Treasurer is authorized to
24618 invest temporarily in direct obligations of the United States, United
24619 States agency obligations, certificates of deposit, commercial paper or
24620 bank acceptances such portion of the proceeds of such bonds or of any
24621 notes issued in anticipation thereof as may be deemed available for such
24622 purpose.

24623 Sec. 532. Section 110 of house bill 6690 of the 2021 regular session is
24624 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*

24625 2021):

24626 Upon the birth of a designated beneficiary, the Treasurer [shall] may
24627 transfer up to three thousand two hundred dollars from the [General
24628 Fund] bond proceeds issued pursuant to section 111 of house bill 6690
24629 of the 2021 regular session to the trust to be credited toward the
24630 accounting of such designated beneficiary as described in section 109 [of
24631 this act] of house bill 6690 of the 2021 regular session. For any year in
24632 which the funds made available pursuant to section 111 of this act is
24633 insufficient to provide such amount per beneficiary the amount so
24634 transferred shall be reduced pro rata.

24635 Sec. 533. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 111 of house bill 6690 of
24636 the 2021 regular session are repealed and the following is substituted in
24637 lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

24638 (a) [The Treasurer is authorized to issue bonds, notes or other
24639 obligations of the state from time to time in one or more series in an
24640 aggregate principal amount of not more than six hundred million
24641 dollars, and to apply the net proceeds of such issuance to deposit to the
24642 trust as provided in subsection (b) of this section. The Treasurer is
24643 authorized to issue bonds, notes or other obligations in an amount
24644 sufficient to refund such bonds, notes or other obligations previously
24645 issued pursuant to this section. In addition to the bonds, notes or other
24646 obligations authorized by this section to for deposit to the trust, the
24647 Treasurer is authorized to issue bonds, notes or other obligations in such
24648 additional amounts as the Treasurer shall determine to pay the costs of
24649 issuance of such bonds, notes or other obligations issued pursuant to
24650 this section. The amount authorized for the issuance and sale of bonds
24651 in accordance with this section shall be capped in each fiscal year in the
24652 following amounts, provided, if the amount required for deposit to the
24653 trust as provided for in subsection (b) of this section is less than such
24654 capped amount or, to the extent the Governor disapproves the request
24655 for issuance of all or a portion of the amount of the bonds as provided
24656 in subsection (b) of this section, the amount so disapproved, shall be

24657 carried forward and added to the capped amount for a subsequent fiscal
24658 year, but not later than the fiscal year ending June 30, 2033, and
24659 provided further, the costs of issuance may be added to the capped
24660 amount in each fiscal year, and each of the authorized amounts shall be
24661 effective on July first of the fiscal year indicated as follows:] The State
24662 Bond Commission may authorize the issuance of bonds of the state, in
24663 accordance with the provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, in
24664 principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate six hundred million
24665 dollars. The proceeds of the sale of bonds described in this section shall
24666 be used for the purpose of funding the transfers provided for under
24667 section 110 of house bill 6690 of the 2021 regular session. The amount
24668 authorized for the issuance and sale of such bonds in each of the
24669 following fiscal years shall not exceed the following corresponding
24670 amount for each such fiscal year, except that, to the extent the State Bond
24671 Commission does not provide for the use of all or a portion of such
24672 amount in any such fiscal year, such amount not provided for shall be
24673 carried forward and added to the authorized amount for the next two
24674 succeeding fiscal years, and provided further, the costs of issuance and
24675 capitalized interest, if any, may be added to the capped amount in each
24676 fiscal year, and each of the authorized amounts shall be effective on July
24677 first of the fiscal year indicated as follows:

T1043	Fiscal Year Ending	Amount
T1044	June Thirtieth	
T1045	2023	\$50,000,000
T1046	2024	\$50,000,000
T1047	2025	\$50,000,000
T1048	2026	\$50,000,000
T1049	2027	\$50,000,000
T1050	2028	\$50,000,000
T1051	2029	\$50,000,000
T1052	2030	\$50,000,000

