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Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION  
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:  
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***AN ACT MODIFYING THE PROCESS FOR CLAIMING AND  
RETURNING UNCLAIMED PROPERTY HELD BY THE TREASURER.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 3-66a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

3 (a) The Treasurer shall maintain a readily searchable list of property  
4 presumed abandoned and reported or transferred to the Treasurer  
5 under this part and for which there is sufficient information for the  
6 Treasurer to identify the apparent owner of such property.

7 (b) The searchable list required under subsection (a) of this section  
8 shall contain: (1) The names and the last-known addresses, if any, of all  
9 persons reported as the apparent owners of unclaimed property, (2)  
10 information concerning the amount and description of such property,  
11 including the type of property, and the name and address of the holder  
12 thereof, ~~(3) the estimated value of the unclaimed property,~~ and [(3)] (4)  
13 such other information as may be required by the Treasurer.

14 (c) The Treasurer shall notify by first-class mail each person, other

15 than a municipality to which the Treasurer makes or will make a  
16 payment pursuant to section 8 of this act, or an individual to whom the  
17 Treasurer makes or will make a payment pursuant to subsection (f) of  
18 section 3-70a, as amended by this act, reported as the apparent owner of  
19 unclaimed property that was reported or transferred to the Treasurer  
20 during the preceding calendar year and for whom the holder of such  
21 property has reported a last-known address to the Treasurer. Such  
22 notice shall include information concerning the amount and description  
23 of such property and the process by which such owner may verify  
24 ownership to and claim such property.

25 Sec. 2. Section 3-70a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
26 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

27 (a) Any person claiming an interest in property surrendered to the  
28 Treasurer under the provisions of this part may claim such property, or  
29 the proceeds from the sale thereof, at any time thereafter.

30 (1) Any person claiming an interest in such property that (A) has only  
31 one apparent owner whose identity can be reasonably verified using  
32 data available to the Treasurer, and (B) such property has a value of less  
33 than five thousand dollars, may file a claim for such property by  
34 electronically submitting a form provided on the Internet web site of the  
35 Treasurer to the Treasurer without being required to provide  
36 supporting documentation. The Treasurer shall request any person  
37 filing such a claim who does not satisfy the criteria of subparagraphs  
38 (A) and (B) of this subdivision to file a certified claim under subdivision  
39 (2) of this subsection.

40 (2) Any person claiming an interest in such property that (A) has  
41 more than one apparent owner or the ownership cannot be reasonably  
42 verified by the Treasurer, or (B) has a value of five thousand dollars or  
43 more shall file a certified claim with the Treasurer, setting forth the facts  
44 upon which such party claims to be entitled to recover such property.  
45 The Treasurer shall prescribe the form that such a verified claim shall  
46 take.

47 (b) The Treasurer shall consider each claim not later than ninety days  
48 after it is filed. The Treasurer may hold hearings on any claim and may  
49 refer any claim to the Office of the Claims Commissioner, which shall  
50 hold hearings thereon and promptly return the Claims Commissioner's  
51 recommendations for the payment or rejection thereof. The Treasurer  
52 shall deliver the Treasurer's decision in writing on each claim heard,  
53 with a finding of fact and a statement of the reasons for the Treasurer's  
54 decision. Any person aggrieved by a decision of the Treasurer may  
55 appeal therefrom in accordance with the provisions of section 4-183,  
56 except venue for such appeal shall be in the judicial district of New  
57 Britain.

58 (c) (1) (A) No agreement entered into prior to January 1, 2023, to  
59 locate property shall be valid if: (i) Such agreement is entered into (I)  
60 within two years after the date a report of unclaimed property is  
61 required to be filed under section 3-65a, or (II) between the date such a  
62 report is required to be filed under said section and the date it is filed  
63 under said section, whichever period is longer; (ii) such agreement is  
64 entered into within two years after the date of posting of the notice  
65 required by section 3-66a, as amended by this act; or (iii) pursuant to  
66 such agreement, any person undertakes to locate property included in a  
67 report of unclaimed property that is required to be filed under section  
68 3-65a for a fee or other compensation exceeding ten per cent of the value  
69 of the recoverable property.

