



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 232

February Session, 2022

Substitute House Bill No. 5291

House of Representatives, March 31, 2022

The Committee on Environment reported through REP. GRESKO of the 121st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDING FOR BIKEWAYS, GREENWAYS AND RECREATIONAL TRAILS.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 23-103 of the 2022 supplement to
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

4 (a) For the purposes described in subsection (b) of this section, the
5 State Bond Commission shall have the power, from time to time to
6 authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and in
7 principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate [nineteen] twenty-two
8 million dollars, provided [three] six million dollars of said authorization
9 shall be effective July 1, 2022.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	23-103(a)
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ENV *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 23 \$	Out Years \$
Treasurer, Debt Serv.	GF - Cost	See Below	4.3 million total

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill authorizes \$3 million in General Obligation bonding for bikeways, greenways and recreational trails, to be administered by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. To the extent bonds are fully allocated and expended, total debt service is expected to be approximately \$4.3 million over the 20-year duration of the bonds.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the terms of any bonds issued.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

This bill authorizes up to \$3 million dollars in general obligation bonds for the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection’s existing bikeway, pedestrian walkway, recreational trail, and greenway grant program. By doing so, it increases the program’s FY 23 bonding authorization from \$3 million to \$6 million.

By law, this program provides grants to municipalities, districts, government agencies, and organizations. Grants may be used for, among other things, planning, design, land acquisition, construction, equipment, trail amenities and facilities, parking lots, benches, and publications for bikeways, walkways, greenways, and multiuse or recreational trails.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2022

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 31 Nay 0 (03/21/2022)