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To: House Bill No. 6941

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**"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."**

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1 In line T42, strike "1,473,561" and insert "2,473,561" and strike  
2 "1,507,561" and insert "2,507,561" in lieu thereof

3 In line T45, strike "12,074,001" and insert "13,074,001" and strike  
4 "12,204,587" and insert "13,204,587" in lieu thereof

5 In line T67, strike "28,150,681" and insert "27,950,681" and strike  
6 "28,513,099" and insert "28,313,099" in lieu thereof

7 In line T68, strike "8,549,826" and insert "8,749,826" and strike  
8 "7,181,334" and insert "7,381,334" in lieu thereof

9 In line T240, strike "7,699,942" and insert "10,699,942" and strike

10 "12,345,022" and insert "10,845,022" in lieu thereof

11 In line T250, strike "35,765,931" and insert "38,765,931" and strike  
12 "38,981,644" and insert "37,481,644" in lieu thereof

13 In line T419, strike "142,264,785" and insert "137,514,785" in lieu  
14 thereof

15 In line T436, strike "3,386,699,629" and insert "3,381,949,629" in lieu  
16 thereof

17 In line T636, strike "22,235,296,540" and insert "22,239,296,540" and  
18 strike "22,993,822,293" and insert "22,988,572,293" in lieu thereof

19 In line T644, strike "22,101,580,970" and insert "22,105,580,970" and  
20 strike "22,811,106,723" and insert "22,805,856,723" in lieu thereof

21 In line T1392, after "Manchester" insert "- YSB"

22 In line T1393, after "Hartford" insert "- YSB"

23 In line 369, after "Other Expenses," insert "for the fiscal year ending  
24 June 30, 2024,"

25 In line 373, strike "homes" and insert "preservation" in lieu thereof

26 In line 386, strike "Ellington" and insert "East Windsor" in lieu thereof

27 In line 406, strike "for programming in the Hartford, East Hartford  
28 and"

29 In line 407, strike "Manchester school districts"

30 In line 425, strike "city of Danbury" and insert "Connecticut  
31 Afghanistan, Iraq War Veterans Monument Fund" in lieu thereof

32 In line 465, after "2024," insert "for the purpose of providing a grant  
33 to the town of Simsbury"

- 34 In line 482, strike "2024" and insert "2025" in lieu thereof
- 35 In line 484, strike "and the town of Manchester"
- 36 In line 522, strike "be made" and insert "continue to be" in lieu thereof
- 37 Strike lines 523 to 525, inclusive in their entirety, and insert the  
38 following in lieu thereof: "available during the fiscal year ending June  
39 30, 2024, for the same purpose."
- 40 In line 549, after "Run" insert "Greater Hartford"
- 41 In line T1777, strike the opening and closing brackets and strike "₪"  
42 and strike "604,000"
- 43 Strike sections 63 to 65, inclusive, in their entirety and renumber the  
44 remaining sections and internal references accordingly
- 45 After line 2939, insert the following:
- 46 "(2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, and each fiscal year  
47 thereafter, funds from the regional planning incentive account shall be  
48 distributed to the regional council of governments formed pursuant to  
49 section 4-124j, in the amount totaling seven million dollars. Such funds  
50 shall be distributed under a formula determined by the Secretary of the  
51 Office of Policy and Management in consultation with the regional  
52 council of governments, that includes (A) a base payment amount  
53 payable to each such regional council, and (B) a per capita payment  
54 amount to each such regional council based upon population data for  
55 each such regional council from the most recent federal decennial  
56 census. Such formula shall be reviewed and updated every five years  
57 after the initial adoption of such formula."
- 58 In line 2940, bracket "(2)" and after the closing bracket insert "(3)"
- 59 Strike sections 152 to 155, inclusive, in their entirety and insert the  
60 following in lieu thereof:

61 "Sec. 152. Section 3-36a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
62 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

63 As used in this section and sections 3-36b to [3-36i] 3-36h, inclusive:

64 (1) "Designated beneficiary" means an individual born on or after July  
65 1, 2023, whose birth was subject to medical coverage provided under  
66 HUSKY Health, as defined in section 17b-290;

67 (2) "Eligible expenditure" means an expenditure associated with any  
68 of the following, each as prescribed by the Treasurer: (A) Education of a  
69 designated beneficiary; (B) purchase of a home in Connecticut by a  
70 designated beneficiary; (C) investment in a business in Connecticut by  
71 a designated beneficiary; or (D) any investment in financial assets or  
72 personal capital that provides long-term gains to wages or wealth; and

73 (3) "Trust" means the Connecticut Baby Bond Trust.

74 Sec. 153. Section 3-36b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
75 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

76 (a) Commencing July 1, 2023, there is established the Connecticut  
77 Baby Bond Trust. The trust shall constitute an instrumentality of the  
78 state and shall perform essential governmental functions as provided in  
79 sections 3-36a to 3-36h, inclusive. The trust shall receive and hold all  
80 payments and deposits or contributions intended for the trust, as well  
81 as gifts, bequests, endowments or federal, state or local grants and any  
82 other funds from any public or private source and all earnings until  
83 disbursed in accordance with [section] sections 3-36c, 3-36d and 3-36g.

84 (b) The amounts on deposit in the trust shall not constitute property  
85 of the state and the trust shall not be construed to be a department,  
86 institution or agency of the state. Amounts on deposit in the trust shall  
87 not be commingled with state funds and the state shall have no claim to  
88 or against, or interest in, such funds. Any contract entered into by or any  
89 obligation of the trust shall not constitute a debt or obligation of the state

90 and the state shall have no obligation to any designated beneficiary or  
91 any other person on account of the trust and all amounts obligated to be  
92 paid from the trust shall be limited to amounts available for such  
93 obligation on deposit in the trust. The amounts on deposit in the trust  
94 may only be disbursed in accordance with the provisions of [section]  
95 sections 3-36c, 3-36d and 3-36g. The trust shall continue in existence as  
96 long as it holds any deposits or has any obligations and until its  
97 existence is terminated by law and upon termination any unclaimed  
98 assets shall return to the state. Property of the trust shall not be governed  
99 by section 3-61a.

100 (c) The Treasurer shall be responsible for the receipt, maintenance,  
101 administration, investing and disbursements of amounts from the trust.  
102 The trust shall not receive deposits in any form other than cash.

103 Sec. 154. Section 3-36c of the general statutes is repealed and the  
104 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

105 The Treasurer, on behalf of the trust and for purposes of the trust,  
106 may:

107 (1) Receive and invest moneys in the trust in any instruments,  
108 obligations, securities or property in accordance with section 3-36d;

109 (2) Enter into one or more contractual agreements, including  
110 contracts for legal, actuarial, accounting, custodial, advisory,  
111 management, administrative, advertising, marketing and consulting  
112 services for the trust and pay for such services from the assets of the  
113 trust;

114 (3) Procure insurance in connection with the trust's property, assets,  
115 activities or deposits to the trust;

116 (4) Apply for, accept and expend gifts, grants or donations from  
117 public or private sources to enable the trust to carry out its objectives;

118 (5) Adopt regulations in accordance with chapter 54 for purposes of  
119 sections 3-36b to [3-36i] 3-36h, inclusive;

120 (6) Sue and be sued;

121 (7) Establish one or more funds within the trust; and

122 (8) Take any other action necessary to carry out the purposes of  
123 sections 3-36b to [3-36i] 3-36h, inclusive, and incidental to the duties  
124 imposed on the Treasurer pursuant to said sections.