70 (B) No agreement entered into on or after January 1, 2023, to locate  
71 property shall be valid if: (i) Such agreement is entered into (I) within  
72 two years after the date a report of unclaimed property is required to be  
73 filed under section 3-65a, or (II) between the date such a report is  
74 required to be filed under said section and the date it is filed under said  
75 section, whichever period is longer; or (ii) pursuant to such agreement,  
76 any person undertakes to locate property included in a report of  
77 unclaimed property that is required to be filed under section 3-65a for a  
78 fee or other compensation exceeding ten per cent of the value of the  
79 recoverable property.

80 (2) An agreement to locate property shall be valid only if it is in  
81 writing, signed by the owner, and discloses the nature and value of the  
82 property, and the owner's share after the fee or compensation has been  
83 subtracted is clearly stipulated. Nothing in this section shall be  
84 construed to prevent an owner from asserting, at any time, that any  
85 agreement to locate property is based upon excessive or unjust  
86 consideration.

87 (d) The Treasurer shall pay each claim allowed without deduction for  
88 costs of notices or sale or for service charges. The Treasurer shall notify  
89 the Commissioner of Revenue Services of the payment of claims of five  
90 hundred dollars or more to the domiciliary administrator or executor of  
91 a deceased owner.

92 (e) In the case of any claim allowed under this section for property,  
93 funds or money delivered to the Treasurer pursuant to subdivision (1)  
94 or (2) of subsection (a) of section 3-57a, the Treasurer shall pay such  
95 claim with interest as follows: For each calendar year or portion thereof  
96 that the property, funds or money has been paid or delivered to the  
97 Treasurer, the Treasurer shall pay interest at a rate that is not less than  
98 the deposit index, as determined under section 36a-26, for such year.  
99 Such interest shall accrue from the date of payment or delivery of the  
100 property, funds or money to the Treasurer until the date of payment or  
101 delivery of the property, funds or money to the claimant.

102 (f) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,  
103 where the amount of a property reported or transferred to the Treasurer  
104 under this part is less than [two] five thousand [five hundred] dollars,  
105 the Treasurer shall pay such amount to an individual if the Treasurer  
106 has determined (1) that such individual is the sole owner of such  
107 property, and (2) to the Treasurer's satisfaction, the current address of  
108 such individual. The Treasurer shall determine ownership using a  
109 preponderance of the evidence standard.

110 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) As used in this section, "state  
111 agency" means any department, board, council, commission, institution

112 or other executive branch agency of state government, including, but  
113 not limited to, each constituent unit and each public institution of higher  
114 education, and "claimant" means any person claiming an interest in  
115 property surrendered to the Treasurer under the provisions of part III  
116 of chapter 32 of the general statutes. The Treasurer shall be granted  
117 access to any data held or controlled by a state agency only to the extent  
118 necessary to facilitate the return of unclaimed property, including, but  
119 not limited to, taxpayer data and corporate registration information  
120 under title 33 of the general statutes.

121 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) When any person makes a  
122 claim for property surrendered to the Treasurer in a value of five  
123 hundred dollars or more, the Treasurer shall check the name and other  
124 identifying information of such person against a list of taxpayers who  
125 are delinquent, supplied by the Commissioner of Revenue Services.

126 (b) The Commissioner of Revenue Services may disclose to the  
127 Treasurer: (1) The name and such other information as may be necessary  
128 to identify a person from whom taxes, including penalties and interest  
129 related thereto, are due to the state and unpaid when: (A) A period in  
130 excess of thirty days has elapsed following the date on which such taxes  
131 were due, and (B) such taxes are not the subject of a timely filed  
132 administrative appeal to said commissioner or of a timely filed appeal  
133 pending before any court of competent jurisdiction, and (2) the amount  
134 of such taxes, penalties and interest that are due from such person.

