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Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

**AN ACT CONCERNING STATE CONSTRUCTION RELATED
THRESHOLDS.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 4b-51 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
3 *2023*):

4 (a) The Commissioner of Administrative Services shall have charge
5 and supervision of the remodeling, alteration, repair or enlargement of
6 any real asset, except any dam, flood or erosion control system,
7 highway, bridge or any mass transit, marine or aviation transportation
8 facility, a facility of the Connecticut Marketing Authority, an asset of the
9 Department of Agriculture program established pursuant to section 26-
10 237a, or any building under the supervision and control of the Joint
11 Committee on Legislative Management, involving an expenditure in
12 excess of five hundred thousand dollars, and except that (1) the Judicial
13 Branch may have charge and supervision of the remodeling, alteration,
14 repair, construction or enlargement of any real asset involving an

15 expenditure of not more than two million dollars, (2) each constituent
16 unit of the state system of higher education may have charge and
17 supervision of the remodeling, alteration, repair, construction or
18 enlargement of any real asset involving an expenditure of not more than
19 [two] three million dollars, (3) The University of Connecticut shall have
20 charge and supervision of the remodeling, alteration, repair,
21 construction, or enlargement of any project, as defined in subdivision
22 (16) of section 10a-109c, notwithstanding the amount of the expenditure
23 involved, and (4) the Military Department may have charge and
24 supervision of the remodeling, alteration, repair, construction or
25 enlargement of any real asset involving an expenditure of not more than
26 [two] three million dollars. In any decision to remodel, alter, repair or
27 enlarge any real asset, the commissioner shall consider the capability of
28 the real asset to facilitate recycling programs.

29 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 4b-52 of the general statutes is
30 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
31 *2023*):

32 (a) (1) No repairs, alterations or additions involving expense to the
33 state of five hundred thousand dollars or less or, in the case of repairs,
34 alterations or additions to a building rented or occupied by the Judicial
35 Branch, [one million two hundred fifty thousand] two million dollars or
36 less or, in the case of repairs, alterations or additions to a building rented
37 or occupied by a constituent unit of the state system of higher education,
38 [two] three million dollars or less, shall be made to any state building or
39 premises occupied by any state officer, department, institution, board,
40 commission or council of the state government and no contract for any
41 construction, repairs, alteration or addition shall be entered into without
42 the prior approval of the Commissioner of Administrative Services,
43 except repairs, alterations or additions to a building under the
44 supervision and control of the Joint Committee on Legislative
45 Management or the Military Department and repairs, alterations or
46 additions to a building under the supervision of The University of
47 Connecticut. Repairs, alterations or additions which are made pursuant
48 to such approval of the Commissioner of Administrative Services shall

49 conform to all guidelines and procedures established by the Department
50 of Administrative Services for agency-administered projects. (2)
51 Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection,
52 repairs, alterations or additions involving expense to the state of five
53 hundred thousand dollars or less may be made to any state building or
54 premises under the supervision of the Office of the Chief Court
55 Administrator or a constituent unit of the state system of higher
56 education, under the terms of section 4b-11, and any contract for any
57 such construction, repairs or alteration may be entered into by the Office
58 of the Chief Court Administrator or a constituent unit of the state system
59 of higher education without the approval of the Commissioner of
60 Administrative Services.

61 Sec. 3. Subdivision (6) of section 4b-55 of the general statutes is
62 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
63 *2023*):

64 (6) "Project" means any state program requiring consultant services if
65 the cost of such services is estimated to exceed [five hundred] seven
66 hundred fifty thousand dollars, adjusted annually on and after July 1,
67 2024, in accordance with the provisions of section 4 of this act;

68 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) Not later than July 1, 2024, and
69 annually thereafter, the Commissioner of Administrative Services shall
70 adjust the threshold cost for consultant services for a state program to
71 be deemed a project for the purposes of section 4b-1 of the general
72 statutes and sections 4b-55 to 4b-59, inclusive, of the general statutes, as
73 amended by this act. The commissioner shall adjust such threshold cost
74 by the percentage change in the Producer Price Index by Commodity:
75 Construction (Partial) (WPU80), not seasonally adjusted, or its successor
76 index, as calculated by the United States Department of Labor, over the
77 preceding calendar year, rounded to the nearest multiple of one
78 hundred dollars.

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

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	4b-51(a)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	4b-52(a)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	4b-55(6)
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To permit constituent units of the state system of higher education and the Military Department to have charge and supervision of certain changes to real assets involving expenditures of not more than three million dollars, redefine "project" for purposes of the threshold for consultant services and permit the Commissioner of Administrative Services to adjust such threshold.

[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.]