125 Sec. 155. Section 3-36e of the general statutes is repealed and the  
126 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

127 [The property of the trust and the earnings on] Disbursements from  
128 the trust shall be exempt from all taxation by the state and all political  
129 subdivisions of the state."

130 Strike sections 166 to 171, inclusive, in their entirety and renumber  
131 the remaining sections and internal references accordingly

132 In line 6667, after "of" insert "more than six thousand and"

133 Change the effective date of section 183 to "Effective July 1, 2024"

134 In line 6676, strike "2024" and insert "2025" in lieu thereof

135 In line 6726, strike "2025" and insert "2026" in lieu thereof

136 Strike section 210 in its entirety and renumber the remaining sections  
137 and internal references accordingly

138 In line 8264, after "sixty per cent," insert "except the Comptroller may  
139 increase such actuarial value limit if the Comptroller determines that  
140 such actuarial value limit results in less than half of eligible  
141 paraeducators in the state qualifying for a stipend under this section,"

142 In line 8333, after "Strategy" insert ", the Comptroller, or the

143 Comptroller's designee,"

144 Strike section 250 in its entirety and renumber the remaining sections  
145 and internal references accordingly

146 Strike sections 271 to 274, inclusive, in their entirety and renumber  
147 the remaining sections and internal references accordingly

148 Strike section 275 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu  
149 thereof:

150 "Sec. 275. Subsection (c) of section 15-120nn of the general statutes, as  
151 amended by section 52 of substitute senate bill 904 of the current session,  
152 as amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A", is repealed and the  
153 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

154 (c) The authority may purchase or acquire title in fee simple to, or any  
155 lesser estate, interest or right in, any airport, restricted landing area or  
156 other air navigation facility owned or controlled by any municipality or  
157 by any two or more municipalities jointly or by any other person, except  
158 any such purchase or lease of an airport owned or controlled by a  
159 municipality, or any political subdivision thereof, shall be subject to the  
160 approval of the legislative [body] bodies of the municipality that owns  
161 or controls the airport and the municipality within whose territorial  
162 limits the airport is located, which such approval shall not be  
163 unreasonably withheld. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to  
164 displace or supersede an existing agreement that is executed between a  
165 municipality, or any political subdivision thereof, that owns or controls  
166 an airport and the municipality within whose territorial limits the  
167 airport is located with regard to the airport."

168 Strike subsections (a) and (b) of section 314 in their entirety and insert  
169 the following in lieu thereof:

170 "(a) The Commissioner of Social Services shall appoint and convene  
171 a working group of ten members to review and evaluate the incidence

172 and implications of excess licensed bed capacity and any space not  
173 presently in use at skilled nursing facilities. Such review and evaluation  
174 shall include, but need not be limited to: (1) A survey of excess licensed  
175 bed capacity and any space not presently in use that identifies (A)  
176 licensed bed capacity, occupancy percentages and the identification and  
177 location within the facility of licensed beds not presently in operation in  
178 a closed facility wing or elsewhere in the facility, (B) beds voluntarily  
179 taken out of service in an open portion of the facility but where the beds  
180 remain counted in the facility licensed beds capacity, (C) any other space  
181 not presently in use that was formerly used for nursing facility care and  
182 services, and operations, and (D) beds made unavailable due to inability  
183 to staff at minimum staffing levels, in accordance with section 19a-563h  
184 of the general statutes, or operator-preferred staffing levels; (2) a review  
185 and evaluation of the efficiency and effectiveness of Medicaid payment  
186 policies that support right-sizing and rebalancing efforts, including, but  
187 not limited to (A) minimum occupancy rate-setting requirements, and  
188 (B) a price-based component for the administrative and general  
189 component of reimbursement based on the median of the peer group  
190 spending in the administrative and general component of the rates; (3)  
191 a review and evaluation of the mitigating implications of staffing  
192 shortages as an impediment to skilled nursing facility admissions and  
193 occupancy; and (4) consideration of the physical plant conditions of the  
194 existing skilled nursing facilities.

195 (b) The working group shall include: (1) Three representatives from  
196 the Department of Social Services, at least one of whom shall be from  
197 the certificate of need and rate-setting division; (2) two representatives  
198 from the Department of Public Health, one of whom shall be from the  
199 facilities licensing division and one of whom shall be from the life safety  
200 division; (3) two representatives of an organization or organizations  
201 representing long-term care facilities, including, but not limited to,  
202 assisted living facilities; and (4) three representatives from an  
203 organization representing nonprofit long-term care facilities, at least one  
204 of whom shall be a representative of a collective bargaining unit



205 representing nurses. The chairpersons of the working group may invite  
206 the participation of others with subject matter knowledge that may be  
207 needed in the review and evaluation."

208 In line 16036, strike "fiscal years ending June 30, 2024, and June 30,  
209 2025" and insert "fiscal years ending June 30, 2025, and June 30, 2026" in  
210 lieu thereof

211 Change the effective date of section 343 to "Effective July 1, 2024"

212 In line 16069, strike "2023" and insert "2024" in lieu thereof

213 In line 16102, strike "January 1, 2025, and January 1, 2026" and insert  
214 "January 1, 2026, and January 1, 2027" in lieu thereof

215 Strike section 306 in its entirety and renumber the remaining sections  
216 and internal references accordingly

217 Strike section 385 and insert the following in lieu thereof:

218 "Sec. 385. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) For each of the fiscal years ending  
219 June 30, 2024, and June 30, 2025, the Comptroller shall transfer eight  
220 million dollars from the resources of the Special Transportation Fund to  
221 the Connecticut airport and aviation account established under section  
222 13b-50c of the general statutes, provided the executive director of the  
223 Connecticut Airport Authority (1) enters into a management agreement  
224 with the city of Bridgeport for the day-to-day operation and  
225 maintenance of the Sikorsky Airport, (2) provides written notice to the  
226 Comptroller that such management agreement was executed, and (3)  
227 provides written notice to the chief elected official of the Town of  
228 Stratford that such management agreement was executed."