135 (c) In the event that the claimant is on the list described in subsection  
136 (a) of this section, the Treasurer shall, subsequent to any deductions  
137 made pursuant to subsection (d) of section 52-362d of the general  
138 statutes, as amended by this act, if applicable, deduct and withhold from  
139 the funds payable to such person under the provisions of part III of  
140 chapter 32 of the general statutes, the amount of such taxes, penalties  
141 and interest identified by said commissioner pursuant to subsection (b)  
142 of this section.

143 (d) The Treasurer shall promptly notify the Commissioner of

144 Revenue Services of any amount deducted and withheld under the  
145 provisions of this section and shall pay over such amount to the  
146 Commissioner of Revenue Services in accordance with said  
147 commissioner's instructions.

148 Sec. 5. Section 52-362d of the general statutes is repealed and the  
149 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

150 (a) Whenever an order of the Superior Court or a family support  
151 magistrate for support of a minor child or children is issued and such  
152 payments have been ordered to be made to the state acting by and  
153 through the IV-D agency and the person against whom such support  
154 order was issued owes past-due support in the amount of five hundred  
155 dollars or more, the state shall have a lien on any property, real or  
156 personal, in which such person has an interest to enforce payment of  
157 such past-due support. The lien for past-due child support shall be  
158 secured by the IV-D agency pursuant to procedures contained in the  
159 general statutes applicable to the type of property to be secured. After  
160 securing the lien, the IV-D agency shall provide such person with notice  
161 of the lien and an opportunity for a hearing before a hearing officer of  
162 the Department of Social Services pursuant to section 17b-60 to contest  
163 the lien. The IV-D agency shall file a release of such lien if a hearing  
164 officer determines that the conditions for the existence of a lien are not  
165 satisfied. Any such lien on real property may, at any time during which  
166 the obligor owes the amount of past-due child support secured by such  
167 lien, be foreclosed in an action brought in a court of competent  
168 jurisdiction by the Commissioner of Social Services in a title IV-D case  
169 or by the person to whom the child support is due. A lien for past-due  
170 support arising in any other state shall be given full faith and credit by  
171 this state provided such other state has complied with its procedural  
172 rules relating to recording or serving of liens.

173 (b) On October 1, 1991, and monthly thereafter, the Department of  
174 Social Services shall compile a list of all obligors who owe overdue  
175 support in the amount of one thousand dollars or more accruing after

176 the entry of an initial court order establishing a child support obligation.  
177 Any overdue support in an amount of one thousand dollars or more  
178 shall be subject to the reporting provisions of this section. The state shall  
179 report to any participating consumer reporting agency, as defined in 15  
180 USC 1681a(f), information regarding the amount of such overdue  
181 support owed by an obligor if the amount of such overdue support is  
182 one thousand dollars or more, on a computer tape in a format acceptable  
183 to the consumer reporting agency. Such information shall be reported  
184 by the department only after notice has been sent by the department to  
185 such obligor of the proposed action, and such obligor is given an  
186 opportunity for a hearing before a hearing officer of the department to  
187 contest the amount of the alleged arrearage. Any such notice sent to such  
188 obligor shall contain a telephone number and address of the  
189 Department of Social Services and shall contain the following language  
190 in bold type: "If you are no longer in arrears or have received this notice  
191 in error, please contact the department at the following address or  
192 telephone number." On a monthly basis, the Department of Social  
193 Services shall provide to each consumer reporting agency informed of  
194 the original arrearage of an obligor updated information concerning any  
195 such obligor and the status of payments, including a list of obligors who  
196 no longer owe overdue support, in such acceptable computer format.  
197 The department shall designate one or more persons in the department  
198 to receive telephone or other requests from an obligor or a consumer  
199 reporting agency regarding verification of information supplied to a  
200 consumer reporting agency. The department shall respond to any such  
201 request within five working days of its receipt. Upon satisfactory  
202 verification that an obligor is no longer in arrears, the department shall  
203 send a statement to such obligor, and such statement shall constitute  
204 proof to a creditor that such obligor is no longer in arrears as of the date  
205 of the statement. A participating consumer reporting agency which  
206 receives such updated information from the department that an obligor  
207 no longer owes any overdue support shall record such information  
208 within thirty days of receipt of such notification unless the information  
209 was in a format which was unusable by the agency or contained an error

210 which prevented the agency from matching the updated information to  
211 previously supplied data. Any consumer reporting agency which  
212 negligently or wilfully fails to use reasonable efforts to comply with any  
213 requirement imposed under this subsection with respect to an obligor  
214 shall be liable to such obligor in an amount equal to the sum of (1) any  
215 actual damages sustained by the obligor as a result of such failure, and  
216 (2) a reasonable attorney's fee as determined by the court.