T1053	2031	\$50,000,000
T1054	2032	\$50,000,000
T1055	2033	\$50,000,000
T1056	2034	\$50,000,000

24678 (b) [(1)] On or before the first day of September in each year,
24679 commencing September 1, 2022, the Department of Social Services shall
24680 inform the Treasurer of the number of designated beneficiaries born in
24681 the prior fiscal year. Promptly thereafter, the Treasurer shall submit to
24682 the Governor and the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management,
24683 by certified mail, a report of and a calculation of the total amount
24684 required to deposit to the trust for crediting three thousand two
24685 hundred dollars for the account of each such designated beneficiary
24686 born in the prior fiscal year as described in section 109 of [this act] house
24687 bill 6690 of the 2021 regular session. [The Governor may, not later than
24688 thirty days after such submission, approve or disapprove all or a portion
24689 of such amount by notifying the Treasurer, in writing, of such decision
24690 and the reasons for it. If the Governor does not act within such thirty-
24691 day period, the issuance of bonds for the deposit into the trust for the
24692 fiscal year beginning on July first of that year is deemed approved. The
24693 Treasurer after submitting such report may issue bonds in such amount,
24694 subject to the capped amount for such fiscal year, plus such additional
24695 amount as may be required for costs of issuance and capitalized interest,
24696 if any.]

24697 [(2) In the event that the Governor shall approve only a portion of the
24698 total amount set forth in the report of the Treasurer described in
24699 subdivision (1) of this subsection, or the total amount set forth in the
24700 report of the Treasurer described in subdivision (1) of this subsection
24701 exceeds the capped amount set forth in such fiscal year, the amount to
24702 be credited for the account of each designated beneficiary born in the
24703 prior fiscal year shall be reduced ratably.

24704 (3) Subject to the amount of limitations of such capping provisions in

24705 subsection (a) of this section and following the approval or deemed
24706 approval of the request to issue bonds as provided in subdivision (1) of
24707 this subsection, the principal amount of the bonds authorized under this
24708 section shall be deemed to be an appropriation and allocation of such
24709 amount, and such approval of such request shall be deemed the
24710 allotment by the Governor of such deposits within the meaning of
24711 section 4-85 of the general statutes. The Treasurer is authorized to
24712 deposit such amount from available funds to the trust whether or not
24713 the bonds so authorized have then been issued, and shall maintain a
24714 separate nonlapsing account to record the proceeds of bonds so
24715 authorized and deposits made to the trust.]

24716 Sec. 534. Section 124 of house bill 6690 of the 2021 regular session is
24717 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
24718 *2021*):

24719 [(a)] Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-286 of the general
24720 statutes, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or
24721 the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section
24722 concerning the calculation of grants using the state standard space
24723 specifications, the town of West Haven shall be exempt from the state
24724 standard space specifications for the purpose of the calculation of the
24725 grant for the new construction project (Project Number
24726 21DASY156142N0621) at Washington Elementary School.

24727 [(b)] Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-287i of the general
24728 statutes, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or
24729 the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section
24730 concerning the percentage of a school building project grant that the
24731 Department of Administrative Services shall withhold from an
24732 applicant pending completion of an audit pursuant to section 10-287 of
24733 the general statutes, the department shall withhold five per cent of such
24734 grant from the town of West Haven for the new construction project
24735 (Project Number 21DASY156142N0621) at Washington Elementary
24736 School pending completion of an audit pursuant to said section.]

24737 Sec. 535. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) For the fiscal years ending
24738 June 30, 2022, to June 30, 2024, inclusive, the Commissioner of Economic
24739 and Community Development, in coordination with the Secretary of the
24740 Office of Policy and Management, may, for the purposes of
24741 implementing the state's Economic Action Plan, use bond funds,
24742 funding received as a result of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021,
24743 P.L. 117-2, as amended from time to time, and available resources, to
24744 provide (1) not more than one hundred million dollars for major projects
24745 selected pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, and (2) matching
24746 grants pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

24747 (b) On and after July 1, 2021, and until July 1, 2024, the Department
24748 of Economic and Community Development may develop and issue
24749 requests for proposals for major projects in the state. The department
24750 shall develop criteria consistent with the purposes of the state's
24751 Economic Action Plan to (1) evaluate proposals submitted pursuant to
24752 this subsection, and (2) select proposals for funding pursuant to
24753 subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section.

24754 (c) On and after July 1, 2021, and until July 1, 2024, the Commissioner
24755 of Economic and Community Development may establish a competitive
24756 grant program to provide matching grants of not more than ten million
24757 dollars for major projects selected pursuant to subsection (b) of this
24758 section. Each major project selected pursuant to subsection (b) of this
24759 section shall be eligible for a matching grant under this subsection not
24760 more than two times a year. The commissioner shall establish eligibility
24761 criteria, an application process, evaluation criteria and reporting
24762 requirements for the competitive grant program.