229 Strike section 390 in its entirety and renumber the remaining sections  
230 and internal references accordingly

231 In line 22817, strike "29-251b,"

232 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
 233 internal references accordingly:

234 "Sec. 501. (Effective July 1, 2023) The appropriations in section 1 of this  
 235 act are supported by the GENERAL FUND revenue estimates as  
 236 follows:

T1		2023-2024	2024-2025
T2	TAXES		
T3	Personal Income		
T4	Withholding	\$8,380,900,000	\$8,530,400,000
T5	Estimates and Finals	2,642,400,000	2,703,000,000
T6	Sales and Use	5,299,500,000	5,428,200,000
T7	Corporations	1,514,500,000	1,526,500,000
T8	Pass-Through Entities	1,815,600,000	1,877,300,000
T9	Public Service	291,600,000	296,800,000
T10	Inheritance and Estate	178,100,000	182,200,000
T11	Insurance Companies	262,800,000	266,800,000
T12	Cigarettes	276,400,000	262,000,000
T13	Real Estate Conveyance	287,700,000	292,600,000
T14	Alcoholic Beverages	78,400,000	78,800,000
T15	Admissions and Dues	31,000,000	31,000,000
T16	Health Provider Tax	956,400,000	957,400,000
T17	Miscellaneous	45,400,000	69,200,000
T18	TOTAL TAXES	22,060,700,000	22,502,200,000
T19			
T20	Refunds of Taxes	(1,879,500,000)	(1,971,900,000)
T21	Earned Income Tax Credit	(191,600,000)	(196,200,000)
T22	R & D Credit Exchange	(7,500,000)	(7,800,000)
T23	NET GENERAL FUND REVENUE	19,982,100,000	20,326,300,000
T24			
T25	OTHER REVENUE		
T26	Transfers - Special Revenue	406,500,000	411,900,000
T27	Indian Gaming Payments	283,700,000	286,000,000
T28	Licenses, Permits, Fees	356,500,000	330,700,000
T29	Sales of Commodities and Services	16,900,000	17,800,000

T30	Rents, Fines and Escheats	172,900,000	175,200,000
T31	Investment Income	198,900,000	201,700,000
T32	Miscellaneous	153,200,000	158,000,000
T33	Refunds of Payments	(85,700,000)	(67,100,000)
T34	NET TOTAL OTHER REVENUE	1,502,900,000	1,514,200,000
T35			
T36	OTHER SOURCES		
T37	Federal Grants	1,867,800,000	1,886,500,000
T38	Transfer From Tobacco Settlement	(272,700,000)	(70,400,000)
T39	Transfers To/From Other Funds	108,400,000	106,700,000
T40	Transfer to Budget Reserve Fund - Volatility Cap	(683,200,000)	(659,600,000)
T41	NET TOTAL OTHER SOURCES	1,020,300,000	1,263,200,000
T42			
T43	TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE	22,505,300,000	23,103,700,000

237        Sec. 502. (Effective July 1, 2023) The appropriations in section 2 of this  
 238        act are supported by the SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION FUND revenue  
 239        estimates as follows:

T44		2023-2024	2024-2025
T45	TAXES		
T46	Motor Fuels	\$495,600,000	\$506,700,000
T47	Oil Companies	387,000,000	357,200,000
T48	Sales and Use	860,200,000	883,200,000
T49	Sales Tax DMV	107,500,000	106,500,000
T50	Highway Use	90,000,000	94,100,000
T51	Refund of Taxes	(16,900,000)	(16,600,000)
T52	TOTAL TAXES	1,923,400,000	1,931,100,000
T53			
T54	OTHER SOURCES		
T55	Motor Vehicle Receipts	254,100,000	255,400,000
T56	Licenses, Permits, Fees	123,700,000	126,100,000
T57	Interest Income	59,300,000	51,000,000
T58	Federal Grants	9,200,000	8,100,000
T59	Transfers To/From Other Funds	(13,500,000)	(13,500,000)

T60	Refunds of Payments	(3,600,000)	(3,700,000)
T61	NET TOTAL OTHER SOURCES	429,200,000	423,400,000
T62			
T63	TOTAL SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION FUND REVENUE	2,352,600,000	2,354,500,000

240 Sec. 503. (Effective July 1, 2023) The appropriations in section 3 of this  
 241 act are supported by the MASHANTUCKET PEQUOT AND  
 242 MOHEGAN FUND revenue estimates as follows:

T64		2023-2024	2024-2025
T65	Transfers from General Fund	\$52,600,000	\$52,600,000
T66	TOTAL MASHANTUCKET PEQUOT AND MOHEGAN FUND REVENUE	52,600,000	52,600,000

243 Sec. 504. (Effective July 1, 2023) The appropriations in section 4 of this  
 244 act are supported by the BANKING FUND revenue estimates as  
 245 follows:

T67		2023-2024	2024-2025
T68	Fees and Assessments	\$34,800,000	\$35,900,000
T69	TOTAL BANKING FUND REVENUE	34,800,000	35,900,000

246 Sec. 505. (Effective July 1, 2023) The appropriations in section 5 of this  
 247 act are supported by the INSURANCE FUND revenue estimates as  
 248 follows:

T70		2023-2024	2024-2025
T71	Fees and Assessments	\$104,600,000	\$135,400,000
T72	TOTAL INSURANCE FUND REVENUE	104,600,000	135,400,000

249 Sec. 506. (Effective July 1, 2023) The appropriations in section 6 of this  
 250 act are supported by the CONSUMER COUNSEL AND PUBLIC  
 251 UTILITY CONTROL FUND revenue estimates as follows:

T73		2023-2024	2024-2025
T74	Fees and Assessments	\$37,200,000	\$38,200,000
T75	TOTAL CONSUMER COUNSEL AND PUBLIC UTILITY CONTROL FUND REVENUE	37,200,000	38,200,000

252 Sec. 507. (Effective July 1, 2023) The appropriations in section 7 of this  
 253 act are supported by the WORKERS' COMPENSATION FUND revenue  
 254 estimates as follows:

T76		2023-2024	2024-2025
T77	Fees and Assessments	\$28,900,000	\$29,200,000
T78	TOTAL WORKERS' COMPENSATION FUND REVENUE	28,900,000	29,200,000

255 Sec. 508. (Effective July 1, 2023) The appropriations in section 8 of this  
 256 act are supported by the CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION  
 257 FUND revenue estimates as follows:

T79		2023-2024	2024-2025
T80	Restitutions	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
T81	TOTAL CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION FUND REVENUE	3,000,000	3,000,000

258 Sec. 509. (Effective July 1, 2023) The appropriations in section 9 of this  
 259 act are supported by the TOURISM FUND revenue estimates as follows:

T82		2023-2024	2024-2025
T83	Room Occupancy Tax	\$14,600,000	\$14,900,000
T84	Transfers To/From Other Funds	2,900,000	1,300,000
T85	TOTAL TOURISM FUND	17,500,000	16,200,000

260 Sec. 510. (Effective July 1, 2023) The appropriations in section 10 of this  
 261 act are supported by the CANNABIS SOCIAL EQUITY AND  
 262 INNOVATION FUND revenue estimates as follows:

T86		2023-2024	2024-2025
T87	Cannabis Excise Tax	\$5,800,000	\$10,200,000
T88	TOTAL CANNABIS SOCIAL EQUITY AND INNOVATION FUND	5,800,000	10,200,000

263        Sec. 511. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) The appropriations in section 11 of this  
 264 act are supported by the CANNABIS PREVENTION AND RECOVERY  
 265 SERVICES FUND revenue estimates as follows:

T89		2023-2024	2024-2025
T90	Cannabis Excise Tax	\$2,500,000	3,500,000
T91	TOTAL CANNABIS PREVENTION AND RECOVERY SERVICES FUND	2,500,000	3,500,000