217 (c) When any person redeems a winning lottery ticket worth five  
218 thousand dollars or more at the central office of the Connecticut Lottery  
219 Corporation, the Connecticut Lottery Corporation shall check the name  
220 and other identifying information of such person against a list of  
221 obligors supplied by the Commissioner of Social Services. If such person  
222 is included on the list of obligors, the Connecticut Lottery Corporation  
223 shall request confirmation from the Commissioner of Social Services  
224 that such person is in fact an obligor, and upon notification by the  
225 Commissioner of Social Services that money is due from any such  
226 person as a result of a claim for support which has been assigned to the  
227 state pursuant to section 17b-77, or is to be paid to the state acting by  
228 and through the IV-D agency, the Connecticut Lottery Corporation shall  
229 withhold from any lottery winnings payable to such person under the  
230 provisions of chapter 226 or chapter 229a the amount of such claim for  
231 support owed to an individual for any portion of support which has not  
232 been assigned to the state and then the amount of such claim for support  
233 owed to the state, provided the Connecticut Lottery Corporation shall  
234 notify such person that (1) lottery winnings have been withheld as a  
235 result of the amount due for such support, and (2) such person has the  
236 right to a hearing before a hearing officer designated by the  
237 Commissioner of Social Services if such person contests the amount of  
238 the alleged claim for support. The Connecticut Lottery Corporation shall  
239 pay any such person in accordance with any decisions of the hearing  
240 officer or the court upon appeal of the hearing officer's decision.

241 (d) When any person makes a claim for property transferred to the  
242 Treasurer under part III of chapter 32 having a value of five hundred



243 dollars or more, the Treasurer shall check the name and other  
244 identifying information of such person against a list of obligors supplied  
245 by the Commissioner of Social Services. If such person is included on  
246 the list of obligors, the Treasurer shall request confirmation from the  
247 Commissioner of Social Services that such person is in fact an obligor,  
248 and upon notification by the Commissioner of Social Services that  
249 money is due from any such person as a result of a claim for support  
250 that has been assigned to the state pursuant to section 17b-77, or is to be  
251 paid to the state acting by and through the IV-D agency, the Treasurer  
252 shall withhold from any funds payable to such person under the  
253 provisions of part III of chapter 32 the amount of such claim for support  
254 owed to an individual for any portion of support that has not been  
255 assigned to the state, and then the amount of such claim for support  
256 owed to the state, provided the Treasurer shall notify such person that  
257 (1) funds have been withheld as a result of the amount due for such  
258 support, and (2) such person has the right to a hearing before a hearing  
259 officer designated by the Commissioner of Social Services if such person  
260 contests the amount of the alleged claim for support. The Treasurer shall  
261 pay any such person in accordance with any decisions of the hearing  
262 officer or the court upon appeal of the hearing officer's decision.

263 [(d)] (e) Whenever an order of the Superior Court or a family support  
264 magistrate of this state, or an order of another state that has been  
265 registered in this state, for support of a minor child or children is issued  
266 and such payments have been ordered through the IV-D agency, and  
267 the obligor against whom such support order was issued owes overdue  
268 support under such order in the amount of five hundred dollars or  
269 more, the IV-D agency, as defined in subdivision (12) of subsection (b)  
270 of section 46b-231, or Support Enforcement Services of the Superior  
271 Court may notify (1) any state or local agency or officer with authority  
272 (A) to hold assets or property for such obligor including, but not limited  
273 to, any property unclaimed or presumed abandoned under part III of  
274 chapter 32, or (B) to distribute benefits to such obligor including, but not  
275 limited to, unemployment compensation and workers' compensation,  
276 (2) any person having or expecting to have custody or control of or

277 authority to distribute any amounts due such obligor under any  
278 judgment or settlement, (3) any financial institution holding assets of  
279 such obligor, and (4) any public or private entity administering a public  
280 or private retirement fund in which such obligor has an interest that  
281 such obligor owes overdue support in a IV-D support case. Upon receipt  
282 of such notice, such agency, officer, person, institution or entity shall  
283 withhold delivery or distribution of any such property, benefits,  
284 amounts, assets or funds until receipt of further notice from the IV-D  
285 agency.

