General Assembly

Raised Bill No. 1393

January Session, 2025

LCO No. **5465**

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:
(ED)

AN ACT CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION OF STATE GRANT COMMITMENTS FOR SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS AND REVISIONS TO THE SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS STATUTES.

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

Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Administrative Services, having reviewed applications for state grants for public school building projects in accordance with section 10-283 of the general statutes on the basis of priorities for such projects and standards for school construction established by the State Board of Education, and having prepared a listing of all such eligible projects ranked in order of priority, as determined by said commissioner together with the amount of the estimated grant with respect to each eligible project, and having submitted such listing of eligible projects, prior to December 15, 2024, to a committee of the General Assembly established under section 10-283a of the general statutes for the purpose of reviewing such listing, is hereby authorized to enter into grant commitments on behalf of the state in accordance with said section 10-283a with respect to the priority listing of such projects and in such estimated amounts as approved by said committee prior to February 1, 2025, as follows:

School District School Project Number	Estimated Project Costs	Estimated Grant
FAIRFIELD Osborn Hill Elementary School 051-0157 A	$597,500	$155,768
FAIRFIELD North Stratfield Elementary School 051-0158 A	$652,500	$170,107
FAIRFIELD Fairfield Woods Middle School 051-0159 A	$769,500	$200,609
GREENWICH Old Greenwich School 057-0115 EA/RR	$45,086,000	$9,017,200
NORWICH John M. Moriarty Elementary School 104-0121 N	$74,065,026	$59,252,021
NORWICH Uncas Elementary School 104-0120 N	$76,468,605	$61,174,884
PLAINVILLE Middle School of Plainville 110-0064 RNV	$61,915,000	$40,467,644
REGION DISTRICT 5 Amity Regional High School 205-0046 A	$3,152,596	$1,351,203

(2) Previously Authorized Projects That Have Changed Substantially in Scope or Cost which are Seeking Reauthorization.

School District	Authorized	Requested

T37	School		
T38	Project Number		
T39			
T40	CTECS		
T41	Platt Technical High School		
T42	900-0013 VT/EA		
T43			
T44	Estimated…		
T45	Total Project Costs	$124,566,000	$175,231,500
T46	Total Grant	$124,566,000	$175,231,500

Sec. 2. Subsection (e) of section 10-285a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

(e) (1) If an elementary school building project for a new building or for the expansion of an existing building includes space for an early childhood care and education program that provides services for children from birth to five years, the percentage determined pursuant to this section <u>for the entire school building project</u> shall be increased by fifteen percentage points, but shall not exceed one hundred per cent<u>.</u> **[**, for the portion of the building used primarily for such purpose.**]** Recipient districts shall maintain such early childhood care and education program for at least ten years.

(2) The percentage determined pursuant to this section for any school building project for a building or facility that will be used exclusively by a local or regional board of education for an early childhood care and education program that provides services for children from birth to five years shall be increased by fifteen percentage points, but shall not exceed one hundred per cent. Recipient districts shall maintain such early childhood care and education program for at least twenty years.

Sec. 3. Section 10-285a of the general statutes is amended by adding subsection (l) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

(NEW) (l) (1) If a school building project for a new building or for the expansion of an existing building includes a designated space for a special education program that provides services for students receiving special education and related services, the percentage determined pursuant to this section for the entire school building project shall be increased by fifteen percentage points, but shall not exceed one hundred per cent. Recipient districts shall maintain such designated space for the special education program for at least ten years.

(2) The percentage determined pursuant to this section for any school building project for a building or facility that will be used exclusively by a local or regional board of education for a special education program that provides services for students receiving special education and related services shall be increased by fifteen percentage points, but shall not exceed one hundred per cent. Recipient districts shall maintain such special education program for at least twenty years.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	*from passage*	New section
Sec. 2	*July 1, 2025*	10-285a(e)
Sec. 3	*July 1, 2025*	10-285a(l)

Statement of Purpose:

To authorize state grant commitments for school building projects and make revisions to the school building project statutes.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]