266        Sec. 512. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) The appropriations in section 12 of this  
 267 act are supported by the CANNABIS REGULATORY FUND revenue  
 268 estimates as follows:

T92		2023-2024	2024-2025
T93	Transfers To/From Other Funds	\$10,100,000	\$10,300,000
T94	TOTAL CANNABIS REGULATORY FUND	10,100,000	10,300,000

269        Sec. 513. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) The appropriations in section 13 of this  
 270 act are supported by the MUNICIPAL REVENUE SHARING FUND  
 271 revenue estimates as follows:

T95		2023-2024	2024-2025
T96	Sales and Use Tax	\$458,500,000	\$469,500,000
T97	Transfers To/From Other Funds	115,800,000	104,900,000
T98	TOTAL MUNICIPAL REVENUE SHARING FUND	574,300,000	574,400,000

272        Sec. 514. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) As used in this section and

273 sections 515 to 522, inclusive, of this act:

274 (1) "Alternative method of election" means a method of electing  
275 candidates to the legislative body of a municipality other than an at-  
276 large method of election or a district-based method of election, and  
277 includes, but is not limited to, proportional ranked-choice voting,  
278 cumulative voting and limited voting;

279 (2) (A) "At-large method of election" means a method of electing  
280 candidates to the legislative body of a municipality in which such  
281 candidates are voted upon by all electors of such municipality;

282 (B) "At-large method of election" does not include any alternative  
283 method of election;

284 (3) "District-based method of election" means a method of electing  
285 candidates to the legislative body of a municipality in which, for  
286 municipalities divided into districts, a candidate for any such district is  
287 required to reside in such district and candidates representing or  
288 seeking to represent such district are voted upon by only the electors of  
289 such district;

290 (4) "Federal Voting Rights Act" means the federal Voting Rights Act  
291 of 1965, 52 USC 10301 et seq., as amended from time to time;

292 (5) "Government enforcement action" means any denial of  
293 administrative or judicial preclearance by the state or federal  
294 government, pending litigation filed by a state or federal entity, final  
295 judgment or adjudication, consent decree or other similar formal action;

296 (6) "Legislative body" means the board of aldermen, council, board of  
297 burgesses, representative town meeting, board of education, district  
298 committee, association committee or other similar body, as applicable,  
299 of a municipality;

300 (7) "Municipality" or "municipal" means any town, city or borough,

301 whether consolidated or unconsolidated, any local or regional school  
302 district, any district, as defined in section 7-324 of the general statutes,  
303 or any other district authorized under the general statutes;

304 (8) "Organization" means a person other than an individual;

305 (9) "Protected class" means a class of citizens who are members of a  
306 race, color or language minority group, as referenced in the federal  
307 Voting Rights Act;

308 (10) "Divergent voting patterns" means voting in which the candidate  
309 or electoral choice preferred by protected class members diverges from  
310 the candidate or electoral choice preferred by electors who are not  
311 protected class members; and

312 (11) "Vote" or "voting" includes any action necessary to cast a ballot  
313 and make such ballot effective in any election or primary, including, but  
314 not limited to, admission as an elector, application for an absentee ballot  
315 and any other action required by law as a prerequisite to casting a ballot  
316 and having such ballot counted, canvassed or certified properly and  
317 included in the appropriate totals of votes cast with respect to  
318 candidates for election or nomination and to referendum questions.

319 (b) In the construction of this section and sections 515 to 522,  
320 inclusive, of this act, words and phrases that are not defined in  
321 subsection (a) of this section, but that are used in the federal Voting  
322 Rights Act and interpreted in relevant case law, including, but not  
323 limited to, "political process" and "prerequisite to voting", shall be  
324 construed in a manner consistent with such usage and interpretation.

325 Sec. 515. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) (1) No qualification for  
326 eligibility to be an elector in a municipality or other prerequisite to  
327 voting may be imposed, no ordinance, regulation or other law regarding  
328 the administration of elections may be enacted by a municipality, and  
329 no standard, practice, procedure or policy may be applied by a



330 municipality, in a manner that results in an impairment of the right to  
331 vote for any protected class member.

332 (2) It shall be a violation of subdivision (1) of this subsection for any  
333 municipality to impose any qualification for eligibility to be an elector  
334 or other prerequisite to voting, to enact any ordinance, regulation or  
335 other law regarding the administration of elections or to apply any  
336 standard, practice, procedure or policy that:

337 (A) Results or will result in a disparity between such municipality's  
338 protected class members and the other members of such municipality's  
339 electorate in electoral participation, access to voting opportunities or  
340 ability to participate in the political process; or

341 (B) Based on the totality of the circumstances, results in an  
342 impairment of the opportunity or ability of such municipality's  
343 protected class members to participate in the political process and elect  
344 candidates of their choice or otherwise influence the outcome of  
345 elections.

346 (b) (1) No municipality shall employ any method of election for any  
347 office of the municipality that has the effect, or is motivated in part by  
348 the intent, of impairing the opportunity or ability of protected class  
349 members to participate in the political process and elect candidates of  
350 their choice or otherwise influence the outcome of municipal elections  
351 as a result of diluting the vote of such protected class members.

352 (2) (A) The following shall constitute a violation of subdivision (1) of  
353 this subsection:

354 (i) Any municipality that employs an at-large method of election, in  
355 which the candidates or electoral choices preferred by protected class  
356 members would usually be defeated and in which (I) divergent voting  
357 patterns occur and such at-large method of election results in a dilutive  
358 effect on the vote of protected class members, or (II) based on the totality

359 of the circumstances, the opportunity or ability of protected class  
360 members to elect candidates of their choice or otherwise influence the  
361 outcome of elections is impaired; or

362 (ii) Any municipality that employs a district-based method of election  
363 or an alternative method of election, in which the candidates or electoral  
364 choices preferred by protected class members would usually be  
365 defeated and in which (I) divergent voting patterns occur and such  
366 district-based or alternative method of election results in a dilutive effect  
367 on the vote of protected class members, or (II) based on the totality of  
368 the circumstances, the ability of protected class members to participate  
369 in the political process and elect candidates of their choice or otherwise  
370 influence the outcome of elections is impaired.

371 (B) (i) In determining whether divergent voting patterns occur in a  
372 municipality or whether a method of election in such municipality  
373 results in a dilutive effect on the vote of protected class members, the  
374 superior court for the judicial district in which such municipality is  
375 located (I) shall consider elections held prior to the filing of an action  
376 pursuant to this section as more probative than elections conducted  
377 after such filing, (II) shall consider evidence concerning elections for any  
378 municipal office in such municipality as more probative than evidence  
379 concerning elections for other offices, but may still afford probative  
380 value to evidence concerning elections for such other offices, (III) shall  
381 consider statistical evidence as more probative than nonstatistical  
382 evidence, (IV) in the case of claims brought on behalf of two or more  
383 protected classes that are politically cohesive in such municipality, shall  
384 combine members of such protected classes to determine whether  
385 voting by such combined protected class members is divergent from  
386 other electors and shall not require evidence that voting by each such  
387 protected class's members is separately divergent from such other  
388 electors, and (V) shall not require evidence concerning the intent of  
389 electors, elected officials or such municipality to discriminate against  
390 protected class members.