24763 Sec. 536. Subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of section 10-287 of the
24764 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
24765 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

24766 (3) (A) All orders and contracts for construction management services
24767 shall be awarded from a pool of not more than the four most responsible

24768 qualified proposers after a public selection process. Such process shall,
24769 at a minimum, involve requests for qualifications, followed by requests
24770 for proposals, including fees, from the proposers meeting the
24771 qualifications criteria of the request for qualifications process. Public
24772 advertisements shall be required in a newspaper having circulation in
24773 the town in which construction is to take place, except for school
24774 building projects for which the town or regional school district is using
24775 a state contract pursuant to subsection (d) of section 10-292. Following
24776 the qualification process, the awarding authority shall evaluate the
24777 proposals to determine the four most responsible qualified proposers
24778 using those criteria previously listed in the requests for qualifications
24779 and requests for proposals for selecting construction management
24780 services specific to the project or school district. Such evaluation criteria
24781 shall include due consideration of the proposer's pricing for the project,
24782 experience with work of similar size and scope as required for the order
24783 or contract, organizational and team structure for the order or contract,
24784 past performance data, including, but not limited to, adherence to
24785 project schedules and project budgets and the number of change orders
24786 for projects, the approach to the work required for the order or contract,
24787 including on and after July 1, [2021] 2022, whether the proposer intends
24788 to self-perform any project element and the benefit to the awarding
24789 authority that will result from such self-performance, and documented
24790 contract oversight capabilities, and may include criteria specific to the
24791 project. Final selection by the awarding authority is limited to the pool
24792 of the four most responsible qualified proposers and shall include
24793 consideration of all criteria included within the request for proposals.
24794 As used in this subdivision, "most responsible qualified proposer"
24795 means the proposer who is qualified by the awarding authority when
24796 considering price and the factors necessary for faithful performance of
24797 the work based on the criteria and scope of work included in the request
24798 for proposals.

24799 (B) On and after July 1, [2021] 2022, upon the written approval of the
24800 Commissioner of Administrative Services, an awarding authority may

24801 permit a construction manager to self-perform a portion of the
24802 construction work if the awarding authority and the commissioner
24803 determine that the construction manager can self-perform the work
24804 more cost-effectively than a subcontractor. All work not performed by
24805 the construction manager shall be performed by trade subcontractors
24806 selected by a process approved by the awarding authority and the
24807 commissioner. The construction manager's contract shall include a
24808 guaranteed maximum price for the cost of construction. Such
24809 guaranteed maximum price shall be determined not later than ninety
24810 days after the selection of the trade subcontractors. Construction shall
24811 not begin prior to the determination of the guaranteed maximum price,
24812 except work relating to site preparation and demolition may commence
24813 prior to such determination.

24814 Sec. 537. Sections 119, 125 and 126 of house bill 6690 of the 2021
24815 regular session are repealed. (*Effective July 1, 2021*)

24816 Sec. 538. (*Effective from passage*) Section 3 of substitute senate bill 1059,
24817 as amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A", shall take effect
24818 January 1, 2022.

24819 Sec. 539. Section 15 of house bill 6621 of the 2021 regular session, as
24820 amended by House Amendment Schedule "A", is repealed. (*Effective July*
24821 *1, 2021*)

24822 Sec. 540. Sections 10a-6a, 10a-6b and 17b-112k of the general statutes
24823 are repealed. (*Effective from passage*)

24824 Sec. 541. Sections 3-24a to 3-24h, inclusive, 4-124vv, 4-124tt, 10a-57a,
24825 10a-57b, 10a-57c, 10a-57e, 31-2d, 31-3a, 31-3c, 31-3g, 31-3p, 31-3q, 31-3u,
24826 31-3dd, 31-3ff, 31-3ii, 31-3oo, 31-3yy, 31-11q, 31-11r, 31-11t, 31-11ff, 31-
24827 11gg, 31-11hh, 31-11ii and 31-11jj of the general statutes are repealed.
24828 (*Effective July 1, 2021*)

