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Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS

Introduced by:

Request of the Governor Pursuant
to Joint Rule 9

***AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR GENERAL GOVERNMENT.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 15-31a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

3 (a) There is hereby established and created a body politic and
4 corporate, constituting a public instrumentality and political
5 subdivision of the state of Connecticut established and created for the
6 performance of an essential public and governmental function, to be
7 known as the Connecticut [Port] Maritime Authority. The Connecticut
8 Maritime Authority shall be a subsidiary of the Connecticut Airport
9 Authority and shall constitute a successor authority to the Connecticut
10 Port Authority in accordance with the provisions of sections 4-38d, 4-
11 38e and 4-39. The [authority] Connecticut Maritime Authority shall not
12 be construed to be a department, institution or agency of the state. Any
13 liability, financial loss or expense, including legal fees and costs, if any,
14 arising out of any claim, demand, order, penalty, lien, assessment, suit

15 or judgment by reason of any acts, omissions, conduct or preexisting
16 conditions of any kind by or relating in any way to the Connecticut
17 Maritime Authority or the state's management and oversight of its ports
18 or harbors shall be subject to recovery solely from the assets, revenues
19 and resources of the Connecticut Maritime Authority and shall be
20 without any recourse whatsoever to any funds, revenues, resources or
21 any other assets of the Connecticut Airport Authority.

22 (b) [The powers of the authority shall be vested in and exercised by a
23 board of directors, which shall consist of twenty-one voting members as
24 follows: (1) The State Treasurer, or the Treasurer's designee, the
25 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, or the
26 commissioner's designee, the Commissioner of Transportation, or the
27 commissioner's designee, the Commissioner of Economic and
28 Community Development, or the commissioner's designee, the
29 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the secretary's
30 designee, the chief elected official of the town of New London, or such
31 official's designee, the chief elected official of the city of New Haven, or
32 such official's designee, and the chief elected official of the city of
33 Bridgeport, or such official's designee, all of whom shall serve ex officio;
34 (2) one appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives; (3)
35 one appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives,
36 who is the chief elected official of a town with a small harbor, or such
37 official's designee; (4) one appointed by the minority leader of the House
38 of Representatives; (5) one appointed by the president pro tempore of
39 the Senate, who is a member or employee of a local port authority; (6)
40 one appointed by the majority leader of the Senate; (7) one appointed by
41 the minority leader of the Senate; and (8) seven appointed by the
42 Governor, one of whom is the chief elected official of a town with a small
43 harbor, or such official's designee. Said members of the General
44 Assembly and the Governor shall appoint members of the board to
45 succeed appointees whose terms expire and each member so appointed
46 shall hold office for a period of four years from the first day of July in
47 the year of his or her appointment. Appointed members shall include
48 individuals who have experience and expertise in international trade,

49 marine transportation, finance or economic development. The board of
50 directors shall select the chairperson from among the members of the
51 board, who shall serve for a term of two years. The board of directors
52 shall select a vice-chairperson from among its members and such other
53 officers as it deems necessary] On and after October 1, 2024, the board
54 of directors of the Connecticut Airport Authority, established pursuant
55 to subsection (b) of section 15-120bb, as amended by this act, shall also
56 serve as the board of directors for the Connecticut Maritime Authority.
57 The provisions of subsections (c) and (e) to (k), inclusive, of section 15-
58 120bb shall apply to the board of directors acting pursuant to its
59 authority under this chapter.

60 [(c) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, no appointed
61 member of the board of directors may designate a representative to
62 perform his or her respective duties under this section in such member's
63 absence. Any appointed member who fails to attend three consecutive
64 meetings of the board or who fails to attend fifty per cent of all meetings
65 of the board held during any calendar year shall be deemed to have
66 resigned from the board. Any vacancy occurring other than by
67 expiration of term shall be filled not later than thirty days following the
68 occurrence of such vacancy in the same manner as the original
69 appointment for the balance of the unexpired term. The appointing
70 authority for any member may remove such member for inefficiency,
71 neglect of duty or misconduct in office after giving the member a copy
72 of the charges against the member and an opportunity to be heard, in
73 person or by counsel, in the member's defense, upon not less than ten
74 days' notice. If any member shall be so removed, the appointing
75 authority for such member shall file in the office of the Secretary of the
76 State a complete statement of charges made against such member and
77 the appointing authority's findings on such statement of charges,
78 together with a complete record of the proceedings.]

79 [(d)] (c) The [members of the board of directors shall appoint an
80 executive director of the authority who shall not be a member of the
81 board and shall serve at the pleasure of the board and receive such
82 compensation as shall be fixed by the board] executive director of the

83 Connecticut Airport Authority shall serve as the executive director of
84 the Connecticut Maritime Authority. The executive director shall: (1) Be
85 the chief administrative officer of the authority and direct and supervise
86 administrative affairs and technical activities in accordance with the
87 directives of the board; (2) approve all accounts for salaries, allowable
88 expenses of the authority or of any employee or consultant thereof, and
89 expenses incidental to the operation of the authority; (3) perform such
90 other duties as may be directed by the board in carrying out the
91 purposes of this section; and (4) attend all meetings of the board, keep a
92 record of the proceedings of the authority and maintain and be
93 custodian of all books, documents and papers filed with the authority
94 and of the minute book or journal of the authority and of its official seal.
95 The executive director may cause copies to be made of all minutes and
96 other records and documents of the authority and may give certificates
97 under the official seal of the authority to the effect that such copies are
98 true copies, and all persons dealing with the authority may rely upon
99 such certificates.

100 [(e) Each member of the board of directors shall serve without
101 compensation, but shall be reimbursed for such member's actual and
102 necessary expenses incurred during the performance of such member's
103 official duties.

104 (f) Members of the board of directors may engage in private
105 employment, or in a profession or business, subject to any applicable
106 laws, rules and regulations of the state regarding official ethics or
107 conflict of interest.

108 (g) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, it shall not
109 constitute a conflict of interest for a trustee, director, partner or officer
110 of any person, firm or corporation, or any individual having a financial
111 interest in a person, firm or corporation, to serve as a member of the
112 board of directors of the authority, provided such trustee, director,
113 partner, officer or individual shall comply with all applicable provisions
114 of chapter 10.

115 (h) Eight members of the board of directors of the authority shall
116 constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business or the exercise
117 of any power of the authority. For the transaction of any business or the
118 exercise of any power of the authority, and except as otherwise provided
119 in this section, the authority may act by a majority of the members
120 present at any meeting at which a quorum is in attendance.

121 (i) The board may delegate to eight or more members such board
122 powers and duties as it may deem necessary and proper in conformity
123 with the provisions of this section and its bylaws.

124 (j) The initial members of the board may begin service immediately
125 upon appointment, but shall not serve past the sixth Wednesday of the
126 next regular session of the General Assembly unless qualified in the
127 manner provided in section 4-7. Thereafter, all appointments shall be
128 made with the advice and consent of both houses of the General
129 Assembly, in the manner provided in section 4-19.

130 (k) On or before December fifteenth of each year, the board shall
131 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the
132 Governor and the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
133 having cognizance of matters relating to transportation, commerce and
134 the environment, summarizing the authority's activities, disclosing
135 operating and financial statements and recommending legislation to
136 promote the authority's purposes.

137 (l) Not later than seven days after receiving an audit of the authority
138 conducted by an independent auditing firm, the board shall submit, in
139 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing
140 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
141 relating to appropriations, commerce, the environment and
142 transportation a copy of each such audit.]

143 [(m)] (d) The board shall: (1) Develop and recommend to the
144 Governor and the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
145 having cognizance of matters relating to transportation a maritime
146 policy for the state; (2) advise the Governor and such committee

147 concerning the state's maritime policies and operations; (3) support the
148 development of the state's maritime commerce and industries,
149 including its ports and harbors; (4) recommend investments and actions,
150 including dredging, required in order to preserve and enhance maritime
151 commerce and industries; and (5) conduct studies and present
152 recommendations concerning maritime issues.

153 [(n)] (e) At least once each year, the board shall hold a public hearing
154 for the purpose of evaluating the adequacy of the state's maritime
155 policies, facilities and support for maritime commerce and industry.

156 [(o) On or before January 1, 2022, and annually thereafter, the board
157 of directors shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of
158 section 11-4a, to the Governor and the joint standing committee of the
159 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
160 transportation. Such report shall include, but need not be limited to: (1)
161 A description of the projects undertaken by the authority in the
162 preceding year; (2) a list of projects which, if undertaken by the state,
163 would support the state's maritime policies and encourage maritime
164 commerce and industry; (3) a description of the authority's finances; (4)
165 recommendations for improvements to existing maritime policies,
166 programs and facilities; and (5) recommendations for legislation to
167 promote the authority's purpose. The Commissioner of Administrative
168 Services and the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall
169 jointly review and comment on each report before such report is
170 submitted to the Governor and the joint standing committee of the
171 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
172 transportation.]

173 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2024*) (a) Wherever the term
174 "Connecticut Port Authority" is used in any public or special act of 2024
175 or in the following sections of the general statutes, the term "Connecticut
176 Maritime Authority" shall be substituted in lieu thereof: sections 1-120,
177 1-124, 1-125, 12-18, 13b-51, 13b-53, 13b-55a, 13b-55b, 13b-56, 13b-57, 15-
178 13, 15-13c, 15-14, 15-15b, 15-15d, 22a-113m, 22a-337, 22a-340, 22a-359
179 and 22a-361.

180 (b) The Legislative Commissioners' Office shall, in codifying the
181 provisions of this section, make such technical, grammatical and
182 punctuation changes as are necessary to carry out the purposes of this
183 section.