286       ~~[(e)]~~ (f) In IV-D cases in which a notice is sent pursuant to subsection  
287 ~~[(d)]~~ (e) of this section, the IV-D agency shall notify the obligor that such  
288 property, benefits, amounts, assets or funds have been withheld as a  
289 result of overdue support in a IV-D support case in accordance with an  
290 order of the Superior Court or family support magistrate of this state, or  
291 an order of another state that has been registered in this state. The IV-D  
292 agency shall further notify the agency, officer, person, institution or  
293 entity to whom notice was sent pursuant to subsection ~~[(d)]~~ (e) of this  
294 section as follows: (1) Upon expiration of the time for requesting a  
295 hearing specified in section 17b-60, to make payment to the state from  
296 any such property, benefits, amounts, assets or funds withheld in  
297 accordance with subsection ~~[(d)]~~ (e) of this section provided, in the case  
298 of retirement funds, such payment shall only be made in accordance  
299 with a withholding order issued under section 52-362 when the obligor  
300 is entitled to receive retirement benefits from such fund; (2) upon  
301 payment of such overdue support by such obligor, to release or  
302 distribute, as appropriate, such property, benefits, amounts, assets or  
303 funds to such obligor; or (3) upon issuance of a decision by the hearing  
304 officer or the court upon appeal of such officer's decision, to take such  
305 other action as may be ordered by such officer or such court, and such  
306 agency, officer, person, institution or entity shall forthwith comply with  
307 such notice received from the IV-D agency.

308       ~~[(f)]~~ (g) Support collected pursuant to this section shall be distributed  
309 as required by Title IV-D of the Social Security Act.

310        [(g)] (h) The Commissioner of Social Services shall adopt regulations,  
311 in accordance with chapter 54, setting forth procedures providing for  
312 adequate notice of (1) the right to a hearing before a hearing officer, and  
313 (2) procedures for a fair hearing for any person alleged by the  
314 commissioner to owe past-due or overdue child support to the state, or  
315 to an individual when the payments have been ordered payable to the  
316 state acting by and through the IV-D agency, if the commissioner has  
317 filed a lien on the property of such person or claimed an offset against  
318 money payable by the state to enforce a claim for payment of such past-  
319 due or overdue support, or intends to seize any benefits, amounts, assets  
320 or funds withheld in accordance with subsection [(d)] (e) of this section  
321 or report such overdue support to a consumer credit agency.

322        Sec. 6. Subsection (b) of section 12-15 of the general statutes is  
323 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
324 *2023*):

325        (b) The commissioner may disclose (1) returns or return information  
326 to (A) an authorized representative of another state agency or office,  
327 upon written request by the head of such agency or office, when  
328 required in the course of duty or when there is reasonable cause to  
329 believe that any state law is being violated, or (B) an authorized  
330 representative of an agency or office of the United States, upon written  
331 request by the head of such agency or office, when required in the course  
332 of duty or when there is reasonable cause to believe that any federal law  
333 is being violated, provided no such agency or office shall disclose such  
334 returns or return information, other than in a judicial or administrative  
335 proceeding to which such agency or office is a party pertaining to the  
336 enforcement of state or federal law, as the case may be, in a form which  
337 can be associated with, or otherwise identify, directly or indirectly, a  
338 particular taxpayer except that the names and addresses of jurors or  
339 potential jurors and the fact that the names were derived from the list of  
340 taxpayers pursuant to chapter 884 may be disclosed by the Judicial  
341 Branch; (2) returns or return information to the Auditors of Public  
342 Accounts, when required in the course of duty under chapter 23; (3)

