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Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Introduced by:  
(VA)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A GRANT PROGRAM FOR VETERANS-RELATED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROJECTS.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) For the fiscal year  
2 ending June 30, 2028, and each fiscal year thereafter, the Department of  
3 Veterans Affairs shall administer a program to provide grants to  
4 municipalities and nonprofit veterans' organizations for capital  
5 expenditure projects, including, but not limited to, repair or  
6 replacement of mechanical systems at the homes of elderly, disabled or  
7 means-limited veterans and placement or maintenance of war or  
8 veterans' memorials or monuments.

9 (b) Not later than January 1, 2027, the department shall develop  
10 eligibility criteria to be used in selecting among applicants for such  
11 grants, develop application forms and deadlines and post in a  
12 conspicuous location on the department's Internet web site a description  
13 of the grant program that includes, but is not limited to, such criteria,  
14 forms and deadlines.

15 (c) (1) For the purposes described in subdivision (2) of this subsection,  
16 the State Bond Commission shall have the power from time to time to  
17 authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and in  
18 principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate \_\_\_ dollars.

19 (2) The proceeds of the sale of such bonds, to the extent of the amount  
20 stated in subdivision (1) of this subsection, shall be used by the  
21 Department of Veterans Affairs for the purpose of providing grants to  
22 municipalities and nonprofit veterans' organizations for capital  
23 expenditure projects under subsection (a) of this section.

24 (3) All provisions of section 3-20, or the exercise of any right or power  
25 granted thereby, that are not inconsistent with the provisions of this  
26 section are hereby adopted and shall apply to all bonds authorized by  
27 the State Bond Commission pursuant to this section. Temporary notes  
28 in anticipation of the money to be derived from the sale of any such  
29 bonds so authorized may be issued in accordance with section 3-20 and  
30 from time to time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or  
31 times not exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be  
32 provided in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State  
33 Bond Commission authorizing such bonds. None of such bonds shall be  
34 authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that  
35 there has been filed with it a request for such authorization that is signed  
36 by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management  
37 and states such terms and conditions as said commission, in its  
38 discretion, may require. Such bonds issued pursuant to this section shall  
39 be general obligations of the state and the full faith and credit of the state  
40 of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the principal of and  
41 interest on such bonds as the same become due, and accordingly and as  
42 part of the contract of the state with the holders of such bonds,  
43 appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual payment of such  
44 principal and interest is hereby made, and the State Treasurer shall pay  
45 such principal and interest as the same become due.

46 (d) Not later than January 1, 2028, and annually thereafter, the

47 department shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of  
48 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of  
49 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to veterans'  
50 and military affairs. Such report shall include information for the  
51 preceding calendar year on the number of applications for grants that  
52 were received, the number of grants that were awarded and a list of the  
53 municipalities and nonprofit veterans' organizations that received  
54 grants.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section

***Statement of Purpose:***

To establish a grant program to be administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs for the purpose of assisting municipalities and nonprofit veterans' organizations with certain veterans-related capital expenditure projects.

*[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.]*