391 (ii) Evidence concerning the causes of, or reasons for, the occurrence  
392 of divergent voting patterns shall not be deemed relevant to the  
393 determination of whether divergent voting patterns occur or whether a  
394 method of election results in a dilutive effect on the vote of protected  
395 class members.

396 (c) (1) In determining whether, based on the totality of the  
397 circumstances, an impairment of the right to vote for any protected class  
398 member in a municipality, or of the opportunity or ability of protected  
399 class members in a municipality to participate in the political process  
400 and elect candidates of their choice or otherwise influence the outcome  
401 of elections, has occurred, the superior court for the judicial district in  
402 which such municipality is located may consider factors that include,  
403 but are not limited to: (A) The history of discrimination in or affecting  
404 the municipality or state; (B) the extent to which protected class  
405 members have been elected to office in the municipality; (C) the use of  
406 any qualification for eligibility to be an elector or other prerequisite to  
407 voting, any statute, ordinance, regulation or other law regarding the  
408 administration of elections, or any standard, practice, procedure or  
409 policy, by the municipality that may enhance the dilutive effects of a  
410 method of election in such municipality; (D) the extent of any history of  
411 unequal access on the part of protected class members or candidates to  
412 election administration or campaign finance processes that determine  
413 which candidates will receive access to the ballot or financial or other  
414 support in a given election for an office of the municipality; (E) the  
415 extent to which protected class members in the municipality or state  
416 have historically made expenditures, as defined in section 9-601b of the  
417 general statutes, at lower rates than other individuals in such  
418 municipality or state; (F) the extent to which protected class members in  
419 the municipality or state vote at lower rates than other electors in the  
420 municipality or state, as applicable; (G) the extent to which protected  
421 class members in the municipality are disadvantaged, or otherwise bear  
422 the effects of public or private discrimination, in areas that may hinder  
423 their ability to participate effectively in the political process, such as

424 education, employment, health, criminal justice, housing,  
425 transportation, land use or environmental protection; (H) the extent to  
426 which protected class members in the municipality are disadvantaged  
427 in other areas that may hinder their ability to participate effectively in  
428 the political process; (I) the use of overt or subtle racial appeals in  
429 political campaigns in the municipality or surrounding the adoption or  
430 maintenance of a challenged practice; (J) the extent to which candidates  
431 face hostility or barriers while campaigning due to their membership in  
432 a protected class; (K) a significant or recurring lack of responsiveness on  
433 the part of elected officials of the municipality to the particularized  
434 needs of a community or communities of protected class members,  
435 except that compliance with a court order shall not be considered to be  
436 evidence of such responsiveness; and (L) whether the particular method  
437 of election, ordinance, regulation or other law regarding the  
438 administration of elections, standard, practice, procedure or policy was  
439 designed to advance, and does materially advance, a valid state interest.

440 (2) No particular combination or number of factors under subdivision  
441 (1) of this subsection shall be required for the court to determine the  
442 occurrence of an impairment under this subsection.

443 (d) Any individual aggrieved by a violation of this section, any  
444 organization whose membership includes individuals aggrieved by  
445 such a violation or the Secretary of the State may file an action alleging  
446 a violation of this section in the superior court for the judicial district in  
447 which such violation has occurred. Members of two or more protected  
448 classes that are politically cohesive in a municipality may jointly file  
449 such an action in such court.

450 (e) (1) Notwithstanding any provision of title 9 of the general statutes  
451 and any special act, charter or home rule ordinance, whenever the  
452 superior court for a judicial district finds a violation by a municipality  
453 within such judicial district of any provision of this section, such court  
454 shall order appropriate remedies that are tailored to address such

455 violation in such municipality and to ensure protected class members  
456 have equitable opportunities to fully participate in the political process  
457 and that can be implemented in a manner that will not unduly disrupt  
458 the administration of an ongoing or imminent election. Such court shall  
459 take into account the ability of officials who administer elections in such  
460 municipality to implement any change to voting for an ongoing or  
461 imminent election in a manner that is orderly and fiscally sound, and  
462 shall not order any remedy that contravenes the Constitution of  
463 Connecticut. Appropriate remedies may include, but need not be  
464 limited to: (A) A district-based method of election; (B) an alternative  
465 method of election; (C) new or revised districting or redistricting plans;  
466 (D) elimination of staggered elections so that all members of the  
467 legislative body are elected at the same time; (E) reasonably increasing  
468 the size of the legislative body; (F) additional voting days or hours; (G)  
469 additional polling places; (H) additional means of voting, such as voting  
470 by mail, or additional opportunities to return ballots; (I) holding of  
471 special elections; (J) expanded opportunities for admission of electors;  
472 (K) additional elector education; (L) the restoration or addition of  
473 individuals to registry lists; or (M) retaining jurisdiction for such period  
474 of time as the court may deem appropriate, during which period no  
475 qualification for eligibility to be an elector or prerequisite to voting, or  
476 standard, practice or procedure with respect to voting, that is different  
477 from that which was in effect at the time an action under subsection (d)  
478 of this section was commenced shall be enforced unless the court finds  
479 that such qualification, prerequisite, standard, practice or procedure  
480 does not have the purpose, and will not have the effect, of impairing the  
481 right to vote on the basis of protected class membership or in  
482 contravention of the guarantees with respect to such right that are set  
483 forth in sections 515 to 522, inclusive, of this act, provided, in any action  
484 brought pursuant to chapter 149 of the general statutes, any remedy  
485 ordered shall be consistent with the provisions of said chapter.  
486 Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (M) of this  
487 subdivision, any such finding by the court shall not be a bar to any

488 subsequent action to enjoin enforcement of such qualification,  
489 prerequisite, standard, practice or procedure.

490 (2) Such court may only order a remedy if such remedy will not  
491 impair the ability of protected class members to participate in the  
492 political process and elect their preferred candidates or otherwise  
493 influence the outcome of elections. Such court shall consider remedies  
494 proposed by any parties to an action filed pursuant to subsection (d) of  
495 this section and by other interested persons who are not such parties.  
496 The court shall not give deference or priority to a remedy proposed by  
497 a municipality simply because it has been proposed by such  
498 municipality. The court shall have authority to order that a municipality  
499 implement one or more remedies that may be inconsistent with the  
500 provisions of any municipal law or of any special act relating to the  
501 conduct of elections, where such inconsistent provisions would  
502 otherwise preclude the court from ordering an appropriate remedy.

503 (f) (1) In the case of any proposal for a municipality to enact and  
504 implement (A) a new method of election to replace such municipality's  
505 at-large method of election with either a district-based method of  
506 election or an alternative method of election, or (B) a new districting or  
507 redistricting plan, the legislative body of such municipality shall act in  
508 accordance with the provisions of subdivision (2) of this subsection if  
509 any such proposal was made after the receipt of a notification letter  
510 described in subsection (g) of this section or after the filing of a claim  
511 pursuant to this section or the federal Voting Rights Act.