343 returns or return information to tax officers of another state or of a  
344 Canadian province or of a political subdivision of such other state or  
345 province or of the District of Columbia or to any officer of the United  
346 States Treasury Department or the United States Department of Health  
347 and Human Services, authorized for such purpose in accordance with  
348 an agreement between this state and such other state, province, political  
349 subdivision, the District of Columbia or department, respectively, when  
350 required in the administration of taxes imposed under the laws of such  
351 other state, province, political subdivision, the District of Columbia or  
352 the United States, respectively, and when a reciprocal arrangement  
353 exists; (4) returns or return information in any action, case or proceeding  
354 in any court of competent jurisdiction, when the commissioner or any  
355 other state department or agency is a party, and when such information  
356 is directly involved in such action, case or proceeding; (5) returns or  
357 return information to a taxpayer or its authorized representative, upon  
358 written request for a return filed by or return information on such  
359 taxpayer; (6) returns or return information to a successor, receiver,  
360 trustee, executor, administrator, assignee, guardian or guarantor of a  
361 taxpayer, when such person establishes, to the satisfaction of the  
362 commissioner, that such person has a material interest which will be  
363 affected by information contained in such returns or return information;  
364 (7) information to the assessor or an authorized representative of the  
365 chief executive officer of a Connecticut municipality, when the  
366 information disclosed is limited to (A) a list of real or personal property  
367 that is or may be subject to property taxes in such municipality, or (B) a  
368 list containing the name of each person who is issued any license, permit  
369 or certificate which is required, under the provisions of this title, to be  
370 conspicuously displayed and whose address is in such municipality; (8)  
371 real estate conveyance tax return information or controlling interest  
372 transfer tax return information to the town clerk or an authorized  
373 representative of the chief executive officer of a Connecticut  
374 municipality to which the information relates; (9) estate tax returns and  
375 estate tax return information to the Probate Court Administrator or to  
376 the court of probate for the district within which a decedent resided at

377 the date of the decedent's death, or within which the commissioner  
378 contends that a decedent resided at the date of the decedent's death or,  
379 if a decedent died a nonresident of this state, in the court of probate for  
380 the district within which real estate or tangible personal property of the  
381 decedent is situated, or within which the commissioner contends that  
382 real estate or tangible personal property of the decedent is situated; (10)  
383 returns or return information to the (A) Secretary of the Office of Policy  
384 and Management for purposes of subsection (b) of section 12-7a, and (B)  
385 Office of Fiscal Analysis for purposes of, and subject to the provisions  
386 of, subdivision (2) of subsection (f) of section 12-7b; (11) return  
387 information to the Jury Administrator, when the information disclosed  
388 is limited to the names, addresses, federal Social Security numbers and  
389 dates of birth, if available, of residents of this state, as defined in  
390 subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 12-701; (12) returns or return  
391 information to any person to the extent necessary in connection with the  
392 processing, storage, transmission or reproduction of such returns or  
393 return information, and the programming, maintenance, repair, testing  
394 or procurement of equipment, or the providing of other services, for  
395 purposes of tax administration; (13) without written request and unless  
396 the commissioner determines that disclosure would identify a  
397 confidential informant or seriously impair a civil or criminal tax  
398 investigation, returns and return information which may constitute  
399 evidence of a violation of any civil or criminal law of this state or the  
400 United States to the extent necessary to apprise the head of such agency  
401 or office charged with the responsibility of enforcing such law, in which  
402 event the head of such agency or office may disclose such return  
403 information to officers and employees of such agency or office to the  
404 extent necessary to enforce such law; (14) names and addresses of  
405 operators, as defined in section 12-407, to tourism districts, as defined in  
406 section 10-397; (15) names of each licensed dealer, as defined in section  
407 12-285, and the location of the premises covered by the dealer's license;  
408 (16) to a tobacco product manufacturer that places funds into escrow  
409 pursuant to the provisions of subsection (a) of section 4-28i, return  
410 information of a distributor licensed under the provisions of chapter 214