184 Sec. 3. Subsection (b) of section 15-120bb of the 2024 supplement to
185 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
186 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

187 (b) The powers of the authority shall be vested in and exercised by a
188 board of directors, which shall consist of [~~eleven~~] twelve members,
189 appointed as follows: (1) (A) The Treasurer or the Treasurer's designee,
190 (B) the Commissioner of Transportation or the commissioner's designee,
191 [and] (C) the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development
192 or the commissioner's designee, and (D) the Secretary of the Office of
193 Policy and Management or the secretary's designee, each serving ex
194 officio; (2) one appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives
195 for a term of four years; (3) one appointed by the minority leader of the
196 House of Representatives for a term of four years; (4) one appointed by
197 the president pro tempore of the Senate for a term of four years; and (5)
198 one appointed by the minority leader of the Senate for a term of four
199 years. Thereafter, such members of the General Assembly shall appoint
200 members of the board to succeed such appointees whose terms expire
201 and each member so appointed shall hold office for a period of four
202 years from the first day of July in the year of his or her appointment. The
203 Governor shall appoint four members to the board as follows: (A) Two
204 members for two years; and (B) two members for four years. Thereafter,
205 the Governor shall appoint members of the board to succeed such
206 appointees whose terms expire and each member so appointed shall
207 hold office for a period of four years from July first in the year of his or
208 her appointment. Appointed directors shall have business and
209 management experience and shall include individuals who have
210 experience and expertise in one or more of the following areas: (i)
211 Financial planning, (ii) budgeting and assessment, (iii) marketing, (iv)
212 master planning, (v) aviation, [and] (vi) transportation management,
213 (vii) international trade, and (viii) marine transportation.

214 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2024*) The Connecticut Airport
215 Authority and the Connecticut Maritime Authority, established
216 pursuant to section 15-31a of the general statutes, as amended by this
217 act, may adopt policies and procedures, in accordance with the
218 provisions of section 1-121 of the general statutes, to provide for the
219 coordination of services and management between such authorities.
220 Such policies and procedures may include, but need not be limited to,
221 (1) shared administrative support and services; (2) coordination of
222 management and operational activities, such as (A) joint procurement
223 and contracting, (B) the sharing of services and resources, and (C) the
224 coordination of promotional activities; and (3) any other arrangement
225 designed to enhance revenues, reduce operating costs or achieve
226 operating efficiencies.

227 Sec. 5. Subdivision (28) of section 4e-1 of the 2024 supplement to the
228 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
229 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

230 (28) "State contracting agency" means any executive branch agency,
231 board, commission, department, office, institution or council. "State
232 contracting agency" does not include the judicial branch, the legislative
233 branch, the offices of the Secretary of the State, the State Comptroller,
234 the Attorney General, the State Treasurer, with respect to their
235 constitutional functions, any state agency with respect to contracts
236 specific to the constitutional and statutory functions of the office of the
237 State Treasurer. For the purposes of [every provision of this chapter
238 other than section 4e-16, "state contracting agency" includes the
239 Connecticut Port Authority, for the purposes of] section 4e-16, "state
240 contracting agency" includes any constituent unit of the state system of
241 higher education and for the purposes of section 4e-19, "state
242 contracting agency" includes the State Education Resource Center,
243 established under section 10-4q;

244 Sec. 6. Section 15-31b of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes
245 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
246 *October 1, 2024*):

247 (a) The purposes of the Connecticut [Port] Maritime Authority shall
248 be to coordinate the development of Connecticut's ports and harbors,
249 with a focus on private and public investments, pursue federal and state
250 funds for dredging and other infrastructure improvements to increase
251 cargo movement through the ports and maintain navigability of all
252 ports and harbors, market the economic development of such ports and
253 harbors, work with the Department of Economic and Community
254 Development and other state, local and private entities to maximize the
255 economic potential of the ports and harbors, support and enhance the
256 overall development of the state's maritime commerce and industries,
257 coordinate the planning and funding of capital projects promoting the
258 development of the ports and harbors, develop strategic entrepreneurial
259 initiatives that may be available to the state, coordinate the state's
260 maritime policy activities, serve as the Governor's principal maritime
261 policy advisor and undertake such other responsibilities as may be
262 assigned to it. To accomplish the purposes of the authority, the authority
263 shall have the duty and power to:

264 (1) Have perpetual succession as a body politic and corporate and to
265 adopt bylaws for the regulation of its affairs and the conduct of its
266 business;

267 (2) Adopt an official seal and alter the same at pleasure;

268 (3) Maintain an office at such place or places as it may designate;

269 (4) Sue and be sued in its own name, and plead and be impleaded;

270 (5) Develop an organizational and management structure that will
271 best accomplish the goals of the authority concerning Connecticut ports
272 and harbors;

273 (6) Create a code of conduct for the board of directors of the authority
274 consistent with part I of chapter 10;

275 (7) Adopt rules for the conduct of its business, which shall not be
276 considered regulations as defined in section 4-166;

277 (8) Adopt an annual budget and plan of operations, including a
278 requirement of board approval before the budget or plan may take
279 effect;

280 (9) Make and enter into all contracts and agreements that are
281 necessary, desirable or incidental to the conduct of its business; [, subject
282 to the requirements of section 15-31n and chapter 62;]

283 (10) Enter into joint ventures and invest in, and participate with, any
284 person or entity, including, without limitation, governmental or private
285 business entities, in the formation, ownership, management and
286 operation of business entities, including stock and nonstock
287 corporations, limited liability companies and general and limited
288 partnerships, formed to advance the purposes of the authority. The
289 officers, employees and members of the board of directors of the
290 authority may serve, without compensation, as directors or officers of
291 any such business entities formed and such service shall be deemed to
292 be within the discharge of the duties of such officers, employees or
293 directors to the authority;

294 (11) Receive and accept, from any source, aid or contributions,
295 including money, property, labor and other things of value;

296 (12) Award grants and subsidies, make loans and provide other
297 forms of financial assistance to any person or entity under a written
298 policy, adopted in accordance with the provisions of section 1-121,
299 setting forth the eligibility criteria, application process, and such other
300 provisions as may be necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes of
301 this section;

302 (13) Charge reasonable fees for the services it performs and waive,
303 suspend, reduce or otherwise modify such fees in accordance with
304 written criteria established by the authority, and provided, that no
305 change may be made in fees without at least thirty days prior notice,
306 published in accordance with the provisions of section 1-121;

307 (14) Employ such assistants, agents and other employees as may be

308 necessary or desirable to carry out its purposes. (A) [The executive
309 director and such] Such employees shall be exempt from the classified
310 service and, except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision,
311 shall not be employees, as defined in subsection (b) of section 5-270. The
312 authority shall fix appropriate compensation for such employees and
313 establish all necessary or appropriate personnel practices and policies,
314 including those relating to hiring, promotion, compensation, retirement
315 and collective bargaining, which need not be in accordance with chapter
316 68, and the authority shall not be an employer, as defined in subsection
317 (a) of section 5-270, and may engage consultants, attorneys and
318 appraisers as may be necessary or desirable to carry out its purposes in
319 accordance with [sections 15-31a to 15-31i, inclusive] the provisions of
320 this chapter. (B) For purposes of group welfare benefits and retirement,
321 including, but not limited to, those provided under chapter 66 and
322 sections 5-257 and 5-259, the officers and all other employees of the
323 authority shall be state employees. The authority shall reimburse the
324 appropriate state agencies for all costs incurred by such designation;

325 (15) Invest in, acquire, lease, purchase, own, manage, hold and
326 dispose of real property and lease, convey or deal in or enter into
327 agreements with respect to such property on any terms necessary or
328 incidental to carrying out the purposes of [sections 15-31a to 15-31i,
329 inclusive] this chapter, provided such transactions shall not be subject
330 to approval, review or regulation by any state agency pursuant to title
331 4b or any other provision of the general statutes, except [(A)] the
332 authority shall not convey fee simple ownership in any property
333 associated with the ports or harbors under its jurisdiction and control
334 without the approval of the State Properties Review Board and the
335 Attorney General; [, and (B) as provided in subsection (c) of this section;]
336 and

337 (16) Adopt any policies and procedures necessary to carry out the
338 provisions of this section in accordance with the provisions of section 1-
339 121.

340 (b) The authority shall continue as long as it has bonds or other

341 obligations outstanding and until its existence is terminated by law,
342 provided no such termination shall affect any outstanding contractual
343 obligation of the authority and the state shall succeed to the obligations
344 of the authority under any contract. Upon the termination of the
345 existence of the authority, all its rights and properties shall pass to and
346 be vested in the state of Connecticut.

347 [(c) On and after June 23, 2021, the authority shall be a state
348 contracting agency for the purposes of chapter 62, except for the
349 provisions of section 4e-16, and shall be subject to the authority of the
350 State Contracting Standards Board established under section 4e-2.]

351 Sec. 7. Section 15-31c of the general statutes is repealed and the
352 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

353 (a) The Connecticut [Port] Maritime Authority may authorize the
354 issuance of bonds in one or more series and in principal amounts
355 necessary to carry out the purposes of [sections 15-31a to 15-31i,
356 inclusive] this chapter. Such bonds shall be payable from all or a portion
357 of the revenues of the ports and harbors of the state as may be specified
358 in the proceedings authorizing such bonds, and may include, among
359 other types of bonds, special purpose revenue bonds payable solely
360 from revenues derived from special purpose facilities and bonds
361 payable from particular sources of revenues. The authority may request
362 such assistance from the Treasurer as may be necessary or desirable for
363 the issuance by the authority of bonds to finance such projects and other
364 improvements. The expense of such assistance shall be payable from the
365 proceeds of such bonds and the State Treasurer may provide such
366 assistance. The authority may appoint a finance or other committee of
367 the board or one or more officers or employees to serve as the board's
368 authorized delegate in connection with the issuance of bonds pursuant
369 to this section.