24829 Sec. 542. Section 9-164a of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*
24830 *January 1, 2022*)

24831 Sec. 543. Section 1 of public act 21-65 is repealed. (*Effective from*
24832 *passage*)

24833 Sec. 544. Section 3 of public act 16-44 is repealed. (*Effective July 1, 2021*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	3-20j(p)
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	31-71a
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	31-71f
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 6	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	31-49g(h)
Sec. 8	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	5-156a
Sec. 11	<i>from passage</i>	51-47
Sec. 12	<i>from passage</i>	52-434(f)
Sec. 13	<i>from passage</i>	46b-231(h)
Sec. 14	<i>from passage</i>	46b-236(b)
Sec. 15	<i>from passage</i>	19a-754a(b)
Sec. 16	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 17	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 18	<i>from passage</i>	17b-8
Sec. 19	<i>from passage</i>	38a-1084
Sec. 20	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	19a-202(a)
Sec. 21	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	19a-245(a)
Sec. 22	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	1-139a
Sec. 23	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	2-111(b)(6)
Sec. 24	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	4-68s(b) to (d)
Sec. 25	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	7-608(a)
Sec. 26	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	54-1s(b)(9)
Sec. 27	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	54-142f(b)
Sec. 28	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	19a-7d
Sec. 29	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	19a-490(a)
Sec. 30	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	19a-490
Sec. 31	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Sec. 32	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 33	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 34	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	4-89(f)
Sec. 35	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 36	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 37	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 38	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 39	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 40	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	22a-151
Sec. 41	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	22a-153
Sec. 42	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	22a-154(a)
Sec. 43	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	22a-157
Sec. 44	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 45	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	22a-6a(a)
Sec. 46	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	16a-101
Sec. 47	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	22a-148(b)
Sec. 48	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	22a-152
Sec. 49	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	16a-100
Sec. 50	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	16a-102(a)
Sec. 51	<i>from passage</i>	SA 05-14, Sec. 4(a)
Sec. 52	<i>from passage</i>	PA 21-54, Sec. 1(b) and (c)
Sec. 53	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 54	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10a-77
Sec. 55	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10a-99
Sec. 56	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10a-143(e)
Sec. 57	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10a-105
Sec. 58	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	38a-91vv(b)(2)
Sec. 59	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	HB 6646 (2021 regular session), Sec. 8
Sec. 60	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	HB 6646 (2021 regular session), Sec. 9
Sec. 61	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 62	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 63	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	3-55j
Sec. 64	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 65	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 66	<i>January 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 67	<i>January 1, 2023</i>	New section

Sec. 68	<i>January 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 69	<i>January 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 70	<i>January 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 71	<i>January 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 72	<i>January 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 73	<i>January 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 74	<i>January 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 75	<i>January 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 76	<i>January 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 77	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 78	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 79	<i>from passage</i>	17a-238a(c)
Sec. 80	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 81	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 82	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 83	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	12-801
Sec. 84	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	12-806(a)
Sec. 85	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	12-812
Sec. 86	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	12-813
Sec. 87	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 88	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 89	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 90	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 91	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 92	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	2-79e
Sec. 93	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 94	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	PA 21-43, Sec. 1(a)(1)
Sec. 95	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	30-16(a)
Sec. 96	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	38a-477g
Sec. 97	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	29-11
Sec. 98	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	51-88a
Sec. 99	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 100	<i>from passage</i>	SA 21-1, Sec. 1
Sec. 101	<i>from passage</i>	9-19h(b)
Sec. 102	<i>from passage</i>	9-19i
Sec. 103	<i>January 1, 2022</i>	9-23n
Sec. 104	<i>January 1, 2022</i>	9-23o
Sec. 105	<i>January 1, 2022</i>	9-23p
Sec. 106	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Sec. 107	<i>from passage</i>	9-17(c)
Sec. 108	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 109	<i>from passage</i>	9-12(a)
Sec. 110	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	9-45
Sec. 111	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	9-46
Sec. 112	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	9-46a
Sec. 113	<i>from passage</i>	9-225(a)
Sec. 114	<i>from passage</i>	9-226
Sec. 115	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	9-140(a) and (b)
Sec. 116	<i>from passage</i>	9-140b(a) to (c)
Sec. 117	<i>from passage</i>	9-140e
Sec. 118	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 119	<i>from passage</i>	9-450
Sec. 120	<i>from passage</i>	9-212(a)
Sec. 121	<i>from passage</i>	9-320f(a)
Sec. 122	<i>from passage</i>	9-159q
Sec. 123	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 124	<i>from passage</i>	9-264
Sec. 125	<i>from passage</i>	9-232(a)
Sec. 126	<i>from passage</i>	9-235d
Sec. 127	<i>from passage</i>	9-258(a) and (b)
Sec. 128	<i>from passage</i>	9-436(c)
Sec. 129	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 130	<i>January 1, 2022</i>	9-164(a)
Sec. 131	<i>January 1, 2022</i>	9-164b
Sec. 132	<i>January 1, 2022</i>	9-164c
Sec. 133	<i>January 1, 2022</i>	9-164e
Sec. 134	<i>January 1, 2022</i>	9-164f
Sec. 135	<i>January 1, 2022</i>	9-187a
Sec. 136	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 137	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 138	<i>from passage</i>	9-374
Sec. 139	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	HB 6374 (2021 regular session), Sec. 2
Sec. 140	<i>from passage</i>	9-417
Sec. 141	<i>from passage</i>	9-135
Sec. 142	<i>from passage</i>	9-137
Sec. 143	<i>from passage</i>	9-139b
Sec. 144	<i>from passage</i>	9-140(g)