512 (2) (A) Prior to drawing a draft districting or redistricting plan or  
513 plans, or transitioning to a proposed district-based method of election  
514 or alternative method of election, the municipality shall hold at least one  
515 public hearing at which members of the public may provide input  
516 regarding such draft or proposal, including, if applicable, the  
517 composition of districts. Notice of each such hearing shall be published  
518 at least three weeks prior to the date of such hearing. In advance of each

519 such hearing, the municipality shall conduct outreach to members of the  
520 public, including to language minority groups, to explain the districting  
521 or redistricting process and to encourage such input.

522 (B) After all such draft districting or redistricting plans are drawn, the  
523 municipality shall publish and make available for public dissemination  
524 at least one such plan and include the potential sequence of elections in  
525 the event the members of the legislative body of such municipality  
526 would be elected for staggered terms under such plan. The municipality  
527 shall hold at least one public hearing at which members of the public  
528 may provide input regarding the content of such plan or plans and, if  
529 applicable, such potential sequence of elections. Such plan or plans shall  
530 be published at least three weeks prior to consideration at each such  
531 hearing. If such plan or plans are revised at or following any such  
532 hearing, the municipality shall publish and make available for public  
533 dissemination such revised plan or plans at least two weeks prior to any  
534 adoption of such revised plan or plans.

535 (g) (1) Prior to filing an action against a municipality pursuant to  
536 subsection (d) of this section, any party described in subsection (d) of  
537 this section shall send by certified mail, return receipt requested, a  
538 notification letter to the clerk of such municipality asserting that such  
539 municipality may be in violation of the provisions of sections 515 to 522,  
540 inclusive, of this act.

541 (2) (A) No such party may file an action pursuant to this section  
542 earlier than fifty days after sending such notification letter to such  
543 municipality.

544 (B) Prior to receiving a notification letter, or not later than fifty days  
545 after any such notification letter is sent to a municipality, the legislative  
546 body of such municipality may pass a resolution (i) affirming such  
547 municipality's intention to enact and implement a remedy for a  
548 potential violation of the provisions of sections 515 to 522, inclusive, of  
549 this act, (ii) setting forth specific measures such municipality will take

550 to facilitate approval and implementation of such a remedy, and (iii)  
551 providing a schedule for the enactment and implementation of such a  
552 remedy. No party described in subsection (d) of this section may file an  
553 action pursuant to this section earlier than ninety days after passage of  
554 any such resolution by such legislative body.

555 (C) If, under the laws of the state or under any charter or home rule  
556 ordinance, the legislative body of a municipality lacks authority to enact  
557 or implement a remedy identified in any such resolution within ninety  
558 days after the passage of such resolution, or if such municipality is a  
559 covered jurisdiction as described in section 518 of this act, such  
560 legislative body shall take the following measures upon such passage:

561 (i) The municipality shall hold at least one public hearing on any  
562 proposal to remedy any potential violation of the provisions of sections  
563 515 to 522, inclusive, of this act, at which members of the public may  
564 provide input regarding any such proposed remedies. In advance of  
565 each such hearing, the municipality shall conduct outreach to members  
566 of the public, including to language minority groups, to encourage such  
567 input.

568 (ii) The legislative body of such municipality may approve any such  
569 proposed remedy that complies with the provisions of sections 515 to  
570 522, inclusive, of this act and submit such proposed remedy to the  
571 Secretary of the State.

572 (iii) Notwithstanding any provision of title 9 of the general statutes  
573 and any special act, charter or home rule ordinance, the Secretary of the  
574 State shall, not later than ninety days after submission of such proposed  
575 remedy by such municipality, approve or reject such proposed remedy  
576 in accordance with the provisions of this clause. The Secretary may  
577 require that such municipality or any other party provide additional  
578 information related to the submission of such proposed remedy. The  
579 Secretary may only approve such proposed remedy if the Secretary  
580 concludes (I) such municipality may be in violation of the provisions of



581 sections 515 to 522, inclusive, of this act, (II) the proposed remedy would  
582 address any such potential violation, (III) the proposed remedy does not  
583 violate the Constitution of Connecticut or any federal law, and (IV) the  
584 proposed remedy can be implemented in a manner that will not unduly  
585 disrupt the administration of an ongoing or imminent election.

586 (iv) Notwithstanding any provision of title 9 of the general statutes  
587 and any special act, charter or home rule ordinance, if the Secretary of  
588 the State approves the proposed remedy, such proposed remedy shall  
589 be enacted and implemented immediately or, if immediate  
590 implementation would unduly disrupt the administration of an ongoing  
591 or imminent election, as soon as possible. If the municipality is a covered  
592 jurisdiction as described in section 518 of this act, such municipality  
593 shall not be required to obtain preclearance for such proposed remedy.

594 (v) If the Secretary of the State denies the proposed remedy, (I) such  
595 proposed remedy shall not be enacted or implemented, (II) the Secretary  
596 shall set forth the reasons for such denial, and (III) the Secretary may  
597 recommend another remedy that the Secretary would approve.

598 (vi) If the Secretary of the State does not approve or reject such  
599 proposed remedy within ninety days after the submission of such  
600 proposed remedy by the municipality, the proposed remedy shall not  
601 be enacted or implemented.

602 (D) A municipality that has passed a resolution described in  
603 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision may enter into an agreement with  
604 any party who sent a notification letter described in subdivision (1) of  
605 this subsection providing that such party shall not file an action  
606 pursuant to this section earlier than ninety days after entering into such  
607 agreement. If such party agrees to so enter into such an agreement, such  
608 agreement shall require that the municipality either enact and  
609 implement a remedy that complies with the provisions of sections 515  
610 to 522, inclusive, of this act or pass such a resolution and submit such  
611 resolution to the Secretary of the State. If such party declines to so enter

612 into such an agreement, such party may file an action pursuant to this  
613 section at any time, subject to the provisions of subparagraph (A) of this  
614 subdivision.

615 (E) If, pursuant to the provisions of this subsection, a municipality  
616 enacts or implements a remedy or the Secretary of the State approves a  
617 proposed remedy, a party who sent a notification letter described in  
618 subdivision (1) of this subsection regarding a potential violation that is  
619 related to such remedy may, not later than thirty days after such  
620 enactment, implementation or approval, submit a claim for  
621 reimbursement from such municipality for the costs associated with  
622 producing and sending such notification letter. Such party shall submit  
623 such claim in writing and substantiate such claim with financial  
624 documentation, including a detailed invoice for any demography  
625 services or analysis of voting patterns in such municipality. Upon  
626 receipt of any such claim, such municipality may request additional  
627 financial documentation if that which has been provided by such party  
628 is insufficient to substantiate such costs. Such municipality shall  
629 reimburse such party for reasonable costs claimed or for an amount to  
630 which such party and such municipality agree, except that the  
631 cumulative amount of any such reimbursements to all such parties other  
632 than the Secretary of the State shall not exceed fifty thousand dollars,  
633 adjusted in accordance with any change in the consumer price index for  
634 all urban consumers as published by the United States Department of  
635 Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. If any such party and such  
636 municipality fail to agree to a reimbursement amount, either such party  
637 or such municipality may file an action for a declaratory judgment with  
638 the superior court for the judicial district in which such municipality is  
639 located for a clarification of rights.

