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Introduced by:
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***AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
AUDITORS OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.***

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (13) of subsection (b) of section 1-210 of the
2 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

4 (13) Records of an investigation or the name of an employee
5 providing information under the provisions of section 4-61dd or
6 sections 4-276 to 4-280, inclusive, or of any complaint made pursuant
7 to section 4-61dd;

8 Sec. 2. Subdivision (1) of subsection (e) of section 14-44 of the
9 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
10 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

11 (e) (1) Prior to issuing an operator's license bearing a public
12 passenger endorsement pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, the
13 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall require each applicant to submit

14 to state and national criminal history records checks, conducted in
15 accordance with section 29-17a. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles
16 may subsequently require a person who has been issued an operator's
17 license with a public passenger endorsement to operate a school bus or
18 student transportation vehicle to submit to such state and national
19 criminal history records checks periodically, including, but not limited
20 to, prior to any renewal of such license. The Commissioner of
21 Emergency Services and Public Protection shall complete such state
22 and national criminal history records checks required pursuant to this
23 section within sixty days of receiving such a request for a check of such
24 records. If notice of a state or national criminal history record is
25 received, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may, subject to the
26 provisions of section 46a-80, refuse to issue an operator's license
27 bearing such public passenger endorsement and, in such case, shall
28 immediately notify the applicant, in writing, of such refusal. Each
29 applicant for a public passenger endorsement to operate a school bus
30 or student transportation vehicle shall submit to a check of the state
31 child abuse and neglect registry established pursuant to section 17a-
32 101k. If notification that the applicant is listed as a perpetrator of abuse
33 on the state child abuse and neglect registry is received, the
34 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may refuse to issue an operator's
35 license bearing such public passenger endorsement and, in such case,
36 shall immediately notify the applicant, in writing, of such refusal. The
37 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall not issue a temporary operator's
38 license bearing a public passenger endorsement for operation of a
39 school bus or student transportation vehicle.

40 Sec. 3. Subsections (b) and (c) of section 7-395 of the general statutes
41 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
42 *October 1, 2023*):

43 (b) If, upon such review of the audit report, the secretary finds (1)
44 that such audit has not been prepared in accordance with subsection
45 (a) of section 7-394a, and the municipality, regional school district or
46 audited agency did not request permission to have the audit report

47 prepared in a manner not in compliance with said subsection; or (2)
48 evidence of unsound or irregular financial practices or management
49 letter comments or lack of internal controls in relation to commonly
50 accepted standards in municipal finance, then the secretary shall
51 prepare a report concerning such finding, including, but not limited to,
52 information to aid in the evaluation of such finding and
53 recommendations for corrective action. The secretary shall submit such
54 report to (A) the Municipal Finance Advisory Commission established
55 pursuant to section 7-394b; (B) the Auditors of Public Accounts; and
56 (C) the chief executive officer and clerk of the municipality,
57 superintendent of schools for the regional school district or chief
58 executive officer of the audited agency.

59 (c) Upon receipt of a report submitted pursuant to subsection (b) of
60 this section, the legislative body of the municipality, or in a
61 municipality where the legislative body is a town meeting, the board
62 of selectmen, or if the report involves a school district operating within
63 its boundaries, the regional board of education, shall hold a public
64 meeting to discuss the nature of the unsound or irregular financial
65 practices, management letter comments or lack of internal controls in
66 relation to commonly accepted standards in municipal finance, to
67 address potential causes for such practices, comments or lack of
68 internal controls and to inform proposing a plan for corrective action.
69 After such meeting, the chief executive officer of a municipality or
70 audited agency or superintendent of schools for the regional school
71 district shall attest to and explain the secretary's findings and submit a
72 plan for corrective action, in writing, to the secretary.

73 Sec. 4. Subsections (c) and (d) of section 3-115b of the general
74 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
75 (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

76 (c) The Comptroller shall establish an opening combined balance
77 sheet for each appropriated fund as of July 1, 2013, on the basis of
78 generally accepted accounting principles. The accumulated deficit in
79 the General Fund on June 30, 2013, as determined on the basis of

80 generally accepted accounting principles and identified in the annual
81 comprehensive [annual] financial report of the state as the unassigned
82 negative balance of the General Fund on said date, reduced by any
83 funds deposited in the General Fund from other resources for the
84 purpose of reducing the negative unassigned balance of the fund, shall
85 be amortized in each fiscal year of each biennial budget, commencing
86 with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, and for the succeeding twelve
87 fiscal years. The Comptroller shall, to the extent necessary to report the
88 fiscal position of the state in accordance with generally accepted
89 accounting principles, reconcile the unassigned balance in the General
90 Fund at the end of each fiscal year to the unassigned balance in the
91 General Fund on June 30, 2013, the portion already amortized and any
92 unassigned balance created after June 30, 2013. The Secretary of the
93 Office of Policy and Management shall annually publish a
94 recommended amortization schedule to fully reduce such negative
95 unassigned balance by June 30, 2028.