Sec. 145	<i>from passage</i>	9-140c
Sec. 146	<i>from passage</i>	9-147a
Sec. 147	<i>from passage</i>	9-433
Sec. 148	<i>from passage</i>	9-435
Sec. 149	<i>from passage</i>	9-150e
Sec. 150	<i>from passage</i>	9-159r
Sec. 151	<i>from passage</i>	9-159o
Sec. 152	<i>from passage</i>	9-150b(g)
Sec. 153	<i>from passage</i>	9-307
Sec. 154	<i>from passage</i>	9-309
Sec. 155	<i>from passage</i>	9-311
Sec. 156	<i>from passage</i>	9-314
Sec. 157	<i>from passage</i>	9-322a(a)
Sec. 158	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 159	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 160	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	HB 6402 (2021 regular session), Sec. 14
Sec. 161	<i>from passage</i>	1-200
Sec. 162	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	1-206
Sec. 163	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 164	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	1-227
Sec. 165	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	1-228
Sec. 166	<i>from passage</i>	7-8
Sec. 167	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	1-232
Sec. 168	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 169	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	7-34a
Sec. 170	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	7-51a
Sec. 171	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 172	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	7-148j
Sec. 173	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	7-148k
Sec. 174	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	7-148bb
Sec. 175	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	7-148ii
Sec. 176	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	7-152b
Sec. 177	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	7-245
Sec. 178	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	7-255
Sec. 179	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	7-257
Sec. 180	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	12-111
Sec. 181	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	12-117
Sec. 182	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	12-170f(a)

Sec. 183	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	12-170g
Sec. 184	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	12-170w(a)
Sec. 185	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	12-170aa
Sec. 186	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	12-170cc
Sec. 187	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	29-263(a)
Sec. 188	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	29-264
Sec. 189	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	29-266
Sec. 190	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	4-124n
Sec. 191	<i>from passage</i>	4-124s
Sec. 192	<i>from passage</i>	8-31b(b)
Sec. 193	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	4-66k
Sec. 194	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	4-66r
Sec. 195	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	4-66l
Sec. 196	<i>April 1, 2022</i>	New section
Sec. 197	<i>from passage</i>	22a-201c
Sec. 198	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 199	<i>from passage</i>	10-29a(a)
Sec. 200	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	10-29a(a)(96)
Sec. 201	<i>from passage</i>	HB 6484 (2021 regular session), Sec. 525
Sec. 202	<i>from passage</i>	HB 6484 (2021 regular session), Sec. 526
Sec. 203	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 204	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 205	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 206	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 207	<i>from passage</i>	8-169oo
Sec. 208	<i>from passage</i>	8-169qq
Sec. 209	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 210	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	3-37(a)
Sec. 211	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	3-62h(q)
Sec. 212	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	7-406n(d)
Sec. 213	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	8-169jj(b)(9)
Sec. 214	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	8-336o(b)
Sec. 215	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	32-7o(b)
Sec. 216	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	32-602(b)
Sec. 217	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10-283(a)(3)
Sec. 218	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	3-20(x)
Sec. 219	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	22a-260a(b)