640 (F) (i) Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, a party  
641 described in subsection (d) of this section may seek preliminary relief  
642 for a regular election held in a municipality by filing an action pursuant  
643 to this section during the one hundred twenty days prior to such regular

644 election. Not later than the filing of such action, such party shall send a  
645 notification letter described in subdivision (1) of this subsection to such  
646 municipality. In the event any such action is withdrawn or dismissed as  
647 being moot as a result of such municipality's enactment or  
648 implementation of a remedy, or the approval by the Secretary of the  
649 State of a proposed remedy, any such party may only submit a claim for  
650 reimbursement in accordance with the provisions of subparagraph (E)  
651 of this subdivision.

652 (ii) In the case of preliminary relief sought pursuant to subparagraph  
653 (F)(i) of this subdivision by a party described in subsection (d) of this  
654 section, the superior court for the judicial district in which such  
655 municipality is located shall grant such relief if such court determines  
656 that (I) such party has shown a substantial likelihood of success on the  
657 merits, and (II) it is possible to implement an appropriate remedy that  
658 would resolve the violation alleged under this section prior to such  
659 election in a manner that will not unduly disrupt such election.

660 Sec. 516. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2024*) (a) The Secretary of the State  
661 shall establish a state-wide database of information necessary to assist  
662 the state and any municipality in (1) evaluating whether and to what  
663 extent current laws and practices related to election administration are  
664 consistent with the provisions of sections 515 to 522, inclusive, of this  
665 act, (2) implementing best practices in election administration to further  
666 the purposes of said sections, and (3) investigating any potential  
667 infringement upon the right to vote. The Secretary may enter into an  
668 agreement with The University of Connecticut or a member of the  
669 Connecticut State University System to perform or assist in performing  
670 the functions described in this section.

671 (b) The Secretary of the State shall designate an employee of the office  
672 of the Secretary of the State to serve as manager of the state-wide  
673 database. Such employee shall possess an advanced degree from an  
674 accredited college or university, or equivalent experience, and have

675 expertise in demography, statistical analysis and electoral systems. Such  
676 employee shall be responsible for the operation of such state-wide  
677 database and shall manage such staff as is necessary to implement and  
678 maintain such state-wide database.

679 (c) The state-wide database shall maintain in electronic format the  
680 following data and records, at a minimum, for no fewer than the prior  
681 twelve years:

682 (1) Estimates of total population, voting age population and citizen  
683 voting age population by race, color and language minority group,  
684 broken down annually to the voting district level for each municipality,  
685 based on information from the United States Census Bureau, including  
686 from the American Community Survey, or information of comparable  
687 quality collected by a similar governmental agency, and accounting for  
688 population adjustments pursuant to section 9-169h of the general  
689 statutes, as applicable;

690 (2) Election results at the district level for each state-wide election and  
691 each election in each municipality;

692 (3) Regularly updated registry lists, geocoded locations for each  
693 elector and elector history files for each election in each municipality;

694 (4) Contemporaneous maps, descriptions of boundaries and other  
695 similar items, which shall be provided as shapefiles or in a comparable  
696 electronic format if an electronic format is available;

697 (5) Geocoded locations of polling places and absentee ballot drop  
698 boxes for each election in each municipality, and a list or description of  
699 the voting districts or geographic areas served by each such location;  
700 and

701 (6) Any other information the Secretary of the State deems advisable  
702 to maintain in furtherance of the purposes of sections 515 to 522,  
703 inclusive, of this act.

704 (d) Except for any data, information or estimates that identify  
705 individual electors, the data, information or estimates maintained in the  
706 state-wide database shall be published on the Internet web site of the  
707 office of the Secretary of the State and made publicly available in  
708 electronic format at no cost.

709 (e) Any estimates prepared pursuant to this section, including  
710 estimates of eligible electors, shall be prepared using the most advanced,  
711 peer-reviewed and validated methodologies.

712 (f) At the time the Secretary of the State is prepared to commence  
713 administration of the state-wide database established under this section,  
714 the Secretary shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the  
715 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to elections, in  
716 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,  
717 certifying such fact.

718 (g) Upon the certification of election results and the completion of the  
719 elector history file after each election, the officials responsible for  
720 administering elections in each municipality shall transmit to the  
721 Secretary of the State, in electronic format, copies of (1) such election  
722 results at the voting district level, (2) updated registry lists, (3) elector  
723 history files, (4) maps, descriptions of boundaries and other similar  
724 items, and (5) lists of polling place and absentee ballot drop box  
725 locations and lists or descriptions of the voting districts or geographic  
726 areas served by such locations.

727 (h) At least annually or upon the request by the Secretary of the State,  
728 the Criminal Justice Information Systems Governing Board established  
729 under section 54-142q of the general statutes, or any other state entity  
730 identified by the Secretary as possessing data, statistics or other  
731 information that the office of the Secretary of the State requires to carry  
732 out its duties and responsibilities under title 9 of the general statutes,  
733 shall provide to the Secretary such data, statistics or information.

734 (i) The office of the Secretary of the State may provide nonpartisan  
735 technical assistance to municipalities, researchers and members of the  
736 public seeking to use the resources of the state-wide database.

737 (j) In each action filed pursuant to section 515 of this act, there shall  
738 be a rebuttable presumption that the data, estimates or other  
739 information maintained in the state-wide database is valid.

740 Sec. 517. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2024*) (a) The Secretary of the State  
741 shall designate one or more languages, other than English, for which  
742 assistance in voting and elections shall be provided in a municipality if  
743 the Secretary finds that a significant and substantial need exists for such  
744 assistance.

745 (b) (1) The Secretary of the State shall find that such significant and  
746 substantial need exists if, based on the best available data, which may  
747 include information from the United States Census Bureau's American  
748 Community Survey, or data of comparable quality collected by a  
749 governmental entity:

750 (A) More than two per cent of the citizens of voting age of such  
751 municipality speak a particular shared language other than English and  
752 are limited English proficient individuals;

753 (B) More than four thousand of the citizens of voting age of such  
754 municipality speak a particular shared language other than English and  
755 are limited English proficient individuals; or

756 (C) In the case of a municipality that contains any part of a Native  
757 American reservation, more than two per cent of the Native American  
758 citizens of voting age within such Native American reservation speak a  
759 particular shared language other than English and are limited English  
760 proficient individuals. As used in this subdivision, "Native American"  
761 includes any person recognized by the United States Census Bureau, or  
762 this state, as "American Indian".

763 (2) As used in this section, "limited English proficient individual"  
764 means an individual who does not speak English as such individual's  
765 primary language and who speaks, reads or understands the English  
766 language less than "very well", in accordance with United States Census  
767 Bureau data or data of comparable quality collected by a governmental  
768 entity.

769 (c) Not later than January 15, 2024, and at least annually thereafter,  
770 the Secretary of the State shall publish on the Internet web site of the  
771 office of the Secretary of the State a list of (1) each municipality in which  
772 assistance in voting and elections in a language other than English shall  
773 be provided, and (2) each such language in which such assistance shall  
774 be provided in each such municipality. The Secretary's determinations  
775 under this section shall be effective upon such publication. The  
776 Secretary shall distribute to each affected municipality the information  
777 contained in such list.

