



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 908

LCO No. 3089



Referred to Committee on HOUSING

Introduced by:
(HSG)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE HOUSING TRUST FUND.

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

1 Section 1. Section 8-336q of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

3 (a) The commissioner, in consultation with the Treasurer, the
4 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and the Connecticut
5 Housing Finance Authority, [and after consideration of the
6 recommendations of the committee established by subsection (b) of this
7 section,] shall establish regulations and criteria for rating various
8 proposals for funds under the Housing Trust Fund program. The
9 regulations shall be adopted pursuant to chapter 54 and posted on the
10 department's web site.

11 [(b) There shall be a Housing Trust Fund Program Advisory
12 Committee. Said committee shall meet at least semiannually and shall
13 advise the commissioner on (1) the administration, management and
14 objectives of the Housing Trust Fund program; and (2) the development
15 of regulations, procedures and rating criteria for the program. The

16 committee shall be appointed by the commissioner, in consultation with
17 the Treasurer and the secretary and shall include the chairpersons and
18 ranking members of the joint standing committee of the General
19 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to planning and
20 development, and the joint standing committee of the General
21 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to housing and
22 representatives from each of the following: (A) The nonprofit housing
23 development community; (B) the for-profit housing development
24 community; (C) a housing authority; (D) a community development
25 financial institution; (E) the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority; (F)
26 a state-wide housing organization; (G) an elected or appointed official
27 of a municipality with a population of less than fifty thousand; (H) an
28 elected or appointed official of a municipality with a population
29 between fifty thousand and one hundred thousand; (I) an elected or
30 appointed official of a municipality with a population in excess of one
31 hundred thousand; and (J) the employers of the state, which may be
32 satisfied by the appointment of a representative from a state business
33 and industry association or regional chambers of commerce.]

34 [(c)] (b) The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with
35 the provisions of chapter 54, to carry out the provisions of sections 8-
36 336m to 8-336q, inclusive.

37 [(d)] (c) The commissioner may request, inspect and audit reports,
38 books and records and any other financial or project-related information
39 with respect to eligible applicants that receive financial assistance,
40 including, without limitation, resident or employment information,
41 financial and operating statements and audits. The commissioner may
42 investigate the accuracy and completeness of such reports, books and
43 records.

44 [(e)] (d) Whenever financial assistance is provided pursuant to
45 section 8-336p, the commissioner may take all reasonable steps and
46 exercise all available remedies necessary or desirable to protect the
47 obligations or interests of the state, including, but not limited to,
48 amending any term or condition of a contract or agreement, provided

49 such amendment is allowed or agreed to pursuant to such contract or
50 agreement, or purchasing or redeeming, pursuant to foreclosure
51 proceedings, bankruptcy proceedings or in other judicial proceedings,
52 any property on which such commissioner or the department holds a
53 mortgage or other lien, or in which the commissioner or the department
54 has an interest.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	8-336q

Statement of Purpose:

To eliminate an obsolete advisory committee for the administration of the housing trust fund program.

[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.]