



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6689

January Session, 2023



**AN ACT CONCERNING A CONNECTICUT HIGHER EDUCATION
SUPPLEMENTAL LOAN AUTHORITY REFINANCE LOAN SUBSIDY
FOR CERTAIN HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) For the purposes of this
2 section, "authority loans" and "eligible loans" have the same meanings
3 as provided in section 10a-223 of the general statutes.

4 (b) The Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan
5 Authority shall establish, subject to available funding in the account
6 established and maintained pursuant to section 2 of this act, a Nursing
7 and Mental Health Care Professionals Loan Subsidy Program for the
8 purpose of subsidizing interest rates on authority loans issued to
9 refinance eligible loans for health care professionals who (1) are
10 actively employed in a clinical setting, (2) are licensed pursuant to
11 chapter 378, 378a, 383, 383a, 383b or 383c of the general statutes, and
12 (3) meet the eligibility criteria established pursuant to subsection (c) of
13 this section.

14 (c) The Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan
15 Authority shall enter into a memorandum of agreement with the
16 Commissioner of Education to establish eligibility criteria and
17 administrative guidelines for the program established pursuant to
18 subsection (b) of this section. Such eligibility criteria and guidelines

19 shall include, but need not be limited to, (1) applicant eligibility
20 criteria, (2) interest rate subsidies and principal limits on authority
21 loans offered under the program, (3) a process for verifying that
22 applicants are actively employed in a clinical setting, and (4) a
23 requirement that an interest rate subsidy on an authority loan issued
24 under the program be terminated if the subsidy recipient fails to meet
25 the requirements of the program at any time during the term of such
26 loan.

27 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) The Connecticut Higher
28 Education Supplemental Loan Authority shall establish and maintain a
29 separate, nonlapsing account to hold funds for the Nursing and Mental
30 Health Care Professionals Loan Subsidy Program established pursuant
31 to section 1 of this act. The account shall contain any moneys required
32 by law to be deposited in the account, including, but not limited to,
33 any state appropriation and the proceeds from the sale of any bonds
34 issued for the purpose of section 1 of this act. Moneys in the account
35 shall be expended by the Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental
36 Loan Authority (1) for the purposes of the Nursing and Mental Health
37 Care Professionals Loan Subsidy Program established pursuant to
38 section 1 of this act, including, but not limited to, for reasonable
39 expenses necessary to administer said program, (2) to issue authority
40 loans under said program to refinance one or more eligible loans, and
41 (3) to maintain a reserve, held by the authority, to cover any losses
42 incurred by the authority in issuing authority loans under said
43 program. For the purposes of this section, "authority loans" and
44 "eligible loans" have the same meanings as provided in section 10a-223
45 of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 1(b), "in the account established and maintained" was added after "funding" for clarity and internal consistency; in Section 1(b)(2), "chapters 378, 378a, 383, 383a, 383b and 383c" was changed to "chapter 378, 378a, 383, 383a, 383b or 383c" for clarity and accuracy; and in Section 2, "maintain" was changed to "establish and maintain" for clarity.

BA *Joint Favorable Subst.*