411 or chapter 214a, provided the information disclosed is limited to  
412 information relating to such manufacturer's sales to consumers within  
413 this state, whether directly or through a distributor, dealer or similar  
414 intermediary or intermediaries, of cigarettes, as defined in section 4-28h,  
415 and further provided there is reasonable cause to believe that such  
416 manufacturer is not in compliance with section 4-28i; (17) returns, which  
417 shall not include a copy of the return filed with the commissioner, or  
418 return information for purposes of section 12-217z; (18) returns or return  
419 information to the State Elections Enforcement Commission, upon  
420 written request by said commission, when necessary to investigate  
421 suspected violations of state election laws; (19) returns or return  
422 information for purposes of, and subject to the conditions of, subsection  
423 (e) of section 5-240; [and] (20) to the extent allowable under federal law,  
424 return information to another state agency or to support a data request  
425 submitted through CP20 WIN, established in section 10a-57g, in  
426 accordance with the policies and procedures of CP20 WIN for the  
427 purposes of evaluation or research, provided the recipient of such data  
428 enters into a data sharing agreement pursuant to section 4-67aa if such  
429 recipient is not a state agency; and (21) returns and return information  
430 to the Treasurer, for purposes of facilitating the return of unclaimed  
431 property under section 3 of this act.

432 Sec. 7. Subsections (c) and (d) of section 17b-137 of the general statutes  
433 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
434 *1, 2023*):

435 (c) (1) The IV-D agency and financial institutions, as defined in  
436 section 469A(d)(1) of the Social Security Act, doing business in this state  
437 shall enter into agreements to develop and operate a data match system,  
438 using automated data exchanges to the maximum extent feasible, in  
439 which each such financial institution is required to provide for each  
440 calendar quarter the name, record address, Social Security number or  
441 other taxpayer identification number and other identifying information  
442 for each noncustodial parent who maintains an account at such  
443 institution and who owes past-due support, as identified by the IV-D

444 agency by name and Social Security number or other taxpayer  
445 identification number. Upon completion of such matches, the  
446 commissioner shall reimburse such financial institutions for the  
447 reasonable documented costs of conducting the matches. For the  
448 purposes of this section, "account" means a demand deposit account,  
449 checking or negotiable withdrawal order account, savings account, time  
450 deposit account or money-market mutual fund account.

451 (2) A financial institution shall not be liable to any person for (A)  
452 disclosing information to the IV-D agency pursuant to this subsection,  
453 (B) encumbering or surrendering any assets held by such institution in  
454 response to a notice issued under subsections [(d)] (e) and [(e)] (f) of  
455 section 52-362d, as amended by this act, or (C) any other action taken in  
456 good faith to comply with the requirements of subdivision (1) of this  
457 subsection.

458 (d) (1) For the purposes of this subsection, "high-volume automated  
459 administrative enforcement" means the identification of assets, through  
460 automated data matches with financial institutions and other entities, as  
461 provided in this section and required by federal law, and the seizure of  
462 such assets in accordance with subsections [(d)] (e) and [(e)] (f) of section  
463 52-362d, as amended by this act.

464 (2) The IV-D agency shall: (A) Use high-volume automated  
465 administrative enforcement, as defined in subdivision (1) of this  
466 subsection, to the same extent as in intrastate cases; and (B) promptly  
467 report the results of such enforcement procedure to the requesting state.

468 (3) Support Enforcement Services or the IV-D agency may, by  
469 electronic or other means, transmit to another state a request for  
470 assistance in enforcing support orders administratively, in a manner  
471 similar to this subsection, which request shall: (A) Include information  
472 that shall enable the state to which the request is transmitted to compare  
473 the information about the cases to the information data bases of such  
474 state; and (B) constitute a certification by this state (i) of the amount of  
475 support under an order the payment of which is in arrears, and (ii) that

476 this state has complied with all procedural due process requirements  
477 applicable to each case.

478 (4) If the IV-D agency provides assistance under this subsection to  
479 another state concerning a case, such case shall not be considered  
480 transferred to the caseload of the IV-D agency.