370 (b) Bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be obligations of the
371 authority and shall neither be payable from nor charged upon any funds
372 other than the revenues of the authority pledged to the payment thereof,

373 nor shall the state or any political subdivision thereof be subject to any
374 liability thereon except to the extent of such pledged revenues. The
375 issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section and sections 15-
376 31d to 15-31f, inclusive, as amended by this act, shall not directly or
377 indirectly or contingently obligate the state or any political subdivision
378 thereof to levy or to pledge any form of taxation whatever therefor or to
379 make any appropriation for their payment. The bonds shall not
380 constitute a charge, lien or encumbrance, legal or equitable, upon any
381 property of the state or of any political subdivision thereof, except the
382 property of the authority or the state mortgaged or otherwise
383 encumbered under the provisions and for the purposes of [sections 15-
384 31a to 15-31i, inclusive] this chapter. The substance of such limitation
385 shall be plainly stated on the face of each bond. Bonds issued pursuant
386 to this section and sections 15-31d to 15-31f, inclusive, as amended by
387 this act, shall not be subject to any statutory limitation on the
388 indebtedness of the state and such bonds, when issued, shall not be
389 included in computing the aggregate indebtedness of the state in respect
390 to and to the extent of any such limitation.

391 (c) The bonds referred to in this section may be executed and
392 delivered at such time or times, shall be dated, shall bear interest at such
393 rate or rates, including variable rates to be determined in such manner
394 as set forth in the proceedings authorizing the issuance of the bonds,
395 provide for payment of interest on such dates, whether before or at
396 maturity, shall mature at such time or times not exceeding thirty years
397 from their date, have such rank or priority, be payable in such medium
398 of payment, be issued in coupon, registered or book entry form, carry
399 such registration and transfer privileges and be subject to purchase or
400 redemption before maturity at such price or prices and under such
401 terms and conditions, including the condition that such bonds be subject
402 to purchase or redemption on the demand of the owner thereof, all as
403 may be determined by the authority. The authority shall determine the
404 form of the bonds, including any interest coupons to be attached thereto,
405 the manner of execution of the bonds, the denomination or
406 denominations of the bonds and the place or places of payment of

407 principal and interest, which may be at any bank or trust company
408 within or without the state. Prior to the preparation of definitive bonds,
409 the authority may, under like restrictions, provide for the issuance of
410 interim receipts or temporary bonds, with or without coupons,
411 exchangeable for definitive bonds when such bonds have been executed
412 and are available for delivery. If any of the officers whose signatures
413 appear on the bonds or coupons cease to be officers before the delivery
414 of any such bonds, such signatures shall, nevertheless, be valid and
415 sufficient for all purposes, the same as if they had remained in office
416 until delivery.

417 (d) Any bonds issued under the authority of this section and sections
418 15-31d to 15-31f, inclusive, as amended by this act, may be sold at public
419 sale on sealed proposals or by negotiation in such manner, at such price
420 and at such time or times as may be determined by the authority. The
421 authority may pay from the proceeds of the bonds all costs and expenses
422 which the authority may deem necessary or advantageous in connection
423 with the authorization, sale and issuance thereof, including the cost of
424 interest on any short-term financing authorized under subsection (b) of
425 section 15-31d.

426 (e) The principal of and interest on any bonds issued pursuant to this
427 section shall be secured by a pledge of the revenues out of which such
428 bonds shall be made payable. They may be secured by a mortgage
429 covering all or any part of the project from which the revenues so
430 pledged may be derived or by a pledge of one or more leases, sale
431 contracts or loan agreements with respect to such project or by a pledge
432 of one or more notes, debentures, bonds or other secured or unsecured
433 debt obligations of any lessee or contracting party under a loan
434 agreement or sale contract or by a pledge of reserve and sinking funds
435 established pursuant to the resolution authorizing the issuance of the
436 bonds and any other funds and accounts, including proceeds from
437 investment of any of the foregoing, established pursuant to this chapter
438 or the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds, and by
439 moneys paid under a credit facility, including, but not limited to, a letter
440 of credit or policy of bond insurance, issued by a financial institution

441 pursuant to an agreement authorized by such proceedings.

442 (f) The proceedings under which the bonds are authorized to be
443 issued pursuant to this section, and any mortgage given to secure the
444 same, may, subject to the provisions of the general statutes, contain any
445 agreements and provisions customarily contained in instruments
446 securing bonds, including, but not limited to: (1) Provisions respecting
447 custody of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds, including their
448 investment and reinvestment until used for the cost of the project; (2)
449 provisions respecting the fixing and collection of rents or payments with
450 respect to the facilities of the ports and harbors of the state and any
451 facility charges; (3) the terms to be incorporated in the lease, sale
452 contract or loan agreement with respect to the project; (4) the
453 maintenance and insurance of the project; (5) the creation, maintenance,
454 custody, investment and reinvestment, and use of the revenues derived
455 from the operation of the ports and harbors of the state; (6)
456 establishment of reserves or sinking funds, and such accounts
457 thereunder as may be established by the authority, and the regulation
458 and disposition thereof; (7) the rights and remedies available in case of
459 a default to the bondholders or to any trustee under any lease, sale
460 contract, loan agreement, mortgage or trust indenture; (8)
461 reimbursement agreements, remarketing agreements, standby bond
462 purchase agreements or similar agreements in connection with
463 obtaining any credit or liquidity facilities including, but not limited to,
464 letters of credit or policies of bond insurance and such other agreements
465 entered into pursuant to section 3-20a; (9) provisions for the issuance of
466 additional bonds on a parity with bonds theretofore issued, including
467 establishment of coverage requirements with respect thereto; (10)
468 covenants to do or to refrain from doing such acts and things as may be
469 necessary or convenient or desirable in order to better secure any bonds
470 or to maintain any federal or state exemption from tax of the interest on
471 such bonds; and (11) provisions or covenants of like or different
472 character from the foregoing which are consistent with the provisions of
473 [sections 15-31a to 15-31i, inclusive,] this chapter and which the
474 authority determines in such proceedings are necessary, convenient or

475 desirable in order to better secure the bonds or bond anticipation notes,
476 or will tend to make the bonds or bond anticipation notes more
477 marketable, and which are in the best interests of the state. The
478 proceedings under which the bonds are authorized, and any mortgage
479 given to secure the same, may further provide that any cash balances
480 not necessary (A) to pay the cost of maintaining, repairing and operating
481 the facilities of the ports and harbors of the state, (B) to pay the principal
482 of and interest on the bonds as the same shall become due and payable,
483 and (C) to create and maintain reserve and sinking funds as provided in
484 any authorizing resolution or other proceedings shall be deposited into
485 one or more specifically designated working funds to be held in trust by
486 the authority and applied to future debt service requirements or other
487 port authority purposes.

488 (g) In the discretion of the authority, bonds issued pursuant to this
489 section may be secured by a trust indenture by and between the
490 authority and a corporate trustee, which may be any trust company or
491 bank having the powers of a trust company within or without the state.
492 Such trust indenture may contain such provisions for protecting and
493 enforcing the rights and remedies of the bondholders as may be
494 reasonable and proper and not in violation of law, including covenants
495 setting forth the duties of the authority in relation to the exercise of its
496 powers pursuant to [sections 15-31a to 15-31i, inclusive,] this chapter
497 and the custody, safeguarding and application of all moneys. The
498 authority may provide by such trust indenture for the payment of the
499 proceeds of the bonds and the revenues from the operation of the ports
500 and harbors of the state to the trustee under such trust indenture or
501 other depository, and for the method of disbursement thereof, with such
502 safeguards and restrictions as it may determine. All expenses incurred
503 in carrying out such trust indenture may be treated as a part of the
504 operating expenses of the applicable project. If the bonds shall be
505 secured by a trust indenture, the bondholders shall have no authority to
506 appoint a separate trustee to represent them.

507 (h) In connection with the issuance of bonds to finance a project or to
508 refund bonds previously issued by the authority or the state to finance

509 a project, the authority may create and establish one or more reserve
510 funds to be known as special capital reserve funds and may pay into
511 such special capital reserve funds (1) any moneys appropriated and
512 made available by the state for the purposes of such funds, (2) any
513 proceeds of sale of notes or bonds for a project, to the extent provided
514 in the resolution of the authority authorizing the issuance thereof, and
515 (3) any other moneys which may be made available to the authority for
516 the purpose of such funds from any other source or sources. The moneys
517 held in or credited to any special capital reserve fund established under
518 this section, except as hereinafter provided, shall be used solely for the
519 payment of the principal of and interest on, when due, whether at
520 maturity or by mandatory sinking fund installments, on bonds of the
521 authority secured by such capital reserve fund as the same become due,
522 the purchase of such bonds of the authority, the payment of any
523 redemption premium required to be paid when such bonds are
524 redeemed prior to maturity; provided the authority shall have power to
525 provide that moneys in any such fund shall not be withdrawn therefrom
526 at any time in such amount as would reduce the amount of such funds
527 to less than the maximum amount of principal and interest becoming
528 due by reasons of maturity or a required sinking fund installment in the
529 then current or any succeeding calendar year on the bonds of the
530 authority then outstanding or the maximum amount permitted to be
531 deposited in such fund by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any
532 subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States,
533 as from time to time amended, to permit the interest on said bonds to be
534 excluded from gross income for federal tax purposes and secured by
535 such special capital reserve fund, such amount being herein referred to
536 as the "required minimum capital reserve", except for the purpose of
537 paying such principal of, redemption premium and interest on such
538 bonds of the authority secured by such special capital reserve becoming
539 due and for the payment of which other moneys of the authority are not
540 available. The authority may provide that it shall not issue bonds
541 secured by a special capital reserve fund at any time if the required
542 minimum capital reserve on the bonds outstanding and the bonds then
543 to be issued and secured by the same special capital reserve fund at the

