



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6707

January Session, 2023



**AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE AND
APPROPRIATING STATE FUNDS FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES
AND AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER HOUSING PROGRAMS AND
REENTRY CENTERS.**

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) For the purposes described in
2 subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have
3 the power from time to time to authorize the issuance of bonds of the
4 state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in
5 the aggregate five million dollars.

6 (b) The proceeds of the sale of such bonds, to the extent of the
7 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the
8 Department of Developmental Services for the purpose of providing
9 grants-in-aid to private nonprofit organizations for supportive housing
10 for persons with intellectual disability or autism spectrum disorder, or
11 both.

12 (c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the
13 exercise of any right or power granted thereby, that are not
14 inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and
15 shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission
16 pursuant to this section. Temporary notes in anticipation of the money
17 to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized may be

18 issued in accordance with section 3-20 of the general statutes and from
19 time to time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times
20 not exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be
21 provided in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State
22 Bond Commission authorizing such bonds. None of such bonds shall
23 be authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission
24 that there has been filed with it a request for such authorization that is
25 signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
26 Management and states such terms and conditions as said commission,
27 in its discretion, may require. Such bonds issued pursuant to this
28 section shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and
29 credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the
30 principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due, and
31 accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of
32 such bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual
33 payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State
34 Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become
35 due.

36 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2023*) (a) The Commissioner of
37 Developmental Services shall, in collaboration with the Commissioners
38 of Housing and Correction and, within available appropriations, plan,
39 develop and administer a comprehensive program for community-
40 based group homes for persons with intellectual disabilities reentering
41 society from the correctional system. Such program shall also provide
42 supportive services for such persons, which may include, but need not
43 be limited to, assistance with daily living tasks, transportation
44 assistance, medical care and job training.

45 (b) The Commissioner of Developmental Services shall adopt
46 regulations, in accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, to
47 carry out the provisions of this section.

48 Sec. 3. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) The sum of five million dollars is
49 appropriated to the Department of Developmental Services from the
50 General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, for the planning

51 and development of a program for community-based group homes for
52 persons with intellectual disabilities reentering society from the
53 correctional system pursuant to section 2 of this act.

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>October 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 3, a reference to "section 2 of this act" was added for clarity.

HSG *Joint Favorable Subst.*