96 (d) The unreserved negative balance in the General Fund reported
97 in the annual comprehensive [annual] financial report issued by the
98 Comptroller for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, reduced by (1) the
99 negative unassigned balance in the General Fund for the fiscal year
100 ending June 30, 2013, and (2) any funds from other resources deposited
101 in the General Fund for the purpose of reducing the negative
102 unassigned balance of the fund shall be amortized in each fiscal year of
103 each biennial budget, commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30,
104 2018, and for the succeeding ten fiscal years. The Secretary of the Office
105 of Policy and Management shall annually publish a recommended
106 amortization schedule to fully reduce such negative unassigned
107 balance by June 30, 2028.

108 Sec. 5. Section 4-72 of the general statutes is repealed and the
109 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

110 (a) The budget document shall consist of the Governor's budget
111 message in which he or she shall set forth as follows: (1) The
112 Governor's program for meeting all the expenditure needs of the

113 government for each fiscal year of the biennium to which the budget
114 relates, indicating the classes of funds, general or special, from which
115 such appropriations are to be made and the means through which such
116 expenditure shall be financed; and (2) financial statements giving in
117 summary form: (A) The financial position of all major state operating
118 funds including revolving funds at the end of the last-completed fiscal
119 year in a form consistent with accepted accounting practice. The
120 Governor shall also set forth in similar form the estimated position of
121 each such fund at the end of the year in progress and the estimated
122 position of each such fund at the end of each fiscal year of the
123 biennium to which the budget relates if the Governor's proposals are
124 put into effect; (B) a statement showing as of the close of the last-
125 completed fiscal year, a year by year summary of all outstanding
126 general obligation and special tax obligation debt of the state and a
127 statement showing the yearly interest requirements on such
128 outstanding debt; (C) a summary of appropriations recommended for
129 each fiscal year of the biennium to which the budget relates for each
130 budgeted agency and for the state as a whole in comparison with
131 actual expenditures of the last-completed fiscal year and
132 appropriations and estimated expenditures for the year in progress;
133 (D) for the biennium commencing July 1, 1999, and each biennium
134 thereafter, a summary of estimated expenditures for certain fringe
135 benefits for each fiscal year of the biennium to which the budget
136 relates for each budgeted agency; (E) a summary of permanent full-
137 time positions setting forth the number filled and the number vacant
138 as of the end of the last-completed fiscal year, the total number
139 intended to be funded by appropriations without reduction for
140 turnover for the fiscal year in progress, the total number requested and
141 the total number recommended for each fiscal year of the biennium to
142 which the budget relates; (F) a statement of expenditures for the last-
143 completed and current fiscal years, the agency request and the
144 Governor's recommendation for each fiscal year of the ensuing
145 biennium and, for any new or expanded program, estimated
146 expenditure requirements for the fiscal year next succeeding the
147 biennium to which the budget relates; (G) an explanation of any

148 significant program changes requested by the agency or recommended
149 by the Governor; (H) a summary of the revenue estimated to be
150 received by the state during each fiscal year of the biennium to which
151 the budget relates classified according to sources in comparison with
152 the actual revenue received by the state during the last-completed
153 fiscal year and estimated revenue during the year in progress; and (I)
154 such other financial statements, data and comments as in the
155 Governor's opinion are necessary or desirable in order to make known
156 in all practicable detail the financial condition and operations of the
157 government and the effect that the budget as proposed by the
158 Governor will have on such condition and operations.

159 (b) If the estimated revenue of the state for the ensuing biennium as
160 set forth in the budget on the basis of existing statutes is less than the
161 sum of net appropriations recommended for the ensuing biennium as
162 contained in the budget, plus, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014,
163 and each fiscal year thereafter, the projected amount necessary to
164 extinguish any unreserved negative balance in such fund as reported
165 in the most recently audited annual comprehensive [annual] financial
166 report issued by the Comptroller prior to the start of the biennium, the
167 Governor shall make recommendations to the General Assembly in
168 respect to the manner in which such deficit shall be met, whether by an
169 increase in the indebtedness of the state, by the imposition of new
170 taxes, by increased rates on existing taxes or otherwise. If the aggregate
171 of such estimated revenue is greater than the sum of such
172 recommended appropriations for the ensuing biennium plus, for the
173 fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, and each fiscal year thereafter, the
174 projected amount necessary to extinguish any unreserved negative
175 balance in such fund as reported in the most recently issued annual
176 report of the Comptroller published in accordance with section 3-115,
177 the Governor shall make such recommendations for the use of such
178 surplus for the reduction of indebtedness, for the reduction in taxation
179 or for other purposes as in the Governor's opinion are in the best
180 interest of the public welfare.