Sec. 220	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	32-11f(a)
Sec. 221	<i>from passage</i>	4-8
Sec. 222	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	16a-38k(b)
Sec. 223	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	5-200(p)
Sec. 224	<i>from passage</i>	2-36
Sec. 225	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	15-1
Sec. 226	<i>from passage</i>	9-211(b)
Sec. 227	<i>from passage</i>	9-212(b)
Sec. 228	<i>from passage</i>	9-215(b)
Sec. 229	<i>from passage</i>	9-218
Sec. 230	<i>from passage</i>	10a-55i(a)
Sec. 231	<i>from passage</i>	10a-11b(f)(1)
Sec. 232	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10a-173(c)
Sec. 233	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	HB 6666 (2021 regular session), Sec. 93(b)
Sec. 234	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	19a-12d
Sec. 235	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 236	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 237	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	4-124w
Sec. 238	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 239	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 240	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 241	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 242	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10-21j(a) and (b)
Sec. 243	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10-95s(a)
Sec. 244	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	17b-688h(b)
Sec. 245	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	17b-688i(c)
Sec. 246	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	31-2
Sec. 247	<i>from passage</i>	31-3b
Sec. 248	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	31-3h
Sec. 249	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	31-3i
Sec. 250	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	31-3j
Sec. 251	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	31-3k
Sec. 252	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	31-3l
Sec. 253	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	31-3m
Sec. 254	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	31-3n
Sec. 255	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	31-3o
Sec. 256	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	31-3r
Sec. 257	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	31-3w(a) and (b)

Sec. 258	July 1, 2021	31-3cc
Sec. 259	July 1, 2021	31-11m(b)
Sec. 260	July 1, 2021	31-11o
Sec. 261	July 1, 2021	31-11p
Sec. 262	July 1, 2021	31-11s
Sec. 263	July 1, 2021	4-124z
Sec. 264	July 1, 2021	4-124ff(b)
Sec. 265	July 1, 2021	4-124gg
Sec. 266	July 1, 2021	10-21c(a)
Sec. 267	July 1, 2021	10-74n(a)
Sec. 268	July 1, 2021	10a-19d(b)
Sec. 269	July 1, 2021	10a-55d
Sec. 270	July 1, 2021	10a-55g
Sec. 271	July 1, 2021	31-3rr(b)
Sec. 272	July 1, 2021	31-22n
Sec. 273	July 1, 2021	10-1(b)
Sec. 274	July 1, 2021	10-375
Sec. 275	July 1, 2021	10a-1a(a)
Sec. 276	July 1, 2021	10a-62
Sec. 277	July 1, 2021	10a-179a(b)
Sec. 278	July 1, 2021	32-7p(a)
Sec. 279	July 1, 2021	32-7n(a)
Sec. 280	July 1, 2021	32-39f(b)
Sec. 281	July 1, 2021	8-169ss
Sec. 282	July 1, 2021	31-11ss(c)(2)
Sec. 283	July 1, 2021	31-11rr
Sec. 284	July 1, 2021	10a-57g
Sec. 285	July 1, 2021	10a-101
Sec. 286	July 1, 2021	32-235(b)
Sec. 287	July 1, 2021	4-5
Sec. 288	July 1, 2022	4-5
Sec. 289	July 1, 2021	New section
Sec. 290	July 1, 2021	New section
Sec. 291	July 1, 2021	New section
Sec. 292	July 1, 2021	New section
Sec. 293	July 1, 2021	New section
Sec. 294	July 1, 2021	New section
Sec. 295	July 1, 2021	New section
Sec. 296	July 1, 2021	New section

Sec. 297	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 298	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 299	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10a-34(l)
Sec. 300	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 301	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10a-35a
Sec. 302	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10a-6(a)
Sec. 303	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 304	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	31-225a(j)
Sec. 305	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 306	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	12-15(b)
Sec. 307	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	10a-223
Sec. 308	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 309	<i>from passage</i>	31-49p
Sec. 310	<i>from passage</i>	4-186(a) to (c)
Sec. 311	<i>from passage</i>	31-51kk(4)
Sec. 312	<i>January 1, 2022</i>	31-51kk(4)
Sec. 313	<i>from passage</i>	31-51pp
Sec. 314	<i>January 1, 2022</i>	31-51pp
Sec. 315	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	31-51qq
Sec. 316	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	27-9
Sec. 317	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	32-7g
Sec. 318	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	32-265(b)
Sec. 319	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	32-7h
Sec. 320	<i>from passage</i>	32-1m
Sec. 321	<i>January 1, 2022</i>	18-81gg
Sec. 322	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 323	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 324	<i>from passage</i>	31-290a
Sec. 325	<i>from passage</i>	31-306(a)
Sec. 326	<i>from passage</i>	7-450(b)
Sec. 327	<i>from passage</i>	3-13c
Sec. 328	<i>January 1, 2022</i>	38a-1083
Sec. 329	<i>January 1, 2022</i>	38a-47
Sec. 330	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 331	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 332	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 333	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 334	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 335	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	New section