481 (5) The IV-D agency shall maintain records of: (A) The number of  
482 requests for assistance received under this subsection; (B) the number of  
483 cases for which such agency collected support in response to such  
484 requests; and (C) the amount of such collected support.

485 Sec. 8. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) Notwithstanding any other  
486 provision of part III of chapter 32 of the general statutes, upon the  
487 payment or delivery of an amount of money or other property with a  
488 value of one hundred dollars or more to the Treasurer under sections 3-  
489 62b to 3-62g, inclusive, of the general statutes for deposit in the Special  
490 Abandoned Property Fund, where the apparent owner is a  
491 municipality, including a department, agency or division of a  
492 municipality, the Treasurer shall (1) electronically transfer such amount  
493 to the municipality, and (2) notify the chief financial officer of such  
494 municipality, either electronically or by first-class mail, that such money  
495 or other property is being transferred to the municipality under this  
496 section. As used in this section, "municipality" means any town, city,  
497 borough, consolidated town and city, consolidated town and borough,  
498 any metropolitan district, any regional school district, any district as  
499 defined in section 7-324 of the general statutes, and any other municipal  
500 corporation or authority authorized to issue bonds, notes or other  
501 obligations under the provisions of the general statutes or any special  
502 act.

503 Sec. 9. Section 45a-179 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
504 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

505 (a) When a conservator, guardian or trustee of a testamentary trust  
506 exhibits his or her final account to the Probate Court for allowance, the



507 court shall appoint a time and place for a hearing on the account and  
508 shall cause notice of the hearing to be given as it directs. Such fiduciary  
509 shall sign the account under penalty of false statement.

510 (b) Prior to exhibiting a final account to the Probate Court, the  
511 executor or administrator shall (1) conduct a search of the list of  
512 unclaimed property maintained by the State Treasurer, pursuant to  
513 section 3-66a, as amended by this act, to verify that there is no unclaimed  
514 property of the estate, and (2) certify to the Probate Court that such a  
515 search has been conducted and the results of such search, under penalty  
516 of false statement. The court shall, before approving a final account of  
517 an executor or administrator, hold a hearing thereon for which notice  
518 may be given as the court shall direct, unless all parties interested in the  
519 estate sign and file in court a written waiver of such notice.

520 Sec. 10. Section 31-227 of the general statutes is amended by adding  
521 subsection (k) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

522 (NEW) (k) Prior to filing an initial claim for unemployment  
523 compensation, the individual shall conduct a search of the list of  
524 unclaimed property maintained by the State Treasurer pursuant to  
525 section 3-66a, as amended by this act, to verify that there is no unclaimed  
526 property of such individual, and certify to the administrator that such a  
527 search has been conducted and the results of such search.

528 Sec. 11. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) Notwithstanding any other  
529 provision of part III of chapter 32 of the general statutes, upon the  
530 payment or delivery of money or other property to the Treasurer under  
531 sections 3-62b to 3-62g, inclusive, of the general statutes for deposit in  
532 the Special Abandoned Property Fund, where the apparent owner is a  
533 branch, chapter or constituent organization of a nonprofit organization,  
534 the nonprofit organization may claim and be granted ownership of such  
535 money or property, provided (1) the money or other property has not  
536 been claimed by such branch, chapter or constituent organization, and  
537 (2) the nonprofit organization serves all or a portion of the same  
538 community as the branch, chapter or constituent organization.

539 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of part III of chapter 32 of  
 540 the general statutes, upon the payment or delivery of an amount of  
 541 money or other property to the Treasurer under sections 3-62b to 3-62g,  
 542 inclusive, of the general statutes for deposit in the Special Abandoned  
 543 Property Fund, where the Treasurer can verify that the money or other  
 544 property was collected on behalf of a nonprofit organization, the  
 545 nonprofit organization may claim and be granted ownership of such  
 546 money or property.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	3-66a
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	3-70a
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	52-362d
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	12-15(b)
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	17b-137(c) and (d)
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	45a-179
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	31-227(k)
Sec. 11	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To revise the unclaimed property process in the state.

*[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.]*

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