544 time of issuance, unless the authority, at the time of the issuance of such
545 bonds, shall deposit in such special capital reserve fund from the
546 proceeds of the bonds so to be issued, or otherwise, an amount which,
547 together with the amount then in such special capital reserve fund, will
548 be not less than the required minimum capital reserve. On or before
549 December first, annually, there is deemed to be appropriated from the
550 state General Fund such sums, if any, as shall be certified by the
551 chairperson or vice-chairperson of the authority to the Secretary of the
552 Office of Policy and Management and the Treasurer, as necessary to
553 restore each such special capital reserve fund to the amount equal to the
554 required minimum capital reserve of such fund, and such amounts shall
555 be allotted and paid to the authority. For the purpose of evaluation of
556 any such special capital reserve fund, obligations acquired as an
557 investment for any such fund shall be valued at market. Nothing
558 contained in this section shall preclude the authority from establishing
559 and creating other debt service reserve funds in connection with the
560 issuance of bonds or notes of the authority which are not special capital
561 reserve funds. Subject to any agreement or agreements with holders of
562 outstanding notes and bonds of the authority, any amount or amounts
563 allotted and paid to the authority pursuant to this section shall be repaid
564 to the state from moneys of the authority at such time as such moneys
565 are not required for any other of its corporate purposes and in any event
566 shall be repaid to the state on the date one year after all bonds and notes
567 of the authority theretofore issued on the date or dates such amount or
568 amounts are allotted and paid to the authority or thereafter issued,
569 together with interest on such bonds and notes, with interest on any
570 unpaid installments of interest and all costs and expenses in connection
571 with any action or proceeding by or on behalf of the holders thereof, are
572 fully met and discharged. No bonds secured by a special capital reserve
573 fund shall be issued to pay project costs unless the authority is of the
574 opinion and determines that revenues pledged to secure such bonds
575 shall be sufficient to (A) pay the principal of and interest on the bonds
576 issued to finance the project, (B) establish, increase and maintain any
577 reserves deemed by the authority to be advisable to secure the payment
578 of the principal of and interest on such bonds, (C) pay the cost of

579 maintaining the project in good repair and keeping it properly insured,
580 and (D) pay such other costs of the project as may be required. No bonds
581 secured by a special capital reserve fund shall be issued unless the
582 issuance of such bonds is approved by the Treasurer. Notwithstanding
583 any other provision contained in this section, the aggregate amount of
584 bonds secured by the special capital reserve funds authorized to be
585 created and established by this subsection shall not exceed fifty million
586 dollars.

587 (i) Any pledge made by the authority shall be valid and binding from
588 the time when the pledge is made, and the revenues or property so
589 pledged and thereafter received by the authority shall immediately be
590 subject to the lien of such pledge without any physical delivery thereof
591 or further act. The lien of any such pledge shall be valid and binding as
592 against all parties having claims of any kind in tort, contract, or
593 otherwise against the authority, irrespective of whether such parties
594 have notice thereof. Neither the resolution nor any other instrument by
595 which a pledge is created need be recorded.

596 (j) The authority shall have power out of any funds available therefor
597 to purchase bonds or notes of the authority or the state issued pursuant
598 to this section. The authority may hold, pledge, cancel or resell such
599 bonds, subject to and in accordance with agreements with bondholders.

600 (k) Whether or not the notes and bonds are of such form and character
601 as to be negotiable instruments under the terms of the Uniform
602 Commercial Code, the notes and bonds are hereby made negotiable
603 instruments within the meaning of and for all purposes of the Uniform
604 Commercial Code, subject only to the provisions of the notes and bonds
605 for registration.

606 (l) Any moneys held by the authority with respect to the ports and
607 harbors of the state or by a trustee pursuant to a trust indenture, subject
608 to the provisions of such indenture, including proceeds from the sale of
609 any bonds and notes, and revenues, receipts and income from the
610 operation of the ports and harbors of the state may be invested and

611 reinvested in such obligations, securities and other investments,
612 including, without limitation, participation certificates in the Short
613 Term Investment Fund created in section 3-27a, or deposited or
614 redeposited in such bank or banks, all as shall be authorized by the
615 authority in the proceedings authorizing the issuance of the bonds and
616 notes.

617 (m) For the purposes of [sections 15-31a to 15-31i, inclusive,] this
618 chapter, the costs of the project payable out of the proceeds of bonds
619 issued pursuant to this section shall include: (1) Expenses and
620 obligations incurred for labor and materials in connection with the
621 construction of the project; (2) the cost of acquiring by purchase, if such
622 purchase shall be deemed expedient, and the amount of any award or
623 final judgment in any proceedings to acquire by condemnation, such
624 land, property rights, rights-of-way, franchises, easements and other
625 interests in land as may be deemed necessary or convenient in
626 connection with such construction or with the operation of the project,
627 and the amount of any damages incident thereto; (3) the costs of all
628 machinery and equipment acquired in connection with the project; (4)
629 reserves for the payment of the principal of and interest on any notes
630 and bonds issued pursuant to this section and interest accruing on any
631 such notes, during construction of the project and for six months after
632 completion of such construction; (5) initial working capital, expenses of
633 administration properly chargeable to the construction or acquisition of
634 the project, legal, architectural and engineering expenses and fees, costs
635 of audits, costs of preparing and issuing any notes and bonds pursuant
636 to this section; and (6) all other items of expense not elsewhere specified
637 incident to the planning, acquisition and construction of the project or
638 of the placing of the same in operation.

639 (n) For purposes of [sections 15-31a to 15-31i, inclusive] this chapter,
640 the term "project" [shall refer to] means the renovations and
641 improvements to be acquired and constructed at the ports and harbors
642 of the state as may be specified from time to time by the board in a
643 resolution as contemplated by subsection (a) of this section.

644 Sec. 8. Section 15-31e of the general statutes is repealed and the
645 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

646 (a) It is hereby determined that the purposes of [sections 15-31a to 15-
647 31i, inclusive,] this chapter are public purposes and that the authority
648 will be performing an essential governmental function in the exercise of
649 the powers conferred upon it hereunder. The state covenants with the
650 purchasers and all subsequent holders and transferees of notes and
651 bonds issued by the authority under sections 15-31c to 15-31f, inclusive,
652 as amended by this act, in consideration of the acceptance of and
653 payment for the notes and bonds, that the principal and interest of such
654 notes and bonds shall at all times be free from taxation, except for estate
655 and gift taxes, imposed by the state or by any political subdivision
656 thereof but the interest on such notes and bonds shall be included in the
657 computation of any excise or franchise tax. The authority is authorized
658 to include this covenant of the state in any agreement with the holder of
659 such notes or bonds. Any notes or bonds issued by the authority
660 pursuant to sections 15-31c to 15-31f, inclusive, as amended by this act,
661 may be issued on a basis that provides that the interest thereon is
662 intended to be exempt or not to be exempt from federal income taxation,
663 as may be determined by the authority.

664 (b) Bonds issued under the authority of sections 15-31c to 15-31f,
665 inclusive, as amended by this act, are hereby made securities in which
666 all public officers and public bodies of the state and its political
667 subdivisions, all insurance companies, credit unions, building and loan
668 associations, investment companies, banking associations, trust
669 companies, executors, administrators, trustees and other fiduciaries and
670 pension, profit-sharing and retirement funds may properly and legally
671 invest funds, including capital in their control or belonging to them.
672 Such bonds are hereby made securities which may properly and legally
673 be deposited with and received by any state or municipal officer or any
674 agency or political subdivision of the state for any purpose for which
675 the deposit of bonds or obligations of the state is now or may hereafter
676 be authorized by law.

677 Sec. 9. Section 15-31f of the general statutes is repealed and the
678 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

679 The state of Connecticut does hereby pledge to and agree with the
680 holders of any bonds and notes issued under this section and sections
681 15-31c to 15-31e, inclusive, as amended by this act, and with those
682 parties who may enter into contracts with the authority pursuant to the
683 provisions of [sections 15-31a to 15-31i, inclusive,] this chapter that the
684 state will not limit or alter the rights hereby vested in the authority until
685 such obligations, together with the interest thereon, are fully met and
686 discharged and such contracts are fully performed on the part of the
687 authority, provided nothing contained [herein] in this section shall
688 preclude such limitation or alteration if and when adequate provision
689 shall be made by law for the protection of the holders of such bonds and
690 notes of the authority or those entering into such contracts with the
691 authority. The authority is authorized to include this pledge and
692 undertaking for the state in such bonds and notes or contracts.

693 Sec. 10. Section 15-31g of the general statutes is repealed and the
694 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

695 The exercise of the powers granted by [sections 15-31a to 15-31i,
696 inclusive,] the provisions of this chapter shall be in all respects for the
697 benefit of the people of the state, for the increase of their commerce,
698 welfare and prosperity, and as the improvement of their infrastructure,
699 navigability and transportation systems by the authority or its agent
700 shall constitute the performance of an essential public function, neither
701 the authority nor its agent shall be required to pay any taxes or
702 assessments, including mortgage recording taxes, upon or with respect
703 to any property acquired or used by the authority or its agent under the
704 provisions of [sections 15-31a to 15-31i, inclusive,] this chapter or upon
705 the income therefrom. Property and facilities owned by the authority
706 shall be deemed to be state-owned real property for purposes of section
707 12-18b, and the state shall make grants in lieu of taxes with respect to
708 such property and facilities to the municipality in which such property
709 and facilities are located as provided by section 12-18b.

710 Sec. 11. Section 15-15a of the general statutes is repealed and the
711 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

712 All existing regulations of the Department of Transportation
713 respecting the conduct and duties of licensed pilots and the piloting,
714 docking and undocking of vessels shall become duly written procedures
715 of (1) the Connecticut Port Authority, effective July 1, 2016, [. After said
716 date] until September 30, 2024, and (2) the Connecticut Maritime
717 Authority, effective October 1, 2024. On and after October 1, 2024, any
718 modification to the written procedures or additional written procedures
719 respecting the conduct and duties of licensed pilots and the piloting,
720 docking and undocking of vessels shall be adopted by the [authority]
721 Connecticut Maritime Authority in accordance with the provisions of
722 section 1-121, as the authority deems necessary for the protection of
723 property, public safety and the effective administration of sections 15-
724 13, 15-14, 15-15 and 15-15b.