181 Sec. 6. Subsection (a) of section 8-169mm of the general statutes is
182 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
183 *October 1, 2023*):

184 (a) In lieu of the report required under section 1-123, within the first
185 ninety days of each fiscal year of the Connecticut Municipal
186 Redevelopment Authority, the board of directors of the authority shall
187 submit a report to the Governor, the Auditors of Public Accounts and
188 the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
189 cognizance of matters relating to finance, revenue and bonding. Such
190 report shall include, but not be limited to, the following: (1) A list of all
191 bonds issued during the preceding fiscal year, including, for each such
192 issue, the financial advisor and underwriters, whether the issue was
193 competitive, negotiated or privately placed, and the issue's face value
194 and net proceeds; (2) a description of each authority development
195 project in which the authority is involved, its location and the amount
196 of funds, if any, provided by the authority with respect to the
197 construction of such project; (3) a list of all outside individuals and
198 firms, including principal and other major stockholders, receiving in
199 excess of five thousand dollars as payments for services; (4) [a] an
200 annual comprehensive [annual] financial report prepared in
201 accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for
202 governmental enterprises; (5) the cumulative value of all bonds issued,
203 the value of outstanding bonds and the amount of the state's
204 contingent liability; (6) the affirmative action policy adopted pursuant
205 to section 8-169kk, a description of the composition of the workforce of
206 the Connecticut Municipal Redevelopment Authority by race, sex and
207 occupation and a description of the affirmative action efforts of the
208 authority; and (7) a description of planned activities for the current
209 fiscal year.

210 Sec. 7. Subsection (a) of section 15-120o of the general statutes is
211 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
212 *October 1, 2023*):

213 (a) Within the first ninety days of each fiscal year of the authority,

214 the board of directors of the authority shall submit a report to the
215 Governor, the Auditors of Public Accounts and the joint standing
216 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
217 relating to finance, revenue and bonding. Such report shall include,
218 but not be limited to, the following: (1) A list of all bonds issued during
219 the preceding fiscal year, including, for each such issue, the financial
220 advisor and underwriters, whether the issue was competitive,
221 negotiated or privately placed, and the issue's face value and net
222 proceeds; (2) a description of the project, its location, and the amount
223 of funds, if any, provided by the authority with respect to the
224 construction of the project; (3) a list of all outside individuals and firms
225 receiving in excess of five thousand dollars in the form of loans, grants
226 or payments for services; (4) [a] an annual comprehensive [annual]
227 financial report prepared in accordance with generally accepted
228 accounting principles for governmental enterprises; (5) the cumulative
229 value of all bonds issued, the value of outstanding bonds, and the
230 amount of the state's contingent liability; (6) the affirmative action
231 policy statement, a description of the composition of the work force of
232 the authority by race, sex and occupation and a description of the
233 affirmative action efforts of the authority; and (7) a description of
234 planned activities for the current fiscal year.

235 Sec. 8. Subsection (a) of section 32-605 of the general statutes is
236 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
237 *October 1, 2023*):

238 (a) In lieu of the report required under section 1-123, within the first
239 ninety days of each fiscal year of the Capital Region Development
240 Authority, the board of directors of the authority shall submit a report
241 to the Governor, the Auditors of Public Accounts and the joint
242 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
243 matters relating to finance, revenue and bonding. Such report shall
244 include, but not be limited to, the following: (1) A list of all bonds
245 issued during the preceding fiscal year, including, for each such issue,
246 the financial advisor and underwriters, whether the issue was

247 competitive, negotiated or privately placed, and the issue's face value
 248 and net proceeds; (2) a description of the capital city project or any
 249 economic development project in the capital region in which the
 250 authority is involved, its location and the amount of funds, if any,
 251 provided by the authority with respect to the construction of such
 252 project; (3) a list of all outside individuals and firms, including
 253 principal and other major stockholders, receiving in excess of five
 254 thousand dollars as payments for services; (4) [a] an annual
 255 comprehensive [annual] financial report prepared in accordance with
 256 generally accepted accounting principles for governmental enterprises;
 257 (5) the cumulative value of all bonds issued, the value of outstanding
 258 bonds and the amount of the state's contingent liability; (6) the
 259 affirmative action policy statement, a description of the composition of
 260 the work force of the authority by race, sex and occupation and a
 261 description of the affirmative action efforts of the authority; (7) a
 262 description of planned activities for the current fiscal year; (8) a list of
 263 all private investments made or committed for commercial
 264 development within the capital city economic development district;
 265 and (9) an analysis of the authority's success in achieving the purposes
 266 stated in section 32-602.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2023	1-210(b)(13)
Sec. 2	October 1, 2023	14-44(e)(1)
Sec. 3	October 1, 2023	7-395(b) and (c)
Sec. 4	October 1, 2023	3-115b(c) and (d)
Sec. 5	October 1, 2023	4-72
Sec. 6	October 1, 2023	8-169mm(a)
Sec. 7	October 1, 2023	15-120o(a)
Sec. 8	October 1, 2023	32-605(a)

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