Sec. 336	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 337	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 338	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 339	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	51-164n(b)
Sec. 340	<i>from passage</i>	HB 6689 (2021 regular session), Sec. 41
Sec. 341	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 342	<i>from passage</i>	HB 6689 (2021 regular session), Sec. 29
Sec. 343	<i>from passage</i>	15-31b
Sec. 344	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	38a-495c
Sec. 345	<i>June 30, 2021</i>	38a-688a(a)
Sec. 346	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 347	<i>January 1, 2022</i>	New section
Sec. 348	<i>January 1, 2022</i>	38a-490
Sec. 349	<i>January 1, 2022</i>	38a-516
Sec. 350	<i>from passage</i>	10-183g(h)
Sec. 351	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 352	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 353	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	17b-106(b)
Sec. 354	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	17b-272
Sec. 355	<i>from passage</i>	17b-340d
Sec. 356	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	17b-340
Sec. 357	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 358	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 359	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 360	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 361	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 362	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	17b-342(i) and (j)
Sec. 363	<i>November 1, 2021</i>	17b-112
Sec. 364	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	17b-104(a)
Sec. 365	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	17b-191(c)
Sec. 366	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	17b-342(l)
Sec. 367	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 368	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	17b-280c
Sec. 369	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 370	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	17b-265
Sec. 371	<i>from passage</i>	17b-277
Sec. 372	<i>from passage</i>	17b-292(d)

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Sec. 375	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	4-216(c)
Sec. 376	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 377	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 378	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 379	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 380	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	HB 6687 (2021 regular session), Sec. 4
Sec. 381	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	19a-507(a)
Sec. 382	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10-262j
Sec. 383	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10-262i(d)
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Sec. 386	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10-262f(19)
Sec. 387	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 388	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10-66ee(d)
Sec. 389	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10-66ss
Sec. 390	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10-264l(a)
Sec. 391	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10-264l(b)(3)
Sec. 392	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10-264l(c)(3)(D)
Sec. 393	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10-264l(c)(12)
Sec. 394	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10-264i(a)(4)
Sec. 395	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 396	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10-19o(a)
Sec. 397	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 398	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10a-26a
Sec. 399	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10-51(d)(2)
Sec. 400	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
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Sec. 402	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10-17g
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Sec. 404	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10-76g(d)
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Sec. 408	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10-71(d)
Sec. 409	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 410	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section

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Sec. 413	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 414	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 415	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10-262u(c)(2)
Sec. 416	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 417	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10-156ee
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Sec. 419	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10-220a(a)
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Sec. 421	<i>from passage</i>	10-16uu
Sec. 422	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	HB 6621 (2021 regular session), Sec. 4
Sec. 423	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 424	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	New section
Sec. 425	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 426	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10-221
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Sec. 430	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 431	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 432	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	10-16oo
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Sec. 441	<i>from passage</i>	10-15c
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Sec. 444	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10-66ee(l)
Sec. 445	<i>from passage</i>	10-262s
Sec. 446	<i>from passage</i>	10-264h(a)
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Sec. 451	<i>from passage</i>	10-266ee(a)
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Sec. 461	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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Sec. 467	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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Sec. 485	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 486	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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Sec. 510	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	38a-91qq
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Sec. 518	<i>July 1, 2023, and applicable to calendar quarters commencing on or after July 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 519	<i>July 1, 2023, and applicable to calendar quarters commencing on or after July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 520	<i>July 1, 2023, and applicable to calendar quarters commencing on or after July 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 521	<i>July 1, 2023, and applicable to calendar quarters commencing on or after July 1, 2023</i>	New section
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Sec. 530	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	Repealer section
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Sec. 538	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 539	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	Repealer section
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