725 Sec. 12. Section 15-15e of the general statutes is repealed and the
726 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

727 (a) An owner or operator of a vessel used to transport a pilot licensed
728 under the provisions of section 15-13 for the purpose of embarking or
729 disembarking another vessel in open and unprotected waters shall
730 obtain a certificate of insurance from an insurance carrier based on a
731 survey conducted and documented by a qualified marine surveyor.
732 Marine surveyors shall be guided by applicable United States Coast
733 Guard regulations, if any, and standards set by insurance companies for
734 the insurability of such vessel. All existing regulations of the
735 Department of Transportation that specify procedures for embarkation
736 and disembarkation of pilots and the operation of and equipment
737 required on each such vessel, shall become duly adopted written
738 procedures of (1) the Connecticut Port Authority, effective July 1, 2016,
739 [. After said date] until September 30, 2024, and (2) the Connecticut
740 Maritime Authority, effective October 1, 2024. On and after October 1,
741 2024, any modification to the written procedures or additional written
742 procedures that specify [(1)] the procedures for embarkation and

743 disembarkation of pilots [] and [(2)] the operation of and equipment
744 required on each such vessel shall be adopted by the [authority]
745 Connecticut Maritime Authority in accordance with the provisions of
746 section 1-121. Such written procedures may establish standard rates for
747 the use of each such vessel for such purpose. For the purposes of this
748 subsection, "open and unprotected waters" means waters located east of
749 the area depicted on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric
750 Administration charts of the eastern portion of Long Island Sound as
751 "The Race".

752 (b) Any person who fails to comply with subsection (a) of this section
753 or any written procedures adopted thereunder shall be fined not less
754 than five hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars.

755 Sec. 13. Section 29-252a of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes
756 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
757 *October 1, 2024*):

758 (a) The State Building Code, including any amendment to said code
759 adopted by the State Building Inspector and Codes and Standards
760 Committee, shall be the building code for all state agencies, the
761 Connecticut Airport Authority and the Connecticut [Port] Maritime
762 Authority.

763 (b) (1) No state, Connecticut Airport Authority or Connecticut [Port]
764 Maritime Authority building or structure or addition to a state,
765 Connecticut Airport Authority or Connecticut [Port] Maritime
766 Authority building or structure: (A) That exceeds the threshold limits
767 contained in section 29-276b and requires an independent structural
768 review under said section, or (B) that includes residential occupancies
769 for twenty-five or more persons, shall be constructed until an
770 application has been filed by (i) the commissioner of an agency
771 authorized to contract for the construction of buildings under the
772 provisions of section 4b-1 or 4b-51, (ii) the executive director of the
773 Connecticut Airport Authority, or (iii) the executive director of the
774 Connecticut [Port] Maritime Authority, with the State Building

775 Inspector and a building permit is issued by the State Building
776 Inspector. Plans and specifications for the building, structure or
777 addition to be constructed shall accompany the application. The
778 commissioner of any such agency, the executive director of the
779 Connecticut Airport Authority or the executive director of the
780 Connecticut [Port] Maritime Authority, as applicable, shall certify that
781 such plans and specifications are in substantial compliance with the
782 provisions of the State Building Code and, where applicable, with the
783 provisions of the Fire Safety Code. The State Building Inspector shall
784 review the plans and specifications for the building, structure or
785 addition to be constructed to verify their compliance with the
786 requirements of the State Building Code and, not later than thirty days
787 after the date of application, shall issue or refuse to issue the building
788 permit, in whole or in part. The State Building Inspector may request
789 that the State Fire Marshal review such plans to verify their compliance
790 with the Fire Safety Code.

791 (2) On and after July 1, 1999, the State Building Inspector shall assess
792 an education fee on each building permit application. The State Building
793 Inspector shall remit such fees, quarterly, to the Department of
794 Administrative Services, for deposit in the General Fund. Upon deposit
795 in the General Fund, the amount of such fees shall be credited to the
796 appropriation to the Department of Administrative Services and shall
797 be used for the code training and educational programs established
798 pursuant to section 29-251c. On and after July 1, 2000, the assessment
799 shall be made in accordance with regulations adopted pursuant to
800 subsection (d) of section 29-251c.

801 (c) All state agencies authorized to contract for the construction of
802 any buildings or the alteration of any existing buildings under the
803 provisions of section 4b-1 or 4b-51 or, for any such Connecticut Airport
804 Authority building, the Connecticut Airport Authority or, for any such
805 Connecticut [Port] Maritime Authority building, the Connecticut [Port]
806 Maritime Authority, shall be responsible for substantial compliance
807 with the provisions of the State Building Code, the Fire Safety Code and
808 the regulations lawfully adopted under said codes for such building or

809 alteration to such building, as the case may be. Such agencies, the
810 Connecticut Airport Authority and the Connecticut [Port] Maritime
811 Authority shall apply to the State Building Inspector for a certificate of
812 occupancy for all buildings or alterations of existing buildings for which
813 a building permit is required under subsection (b) of this section and
814 shall certify compliance with the State Building Code, the Fire Safety
815 Code and the regulations lawfully adopted under said codes for such
816 building or alteration to such building, as the case may be, to the State
817 Building Inspector prior to occupancy or use of the facility.

818 (d) (1) No state or Connecticut Airport Authority building or
819 structure erected or altered on and after July 1, 1989, and no Connecticut
820 [Port] Maritime Authority building or structure erected or altered on
821 and after [July 1, 2023] October 1, 2024, for which a building permit has
822 been issued pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, shall be occupied
823 or used in whole or in part, until a certificate of occupancy has been
824 issued by the State Building Inspector, certifying that such building or
825 structure substantially conforms to the provisions of the State Building
826 Code and the regulations lawfully adopted under said code and the
827 State Fire Marshal has verified substantial compliance with the Fire
828 Safety Code and the regulations lawfully adopted under said code for
829 such building or alteration to such building, as the case may be.

830 (2) No state or Connecticut Airport Authority building or structure
831 erected or altered on and after July 1, 1989, and no Connecticut [Port]
832 Maritime Authority building or structure erected or altered on and after
833 [July 1, 2023] October 1, 2024, for which a building permit has not been
834 issued pursuant to subsection (b) of this section shall be occupied or
835 used in whole or in part, until the commissioner of the agency erecting
836 or altering the building or structure or, for any Connecticut Airport
837 Authority building or structure, the executive director of the
838 Connecticut Airport Authority or, for any Connecticut [Port] Maritime
839 Authority building or structure, the executive director of the
840 Connecticut [Port] Maritime Authority, certifies to the State Building
841 Inspector that the building or structure substantially complies with the
842 provisions of the State Building Code, the Fire Safety Code and the

843 regulations lawfully adopted under said codes for such building or
844 alteration to such building, as the case may be.

845 (e) The State Building Inspector or said inspector's designee may
846 inspect or cause to be inspected any construction of buildings or
847 alteration of existing buildings by state agencies, the Connecticut
848 Airport Authority or the Connecticut [Port] Maritime Authority, except
849 that said inspector or designee shall inspect or cause an inspection if the
850 building being constructed includes residential occupancies for twenty-
851 five or more persons. The State Building Inspector may order any state
852 agency, the Connecticut Airport Authority or the Connecticut [Port]
853 Maritime Authority to comply with the State Building Code. The
854 commissioner may delegate such powers as the commissioner deems
855 expedient for the proper administration of this part and any other
856 statute related to the State Building Code to The University of
857 Connecticut, provided the commissioner and the president of The
858 University of Connecticut enter into a memorandum of understanding
859 concerning such delegation of powers in accordance with section 10a-
860 109ff.

861 (f) The joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
862 cognizance of matters relating to the Department of Administrative
863 Services may annually review the implementation date in subsection (b)
864 of this section to determine the need, if any, for revision.

865 (g) Any person aggrieved by any refusal to issue a building permit or
866 certificate of occupancy under the provisions of this section or by an
867 order to comply with the State Building Code or the Fire Safety Code
868 may appeal, de novo, to the Codes and Standards Committee not later
869 than seven days after the issuance of any such refusal or order.

870 (h) State agencies, the Connecticut Airport Authority and the
871 Connecticut [Port] Maritime Authority shall be exempt from the permit
872 requirements of section 29-263 and the certificate of occupancy
873 requirement under section 29-265.

874 Sec. 14. Section 23 of public act 23-170 is repealed and the following

875 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

876 Not later than July 1, [2024] 2025, the Secretary of the Office of Policy
877 and Management, in consultation with the Commissioner of Energy and
878 Environmental Protection, shall submit recommendations to the joint
879 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
880 matters relating to the environment and energy and technology, in
881 accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, regarding the
882 feasibility and advisability of creating a new quasi-public state agency,
883 state waste authority or other entity for purposes that include, but are
884 not limited to, the development of new solid waste infrastructure and
885 the operation and maintenance of new or existing solid waste
886 infrastructure. Such recommendations shall be made in consultation
887 with any municipalities, municipal authorities, regional waste
888 authorities or private sector operators of solid waste companies
889 participating in a request for proposals pursuant to section [2 of this act]
890 22a-268h of the general statutes.

891 Sec. 15. Subsection (b) of section 4-66g of the 2024 supplement to the
892 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
893 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

894 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the amount
895 stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the Office of
896 Policy and Management for a small town economic assistance program
897 the purpose of which shall be to provide grants-in-aid to any
898 municipality or group of municipalities, provided the municipality and
899 each municipality that is part of a group of municipalities is not
900 economically distressed within the meaning of subsection (b) of section
901 32-9p, does not have an urban center in any plan adopted by the General
902 Assembly pursuant to section 16a-30 and is not a public investment
903 community within the meaning of subdivision (9) of subsection (a) of
904 section 7-545. Such grants shall be used for purposes for which funds
905 would be available under section 4-66c. No group of municipalities may
906 receive an amount exceeding in the aggregate [five hundred thousand]
907 one million dollars per municipality in such group in any one fiscal year

908 under said program. No individual municipality may receive more than
909 [five hundred thousand] one million dollars in any one fiscal year under
910 said program, except that any municipality that receives a grant under
911 said program as a member of a group of municipalities shall continue to
912 be eligible to receive an amount equal to [five hundred thousand] one
913 million dollars less the amount of such municipality's proportionate
914 share of such grant. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection
915 and section 4-66c, a municipality that is (1) a distressed municipality
916 within the meaning of subsection (b) of section 32-9p or a public
917 investment community within the meaning of subdivision (9) of
918 subsection (a) of section 7-545, and (2) otherwise eligible under this
919 subsection for the small town economic assistance program may elect to
920 be eligible for said program individually or as part of a group of
921 municipalities in lieu of being eligible for financial assistance under
922 section 4-66c, by a vote of its legislative body or, in the case of a
923 municipality in which the legislative body is a town meeting, its board
924 of selectmen, and submitting a written notice of such vote to the
925 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management. Any such election
926 shall be for the four-year period following submission of such notice to
927 the secretary and may be extended for additional four-year periods in
928 accordance with the same procedure for the initial election.

