



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5421

LCO No. 2946



Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION

Introduced by:
(TRA)

**AN ACT CONCERNING A SMALL HARBOR IMPROVEMENT
PROJECTS ACCOUNT TO FUND DREDGING PROJECTS.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Connecticut Port
2 Authority shall establish an account to be known as the "small harbor
3 improvement projects account". There shall be deposited in the account:
4 (1) The proceeds of notes, bonds or other obligations issued by the state
5 for the purpose of deposit therein and use in accordance with the
6 permissible uses thereof; (2) funds appropriated by the General
7 Assembly for the purpose of deposit therein and used in accordance
8 with the permissible uses thereof; and (3) any other funds required or
9 permitted by law to be deposited in the account. The funds in said
10 account shall be expended by the authority for the purpose of initiating
11 small harbor improvement projects in accordance with section 13b-55a
12 of the general statutes and for the purposes described in subsection (b)
13 of this section.

14 (b) The small harbor improvement projects account may be used for
15 federal and nonfederal dredging projects to (1) support, in full or in part,

16 local and state matching requirements for such projects; (2) cover the
17 incremental costs associated with applicable environmental regulatory
18 requirements or management practices, including beneficial use; (3)
19 cover part or all of the costs of such projects in the absence of adequate
20 federal funds; and (4) fund private maritime infrastructure projects. If
21 the account is used for the purpose described in subdivision (3) of this
22 subsection, the authority shall pursue reimbursement to the account
23 from the federal government.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To require the Connecticut Port Authority to establish a small harbor improvement projects account to fund dredging projects.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]