

APPENDIX L: Budget and Finance Related Legislation

Public Act	Title/Description
Bond Covenant Restrictions/Budget Reserve Fund/Other Fiscal Items	
<p>PA 23-1 (HB 6671)</p>	<p>AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR SCHOOL LUNCHES AND A CENTER FOR SUSTAINABLE AVIATION, SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING, CERTAIN BOTTLE DEPOSITS, CERTAIN STATE POSITIONS AND THE POSTING OF STATE JOB OPENINGS AND BOND COVENANT RESTRICTIONS AND THE BUDGET RESERVE FUND.</p> <p>The act: (1) reallocates \$60 million in FY 23 ARPA funds allocated to OPM for Invest Connecticut to SDE for free school meals for students, (2) requires the state treasurer to include a pledge to bondholders in GO and credit revenue bonds issued from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2025, that the state will comply with specified fiscal controls, except under limited circumstances; generally requires that the pledge apply through FY 33 unless the General Assembly adopts a resolution by June 30, 2028, not to continue it beyond FY 28, (3) increases the BRF's maximum balance from 15% to 18% of net General Fund appropriations and specifies how surplus funds must be diverted when the BRF's balance is at least 15% but less than the 18% maximum, beginning July 1, 2024, (4) freezes the cap on General Fund and STF appropriations at 98.75% of estimated revenues (i.e., the "revenue cap"), beginning in FY 24, and (5) requires that the bond allocation cap be calculated on a fiscal year, rather than calendar year, basis and sets the cap amount at \$2.4 billion for FY 24; aligns the bond issuance cap to the allocation cap by increasing it to \$2.4 billion for FY 24; eliminates the bond allotment cap but replaces it with a similar cap; excludes specified debt from the state's debt limit and certain bond cap calculations, beginning in FY 24.</p>
Budget Act	
<p>PA 23-204 (sHB6941)</p>	<p>AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2025, AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR, AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO REVENUE AND OTHER ITEMS IMPLEMENTING THE STATE BUDGET</p> <p>The act includes: (1) appropriations in 13 funds totaling approximately \$25.1 billion in FY 24 and \$26.0 billion in FY 25 (net of lapses), (2) authorizes the Office of Policy and Management to identify \$339,572,439 in unexpended funds for FY 23 which shall not lapse and make them available for the various purposes, (3) final allocations of the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the purposes detailed in the act. Final allocations total \$652,073,769 in FY 22, \$1,470,815,083 in FY 23, \$546,311,535 in FY 24 and \$143,087,695 in FY 25, (4) adjustments to appropriations for FY 23. A total of \$71.732 million is provided in General Fund appropriations to cover various account shortfalls, which is offset by \$71.732 million in reductions to various accounts. In addition, \$5.1 million is provided to cover a deficiency in the Special Transportation Fund that is offset by a reduction of \$5.1 million, and (5) various provisions that implement the budget.</p>
Bond Bill/School Construction	
<p>PA 23-205 (HB 5473)</p>	<p>AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND ADJUSTING BONDS OF THE STATE AND CONCERNING CERTAIN GRANT AND FINANCING PROGRAMS, STATE CONSTRUCTION RELATED THRESHOLDS, SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, THE FAILURE TO FILE FOR CERTAIN GRAND LIST EXEMPTIONS, THE VALIDATION OF CERTAIN ACTIONS TAKEN BY CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES, CAPITAL CITY PROJECTS, CERTAIN CONSUMER AGREEMENTS, CERTAIN MODIFICATIONS TO MUNICIPAL CHARTERS AND PETITIONS FOR CERTAIN TOWN REFERENDA, ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATION AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE, CERTAIN CASES BEFORE THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES AND OTHER ITEMS IMPLEMENTING THE STATE BUDGET.</p> <p>The act approves new bond authorizations effective beginning FY 24 and FY 25, changes to prior authorizations, and reductions to current authorizations. The act also approves state grant commitments for local school and regional school construction projects. Finally, the act includes provisions related to PA 23-137 (HB 5001).</p>
Services for Persons with Disabilities	

PA 23-137 (HB 5001)	AN ACT CONCERNING RESOURCES AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH AN INTELLECTUAL OR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY. The act: (1) evaluates and implements best practices for expanding employment and transportation opportunities for persons with an intellectual or developmental disability, (2) ameliorate waiting lists for Medicaid waiver program services for such persons, (3) establish an emergency services alert system to help locate such persons when they are reported missing, (4) provide funding for a voluntary registration system for such persons for public safety purposes, (5) increase income and asset limits for medical assistance for such persons, (6) evaluate changing a statutory definition associated with such persons and Intelligence Quotient criteria for such persons, (7) establish a career pipeline for behavioral health and human services positions to ensure an adequate number of providers to serve such persons, and (8) establish a bill of rights for such persons.
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