929 Sec. 16. Subsection (a) of section 4-9d of the general statutes is
930 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
931 *passage*):

932 (a) [Unless otherwise provided by law, an] An elected or appointed
933 officer of the executive or judicial branch who, as such officer, is
934 required to serve on a board, commission, council, authority, task force
935 or other body, and is unable or chooses not to so serve, may designate
936 [a person] an employee of such officer's agency to serve on such body in
937 [his] such officer's place. [, provided (1) an officer may only designate
938 another officer of his agency and (2) an officer who is required by law to
939 serve as a chairperson or presiding officer of such body shall not
940 designate a person to serve on such body in his place.] The authority to
941 designate a replacement, as provided in this subsection, shall be in

942 addition to any other designation authority provided in the general
943 statutes.

944 Sec. 17. Section 5-250 of the general statutes is repealed and the
945 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2025*):

946 (a) Each appointing authority shall grant to (1) each full-time
947 employee in a permanent position in the state service, who has worked
948 at least one full calendar year, and (2) each full-time employee in a
949 permanent position in the state service during such employee's initial
950 working test period an annual vacation with pay of twenty-one
951 consecutive calendar days or its equivalent. Each such employee who
952 has completed twenty years of service shall be entitled to one day for
953 each additional year up to twenty-five years of service, and each such
954 employee with twenty-five or more years of service shall be entitled to
955 not more than twenty days' vacation, subject to regulations issued by
956 the Commissioner of Administrative Services. The Commissioner of
957 Administrative Services may adopt regulations, in accordance with the
958 provisions of chapter 54, concerning the accrual, prorating and granting
959 of vacation leave with pay as required. Computation of such vacation
960 leave may be made on an hourly basis. Hourly computation of vacation
961 leave shall not diminish benefit entitlement.

962 (b) An appointing authority may permit a full-time permanent
963 employee in the state service to accumulate vacation days with pay up
964 to a maximum of one hundred twenty vacation days, subject to
965 regulations issued by the Commissioner of Administrative Services.

966 (c) In addition to annual vacation, each appointing authority shall
967 grant to (1) each full-time permanent employee in the state service, and
968 (2) each full-time permanent employee in the state service during such
969 employee's initial working test period three days of personal leave of
970 absence with pay in each calendar year. Personal leave of absence shall
971 be for the purpose of conducting private affairs, including observance
972 of religious holidays, and shall not be deducted from vacation or sick
973 leave credits. Personal leave of absence days not taken in a calendar year

974 shall not be accumulated. For full-time permanent employees within
975 such employees' working test period that began employment on or after
976 July first of a calendar year, the number of personal leave of absence
977 days shall be prorated during such employee's first calendar year of
978 employment. Such proration shall be based on the number of full
979 calendar months remaining in the calendar year after such employee
980 began employment divided by six.

981 (d) Vacation accruals earned by employees in the unclassified service,
982 in accordance with administrative practice or internal departmental
983 policy, which accrual practice or policy was included, by the appointing
984 authority, in the terms of employment on the basis of which such
985 employees were employed prior to July 1, 1972, and which accruals have
986 not been used and which can be verified by written attendance records,
987 remain to the credit of such employees for use as vacation time or for
988 payment as provided in section 5-252, as the case may be.

989 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, a general worker
990 employed in a position by the Department of Developmental Services
991 as a self-advocate, not to exceed eleven such general workers, shall be
992 eligible for prorated vacation and personal leave.

993 (f) Not later than June 30, 2025, the Commissioner of Administrative
994 Services shall adopt or amend regulations, as applicable, in accordance
995 with chapter 54, to implement the provisions of subsections (a) and (c)
996 of this section relating to the granting of vacation and personal leave to
997 full-time permanent employees during such employees' initial working
998 test periods. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 4-168 to 4-172,
999 inclusive, in order to effectuate the purposes of subsections (a) and (c)
1000 of this section, prior to adopting or amending such regulations and not
1001 later than January 1, 2025, the commissioner shall adopt policies and
1002 procedures to implement the provisions of subsections (a) and (c) of this
1003 section that shall have the force and effect of law. The commissioner
1004 shall post all policies and procedures on the department's Internet web
1005 site, and submit such policies and procedures to the Secretary of the
1006 State for posting on the eRegulations System, at least fifteen days prior

1007 to the effective date of any policy or procedure. Any such policy or
1008 procedure shall no longer be effective upon the adoption of such policies
1009 and procedures as a final regulation pursuant to section 4-172.

1010 Sec. 18. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2024*) (a) For the fiscal year ending
1011 June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year thereafter, the total amount of the
1012 estimated grants for eligible school building projects prepared by the
1013 Commissioner of Administrative Services pursuant to section 10-283 of
1014 the general statutes and the listing of such eligible projects approved or
1015 modified pursuant to section 10-283a of the general statutes shall not be
1016 greater than five hundred million dollars. If any school building projects
1017 are added to such list or listing during the fiscal year and such addition
1018 results in the total amount of the estimated grants for eligible school
1019 building projects for that fiscal year to be greater than five hundred
1020 million dollars, priority for such additions shall be determined based
1021 upon the date that a completed application for such projects is
1022 submitted to the Commissioner of Administrative Services and the
1023 commissioner may remove any such additional projects that exceed
1024 such five hundred million dollars in total from such list or listing. The
1025 commissioner shall give priority to any such additional project that has
1026 been removed from such list or listing into subsequent fiscal years for
1027 inclusion on the list or listing for the subsequent fiscal year.

1028 (b) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and each fiscal year
1029 thereafter, the limit described in subsection (a) of this section shall be
1030 adjusted by the percentage change in the Producer Price Index by
1031 Commodity: Construction (Partial) (WPU80), not seasonally adjusted,
1032 or its successor index, as calculated by the United States Department of
1033 Labor, over the preceding calendar year, rounded to the nearest
1034 multiple of one hundred dollars.

1035 (c) (1) Not later than June 30, 2025, the Commissioner of
1036 Administrative Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of
1037 Education, shall adopt regulations in accordance with the provisions of
1038 chapter 54 of the general statutes to implement the provisions of this
1039 section.

1040 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 4-168 to 4-172,
1041 inclusive, of the general statutes, in order to effectuate the provisions of
1042 this section, prior to adopting such regulations and not later than
1043 December 1, 2024, the commissioner shall issue policies and procedures
1044 to implement the provisions of this subsection that shall have the force
1045 and effect of law. The commissioner shall post all policies and
1046 procedures on the department's Internet web site and submit such
1047 policies and procedures to the Secretary of the State for posting on the
1048 eRegulations System at least fifteen days prior to the effective date of
1049 any policy or procedure. Any such policy or procedure shall no longer
1050 be effective upon the earlier of either the adoption of the policy or
1051 procedure as a final regulation under section 4-172 of the general
1052 statutes or July 1, 2026, if such regulations have not been submitted to
1053 the legislative regulation review committee for consideration under
1054 section 4-170 of the general statutes.

1055 Sec. 19. Section 10-287c of the general statutes is repealed and the
1056 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

1057 (a) The [State Board of Education] Commissioner of Administrative
1058 Services is authorized to prescribe such rules and regulations as may be
1059 necessary to implement the provisions of this chapter, provided any
1060 rules or regulations to implement the provisions of sections 10-283, 10-
1061 287, 10-287a, 10-292d and subsection (d) of section 10-292m shall be
1062 prescribed in consultation with the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
1063 Management. Whenever the Commissioner of Education has made a
1064 commitment for a grant on or before June 30, 2011, prior to the
1065 completion of a project as provided in section 10-287a, and said
1066 commissioner has made advances thereon as provided in said section,
1067 any such regulations prescribed in accordance with this section which
1068 were in effect at the time of such commitment and advances shall be
1069 applicable to any additional commitment and subsequent advances
1070 with respect to such project.

1071 (b) Not later than June 30, 2013, the Commissioner of Administrative
1072 Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Education, shall

1073 adopt regulations in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 in
1074 order to implement the provisions of this chapter. Such regulations shall
1075 apply to any project for which a grant application is filed with the
1076 Department of Education on or after July 1, 2013.

1077 (c) (1) Not later than June 30, 2025, the Commissioner of
1078 Administrative Services shall adopt regulations in accordance with the
1079 provisions of chapter 54 to (A) establish the maximum allowable
1080 reimbursable cost per square foot for the construction of any school
1081 building project, and (B) deem any costs that exceed the maximum
1082 allowable reimbursable cost per square foot to be ineligible costs.

1083 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 4-168 to 4-172,
1084 inclusive, in order to effectuate the provisions of this subsection, prior
1085 to adopting such regulations and not later than December 1, 2024, the
1086 commissioner shall issue policies and procedures to implement the
1087 provisions of this subsection that shall have the force and effect of law.
1088 The commissioner shall post all policies and procedures on the
1089 department's Internet web site and submit such policies and procedures
1090 to the Secretary of the State for posting on the eRegulations System at
1091 least fifteen days prior to the effective date of any policy or procedure.
1092 Any such policy or procedure shall no longer be effective upon the
1093 earlier of either the adoption of the policy or procedure as a final
1094 regulation under section 4-172 or July 1, 2026, if such regulations have
1095 not been submitted to the legislative regulation review committee for
1096 consideration under section 4-170.

1097 Sec. 20. Section 4-8 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1098 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

1099 (a) Each department head shall: [be]

1100 (1) Be qualified by training and experience for the duties of [his] the
1101 department head's office; [. Each department head shall act]

1102 (2) Act as the executive officer of the Governor for accomplishing the
1103 purposes of [his] the department head's department; [. He shall conduct]

1104 (3) Conduct comprehensive planning with respect to the functions of
1105 [his] such department and coordinate the activities and programs of the
1106 state agencies therein; [. He shall cause]

1107 (4) Cause the administrative organization of [said] such department
1108 to be examined with a view to promoting economy and efficiency; [. He
1109 shall organize the] and

1110 (5) Organize such department and any agency therein into such
1111 divisions, bureaus or other units as [he] the department head deems
1112 necessary for the efficient conduct of the business of the department,
1113 [and]

1114 (b) Each department head may [from time to time] abolish, transfer
1115 or consolidate within the department or any agency therein any
1116 division, bureau or other unit as may be necessary for the efficient
1117 conduct of the business of the department, provided such organization
1118 shall include any division, bureau or other unit which is specifically
1119 required by the general statutes.

1120 (c) Each department head may appoint such deputies as may be
1121 necessary for the efficient conduct of the business of the department.
1122 Each department head shall designate one deputy who shall in the
1123 absence or disqualification of the department head or [on his] upon the
1124 department head's death, exercise the powers and duties of the
1125 department head until [he] the department head resumes his or her
1126 duties or the vacancy is filled, as applicable. Such deputies shall serve at
1127 the pleasure of the department head. [Such appointees shall devote their
1128 full time to their duties with the department or agency and shall engage
1129 in no other gainful employment.] Subject to the provisions of chapter 67,
1130 each department head shall appoint such other employees as may be
1131 necessary for the discharge of [his] the department head's duties.

1132 (d) [He is empowered to make] Each department head may:

1133 (1) Adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter
1134 54, for the conduct of [his] the department head's department; [. Each

1135 department head may enter]

1136 (2) Enter into such contractual agreements, in accordance with
1137 established procedures, as may be necessary for the discharge of [his]
1138 the department head's duties; [. Subject]

1139 (3) Subject to the provisions of section 4-32, and unless otherwise
1140 provided by law, [each department head is authorized to] receive any
1141 money, revenue or services from the federal government, corporations,
1142 associations or individuals, including payments from the sale of printed
1143 matter or any other material or services; [. Each department head may
1144 create] and

1145 (4) Create such advisory boards as [he] the department head deems
1146 necessary.

1147 Sec. 21. Subsection (b) of section 10a-173 of the 2024 supplement to
1148 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1149 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1150 (b) The Office of Higher Education shall establish the Roberta B.
1151 Willis Scholarship program to annually make need-based financial aid
1152 available for eligible educational costs to eligible students enrolled at
1153 Connecticut's public and independent institutions of higher education.
1154 Within available funds, the Roberta B. Willis Scholarship program shall
1155 include a need and merit-based grant, a need-based grant and a Charter
1156 Oak grant. The need and merit-based grant shall be funded at not less
1157 than twenty per cent but not more than thirty per cent of available funds
1158 or ten million dollars, whichever is greater. The need-based grant shall
1159 be funded at up to eighty per cent of available funds. The Charter Oak
1160 grant shall be not less than one hundred thousand dollars of available
1161 funds. There shall be an administrative allowance based on one-quarter
1162 of one per cent of the available funds, but not less than one hundred
1163 thousand dollars annually. The Office of Higher Education shall [use]
1164 disburse the funds appropriated or allocated for the Roberta B. Willis
1165 Scholarship program for the fiscal [year] years ending June 30, 2024, and
1166 June 30, 2025, to make awards pursuant to subsection (c) of this section

1167 and allocate funds pursuant to subsections (d) and (f) of this section [for
1168 the academic years commencing July 1, 2023, and July 1, 2024] in
1169 accordance with a plan developed by the office, provided the office shall
1170 [use] disburse all funds allocated for the Roberta B. Willis Scholarship
1171 program from the federal funds designated for the state pursuant to the
1172 provisions of Section 602 of Subtitle M of Title IX of the American Rescue
1173 Plan Act of 2021, P.L. 117-2, as amended from time to time, on or before
1174 December 31, 2024.

1175 Sec. 22. Subsections (c) and (d) of section 51-49d of the general
1176 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
1177 (*Effective from passage*):

1178 (c) The Retirement Commission shall determine on an actuarial basis
1179 (1) a normal rate of contribution which the state shall be required to
1180 make into the retirement fund in order to meet the actuarial cost of
1181 current service, and (2) the unfunded past service liability. Effective July
1182 1, 1991, the unfunded past service liability shall be funded as a level
1183 percentage of payroll. [The] On and after July 1, 2024, the state
1184 contribution shall be the sum of the normal cost and the amount
1185 required for a [forty-year] fifteen-year layered amortization of
1186 unfunded liabilities. The [forty-year] fifteen-year period for such
1187 amortization shall commence [July 1, 1991] with the valuation for the
1188 fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.

1189 (d) No act liberalizing the benefits of the retirement system shall be
1190 enacted by the General Assembly until the assembly has requested and
1191 received from the Retirement Commission a certification of the
1192 unfunded liability created by such change and the cost of such change
1193 under the actuarial funding basis adopted by this section using full
1194 normal cost plus [thirty-year] fifteen-year layered amortization. Any
1195 unfunded liability created by such change shall be amortized over a
1196 period of [thirty] fifteen years.

1197 Sec. 23. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
1198 section 51-49d of the general statutes, as amended by this act, not later

1199 than June 30, 2024, the State Employees Retirement Commission shall
1200 prepare and submit a revised actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2023, for
1201 the retirement system for judges, family support magistrates and
1202 administrative law judges that incorporates the change to fifteen-year
1203 layered amortization, as described in section 51-49d of the general
1204 statutes, as amended by this act.

1205 Sec. 24. Subsection (b) of section 1-210 of the general statutes is
1206 amended by adding subdivision (29) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

1207 (NEW) (29) Records (A) maintained or kept on file by a public agency
1208 that is a covered entity, as defined in 45 CFR 160.103, as amended from
1209 time to time, and (B) that contain protected health information, as
1210 defined in 45 CFR 160.103, as amended from time to time.

1211 Sec. 25. Section 8-169*ll* of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes
1212 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
1213 *October 1, 2024*):

1214 (a) (1) Any municipality, except the city of Hartford or any
1215 municipality that is considered part of the capital region, as defined in
1216 section 32-600, may, by certified resolution of the legislative body of the
1217 municipality, opt to join the Connecticut Municipal Redevelopment
1218 Authority as a member municipality, provided such municipality holds
1219 a public hearing prior to any vote on such certified resolution.

1220 [(2) The legislative body of each member municipality shall appoint
1221 a local development board to serve as liaison to the authority. Such
1222 board (A) shall include three individuals representing the municipality
1223 and the chief executive officer of such municipality, who shall serve as
1224 chairperson of the board, and (B) may include, but need not be limited
1225 to, representatives from local health or human services organizations,
1226 local housing organizations, a local school district or education
1227 organization, and a local business organization. Such board shall also
1228 include one member of the board of directors of the authority, chosen
1229 by the chairperson of the board of directors of the authority. Each
1230 legislative body shall make a good faith effort to appoint representatives

1231 of minority-owned businesses, advocates for walkable communities and
1232 members who are geographically, racially, socioeconomically and
1233 gender diverse.]

1234 [(3)] (2) Any municipality that opts to join the authority as a member
1235 municipality or that is deemed a member municipality pursuant to
1236 subsection (a) of this section shall enter into a memorandum of
1237 agreement with the authority for the establishment of one or more
1238 development districts.

1239 (b) (1) Any two or more municipalities may, by certified concurrent
1240 resolutions of the legislative bodies of each such municipality, together
1241 opt to join the Connecticut Municipal Redevelopment Authority as a
1242 joint member entity, provided (A) no such municipality is considered
1243 part of the capital region, as defined in section 32-600, and (B) each such
1244 municipality holds a public hearing prior to any vote on the certified
1245 resolution from such municipality. The concurrent resolutions shall set
1246 forth an agreement of such municipalities as to authority for decisions
1247 concerning projects in development districts within such municipalities.

1248 [(2) The legislative bodies of the municipalities constituting a joint
1249 member entity shall jointly appoint a local development board to serve
1250 as liaison to the authority. Such board shall (A) include two individuals
1251 representing each such municipality and the chief executive officer of
1252 each such municipality, who shall serve as cochairperson of the board
1253 with the other chief executive officers, and (B) may include, but need not
1254 be limited to, representatives from local health or human services
1255 organizations, local housing organizations, a local school district or
1256 education organization and a local business organization. Such board
1257 shall also include one member of the board of directors of the authority,
1258 chosen by the chairperson of the board of directors of the authority. The
1259 legislative bodies of the municipalities constituting a joint member
1260 entity shall make a good faith effort to appoint representatives of
1261 minority-owned businesses, advocates for walkable communities and
1262 members who are geographically, racially, socioeconomically and
1263 gender diverse.]

1264 [(3)] (2) Any two or more municipalities that together opt to join the
1265 authority as a joint member entity shall jointly enter into a
1266 memorandum of agreement with the authority for the establishment of
1267 one or more development districts.

1268 [(c) In consultation with the board of directors of the authority, a local
1269 development board appointed pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection
1270 (a) or subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of this section shall have, with
1271 respect to authority development projects, all the powers enumerated in
1272 subdivision (8) of subsection (b) of section 8-169jj and in subdivisions (1)
1273 to (6), inclusive, of subsection (c) of said section.]

1274 Sec. 26. Section 8-169hh of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes
1275 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
1276 *October 1, 2024*):

1277 For purposes of this section and sections 8-169ii to 8-169tt, inclusive,
1278 and sections 27 and 28 of this act:

1279 (1) "As of right" has the same meaning as provided in section 8-1a;

1280 (2) "Authority" means the Connecticut Municipal Redevelopment
1281 Authority established in section 8-169ii;

1282 (3) "Authority development project" means a project occurring within
1283 the boundaries of a Connecticut Municipal Redevelopment Authority
1284 development district;

1285 (4) "Connecticut Municipal Redevelopment Authority development
1286 district" or "development district" means the area determined by a
1287 memorandum of agreement between the authority and the chief
1288 executive officer of the member municipality, or the chief executive
1289 officers of the municipalities constituting a joint member entity, as
1290 applicable, where such development district is located, provided such
1291 area shall be considered a downtown or does not exceed a one-half-mile
1292 radius of a transit station;

1293 (5) "Designated tier III municipality" has the same meaning as

1294 provided in section 7-560;

1295 (6) "Designated tier IV municipality" has the same meaning as
1296 provided in section 7-560;

1297 (7) "Downtown" means a central business district or other
1298 commercial neighborhood area of a community that serves as a center
1299 of socioeconomic interaction in the community, characterized by a
1300 cohesive core of commercial and mixed-use buildings, often
1301 interspersed with civic, religious and residential buildings and public
1302 spaces, that are typically arranged along a main street and intersecting
1303 side streets and served by public infrastructure;

1304 (8) "Member municipality" means any municipality that opts to join
1305 the Connecticut Municipal Redevelopment Authority in accordance
1306 with section 8-169ll, as amended by this act. "Member municipality"
1307 does not include the city of Hartford or any municipality that is
1308 considered part of the capital region, as defined in section 32-600;

1309 (9) "Middle housing" has the same meaning as provided in section 8-
1310 1a;

1311 (10) "Joint member entity" means two or more municipalities that
1312 together opt to join the Connecticut Municipal Redevelopment
1313 Authority in accordance with section 8-169ll, as amended by this act,
1314 provided no such municipality is considered part of the capital region,
1315 as defined in section 32-600;

1316 (11) "Project" means any or all of the following: (A) The design and
1317 construction of transit-oriented development, as defined in section 13b-
1318 79kk; (B) the creation of housing units through rehabilitation or new
1319 construction; (C) the demolition or redevelopment of vacant buildings;
1320 and (D) development and redevelopment;

1321 (12) "State-wide transportation investment program" means the
1322 planning document developed and updated at least every four years by
1323 the Department of Transportation in compliance with the requirements

1324 of 23 USC 135, listing all transportation projects in the state expected to
1325 receive federal funding during the four-year period covered by the
1326 program; and

1327 (13) "Transit station" means any passenger railroad station or bus
1328 rapid transit station that is operational, or for which the Department of
1329 Transportation has initiated planning or that is included in the state-
1330 wide transportation investment program, that is or will be located
1331 within the boundaries of a member municipality or the municipalities
1332 constituting a joint member entity.

1333 Sec. 27. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2024*) The authority may establish
1334 criteria to evaluate any potential impact of an authority development
1335 project. Such criteria shall include, but not be limited to, the impact the
1336 proposed project may have on the tax base of a municipality, or the
1337 combined tax bases of two or more municipalities, as applicable to such
1338 project.

1339 Sec. 28. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2024*) The authority shall offer
1340 technical support to any member municipality or joint member entity in
1341 the development of project criteria and local regulations intended to
1342 substantially increase housing production if such technical support is
1343 requested by such municipality or entity.

1344 Sec. 29. Subdivision (5) of section 1-79 of the 2024 supplement to the
1345 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1346 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

1347 (5) "Gift" means anything of value, which is directly and personally
1348 received, unless consideration of equal or greater value is given in
1349 return. "Gift" does not include:

1350 (A) A political contribution otherwise reported as required by law or
1351 a donation or payment as described in subdivision (9) or (10) of
1352 subsection (b) of section 9-601a;

1353 (B) Services provided by persons volunteering their time, if provided

1354 to aid or promote the success or defeat of any political party, any
1355 candidate or candidates for public office or the position of convention
1356 delegate or town committee member or any referendum question;

1357 (C) A commercially reasonable loan made on terms not more
1358 favorable than loans made in the ordinary course of business;

1359 (D) A gift received from (i) an individual's spouse, fiancé or fiancée,
1360 (ii) the parent, grandparent, brother or sister of such spouse or such
1361 individual, or (iii) the child of such individual or the spouse of such
1362 child;

1363 (E) Goods or services (i) that are provided to a state agency or quasi-
1364 public agency (I) for use on state or quasi-public agency property, or (II)
1365 that support an event or the participation by a public official or state
1366 employee at an event, and (ii) that facilitate state or quasi-public agency
1367 action or functions. As used in this subparagraph, "state property"
1368 means property owned by the state or a quasi-public agency or property
1369 leased to a state agency or quasi-public agency;

1370 (F) A certificate, plaque or other ceremonial award costing less than
1371 one hundred dollars;

1372 (G) A rebate, discount or promotional item available to the general
1373 public;

1374 (H) Printed or recorded informational material germane to state
1375 action or functions;

1376 (I) Food or beverage or both, costing less than fifty dollars in the
1377 aggregate per recipient in a calendar year, and consumed on an occasion
1378 or occasions at which the person paying, directly or indirectly, for the
1379 food or beverage, or his representative, is in attendance;

1380 (J) Food or beverage or both, costing less than fifty dollars per person
1381 and consumed at a publicly noticed legislative reception to which all
1382 members of the General Assembly are invited and which is hosted not
1383 more than once in any calendar year by a lobbyist or business

1384 organization. For the purposes of such limit, (i) a reception hosted by a
1385 lobbyist who is an individual shall be deemed to have also been hosted
1386 by the business organization which such lobbyist owns or is employed
1387 by, and (ii) a reception hosted by a business organization shall be
1388 deemed to have also been hosted by all owners and employees of the
1389 business organization who are lobbyists. In making the calculation for
1390 the purposes of such fifty-dollar limit, the donor shall divide the amount
1391 spent on food and beverage by the number of persons whom the donor
1392 reasonably expects to attend the reception;

1393 (K) Food or beverage or both, costing less than fifty dollars per person
1394 and consumed at a publicly noticed reception to which all members of
1395 the General Assembly from a region of the state are invited and which
1396 is hosted not more than once in any calendar year by a lobbyist or
1397 business organization. For the purposes of such limit, (i) a reception
1398 hosted by a lobbyist who is an individual shall be deemed to have also
1399 been hosted by the business organization which such lobbyist owns or
1400 is employed by, and (ii) a reception hosted by a business organization
1401 shall be deemed to have also been hosted by all owners and employees
1402 of the business organization who are lobbyists. In making the
1403 calculation for the purposes of such fifty-dollar limit, the donor shall
1404 divide the amount spent on food and beverage by the number of
1405 persons whom the donor reasonably expects to attend the reception. As
1406 used in this subparagraph, "region of the state" means the established
1407 geographic service area of the organization hosting the reception;

1408 (L) A gift, including, but not limited to, food or beverage or both,
1409 provided by an individual for the celebration of a major life event,
1410 provided any such gift provided by an individual who is not a member
1411 of the family of the recipient does not exceed one thousand dollars in
1412 value;

1413 (M) Gifts costing less than one hundred dollars in the aggregate or
1414 food or beverage provided at a hospitality suite at a meeting or
1415 conference of an interstate legislative association, by a person who is not
1416 a registrant or is not doing business with the state of Connecticut;

1417 (N) Admission to a charitable or civic event, including food and
1418 beverage provided at such event, but excluding lodging or travel
1419 expenses, at which a public official or state employee participates in his
1420 or her official capacity, provided such admission is provided by the
1421 primary sponsoring entity;

1422 (O) Anything of value provided by an employer of (i) a public official,
1423 (ii) a state employee, or (iii) a spouse of a public official or state
1424 employee, to such official, employee or spouse, provided such benefits
1425 are customarily and ordinarily provided to others in similar
1426 circumstances;

1427 (P) Anything having a value of not more than ten dollars, provided
1428 the aggregate value of all things provided by a donor to a recipient
1429 under this subdivision in any calendar year does not exceed fifty dollars;

1430 (Q) Training that is provided by a vendor for a product purchased by
1431 a state or quasi-public agency that is offered to all customers of such
1432 vendor;

1433 (R) Travel expenses, lodging, food, beverage and other benefits
1434 customarily provided by a prospective employer, when provided to a
1435 student at a public institution of higher education whose employment
1436 is derived from such student's status as a student at such institution, in
1437 connection with bona fide employment discussions; [or]

1438 (S) Expenses of a public official, paid by the party committee of which
1439 party such official is a member, for the purpose of accomplishing the
1440 lawful purposes of the committee. As used in this subparagraph, "party
1441 committee" has the same meaning as provided in subdivision (2) of
1442 section 9-601 and "lawful purposes of the committee" has the same
1443 meaning as provided in subsection (g) of section 9-607; or

1444 (T) Travel expenses, lodging, food, beverage and other benefits
1445 customarily provided in the course of employment, when provided to a
1446 public member of the Investment Advisory Council established under
1447 section 3-13b.

1448 Sec. 30. Sections 4-124ff, 8-169rr, 15-31h to 15-31k, inclusive, 15-31m
 1449 to 15-31o, inclusive, 16-331bb and 16-331hh of the general statutes are
 1450 repealed. (*Effective October 1, 2024*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	15-31a
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	15-120bb(b)
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	4e-1(28)
Sec. 6	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	15-31b
Sec. 7	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	15-31c
Sec. 8	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	15-31e
Sec. 9	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	15-31f
Sec. 10	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	15-31g
Sec. 11	<i>from passage</i>	15-15a
Sec. 12	<i>from passage</i>	15-15e
Sec. 13	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	29-252a
Sec. 14	<i>from passage</i>	PA 23-170, Sec. 23
Sec. 15	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	4-66g(b)
Sec. 16	<i>from passage</i>	4-9d(a)
Sec. 17	<i>January 1, 2025</i>	5-250
Sec. 18	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	New section
Sec. 19	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	10-287c
Sec. 20	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	4-8
Sec. 21	<i>from passage</i>	10a-173(b)
Sec. 22	<i>from passage</i>	51-49d(c) and (d)
Sec. 23	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 24	<i>from passage</i>	1-210(b)(29)
Sec. 25	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	8-169ll
Sec. 26	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	8-169hh
Sec. 27	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	New section
Sec. 28	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	New section
Sec. 29	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	1-79(5)
Sec. 30	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	Repealer section

Statement of Purpose:

To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

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