778 (d) Each municipality described in subsection (c) of this section shall  
779 provide assistance in voting and elections, including related materials,  
780 in any language designated by the Secretary of the State under  
781 subsection (a) of this section to electors in such municipality who are  
782 limited English proficient individuals.

783 (e) Whenever the Secretary of the State determines, pursuant to this  
784 section, that language assistance shall be provided in a municipality,  
785 such municipality shall provide competent assistance in each  
786 designated language and shall provide related materials (1) in English,  
787 and (2) in each designated language, including registration or voting  
788 notices, forms, instructions, assistance, ballots or other materials or  
789 information relating to the electoral process, except that in the case of a  
790 language that is oral or unwritten, including historically unwritten as  
791 may be the case for some Native Americans, such municipality may  
792 provide only oral instructions, assistance or other information relating  
793 to the electoral process in such language. All materials provided in a

794 designated language shall be of an equal quality to the corresponding  
795 English materials. All provided translations shall convey the intent and  
796 essential meaning of the original text or communication and shall not  
797 rely solely on any automatic translation service. Whenever available,  
798 language assistance shall also include live translation.

799 (f) The Secretary of the State shall adopt regulations, in accordance  
800 with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to establish a  
801 review process under which the Secretary shall determine, upon receipt  
802 of a request submitted under this subsection, whether a significant and  
803 substantial need exists in a municipality for a language to be designated  
804 for the provision of assistance in voting and elections whenever such a  
805 need has not been found under subsection (b) of this section. Such  
806 process shall include, at a minimum, (1) an opportunity for any elector,  
807 organization whose membership includes or is likely to include electors,  
808 organization whose mission would be frustrated by a municipality's  
809 failure to provide such language assistance or organization that would  
810 expend resources in order to fulfill such organization's mission as a  
811 result of such a failure, to submit a request for the Secretary to consider  
812 so designating a language in a municipality, (2) an opportunity for  
813 public comment, and (3) that, upon receipt of any such request and  
814 consideration of any such public comment, the Secretary may, in  
815 accordance with the process for making such determination, so  
816 designate any language in a municipality.

817 (g) Any individual aggrieved by a violation of this section, any  
818 organization whose membership includes individuals aggrieved by  
819 such a violation or the Secretary of the State may file an action alleging  
820 a violation of this section in the superior court for the judicial district in  
821 which such violation has occurred, except that no determination of the  
822 Secretary under this section to designate a municipality or a language  
823 for the provision of assistance shall constitute a violation of this section.

824 Sec. 518. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2024*) (a) In accordance with the



825 provisions of this section, the enactment or implementation of a covered  
826 policy, as described in subsection (b) of this section, by a covered  
827 jurisdiction, as described in subsection (c) of this section, shall be subject  
828 to preclearance, as described in subsections (e) and (f) of this section, by  
829 the Secretary of the State or the superior court for the judicial district in  
830 which such covered jurisdiction is located.

831 (b) A covered policy shall include any new or modified qualification  
832 for admission as an elector, prerequisite to voting or ordinance,  
833 regulation, standard, practice, procedure or policy concerning:

834 (1) Method of election;

835 (2) Form of government;

836 (3) Annexation, incorporation, dissolution, consolidation or division  
837 of a municipality;

838 (4) Removal of individuals from registry lists or enrollment lists and  
839 other activities concerning any such list;

840 (5) Hours of any polling place, or location or number of polling places  
841 or absentee ballot drop boxes;

842 (6) Assignment of voting districts to polling place or absentee ballot  
843 drop box locations;

844 (7) Assistance offered to protected class members; or

845 (8) Districting or redistricting, provided the enactment or  
846 implementation of a covered policy under this subdivision shall be  
847 subject to preclearance only in a covered jurisdiction described in  
848 subparagraph (B) of subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of this section.

849 (c) (1) A covered jurisdiction includes:

850 (A) Any municipality that, within the prior twenty-five years, has

851 been subject to any court order or government enforcement action based  
852 upon a finding of any violation of the provisions of sections 515 to 522,  
853 inclusive, of this act, the federal Voting Rights Act, any state or federal  
854 civil rights law, the fifteenth amendment to the United States  
855 Constitution or the fourteenth amendment to the United States  
856 Constitution, which violation concerns the right to vote or a pattern,  
857 practice or policy of discrimination against any protected class;

858 (B) Any municipality that, within the three immediately preceding  
859 years, has failed to comply with such municipality's obligations to  
860 provide data or information to the state-wide database pursuant to  
861 section 517 of this act, except that inadvertent or unavoidable delays in  
862 such compliance, if communicated to the Secretary of the State and  
863 corrected within a reasonable time, shall not constitute such failure;

864 (C) Any municipality (i) that is not a school district, (ii) that contains  
865 at least one thousand eligible electors of any protected class, or in which  
866 members of any protected class constitute at least ten per cent of the  
867 eligible elector population of such municipality, and (iii) in which,  
868 during any of the prior ten years, based on data from criminal justice  
869 information systems, as defined in section 54-142q of the general  
870 statutes, the combined misdemeanor and felony arrest rate of any  
871 protected class exceeds the combined misdemeanor and felony arrest  
872 rate of the entire population of such municipality by at least twenty per  
873 cent;

874 (D) Any municipality (i) that contains at least one thousand eligible  
875 electors of any protected class, or in which members of any protected  
876 class constitute at least ten per cent of the eligible elector population of  
877 such municipality, and (ii) in which, during any of the prior ten years,  
878 the percentage of electors of any such protected class in such  
879 municipality that participated in any general election for any municipal  
880 office is at least ten percentage points lower than the percentage of all  
881 electors in the municipality that participated in such election; or

882 (E) On or after January 1, 2034, any municipality that, during any of  
883 the prior ten years, was a covered jurisdiction that was found to have  
884 enacted or implemented a covered policy for which preclearance was  
885 required without obtaining preclearance for such covered policy  
886 pursuant to the process described in subparagraph (G) of subdivision  
887 (2) of subsection (e) of this section.

888 (2) (A) A municipality that is a covered jurisdiction under subdivision  
889 (1) of this subsection shall be subject to preclearance for a covered policy  
890 described in subdivision (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6) or (7) of subsection (b) of  
891 this section.

892 (B) In addition to the preclearance requirement set forth in  
893 subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, a municipality that is a covered  
894 jurisdiction under subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be subject to  
895 preclearance for a covered policy described in subdivision (8) of  
896 subsection (b) of this section if, within the past twenty-five years, such  
897 municipality:

898 (i) Has been subject to three or more court orders or government  
899 enforcement actions based upon a finding of any violation of the  
900 provisions of sections 515 to 522, inclusive, of this act, the federal Voting  
901 Rights Act, any state or federal civil rights law, the fifteenth amendment  
902 to the United States Constitution or the fourteenth amendment to the  
903 United States Constitution, which violation concerns the right to vote or  
904 a pattern, practice or policy of discrimination against any protected  
905 class; or

906 (ii) Has been subject to any such court order or government  
907 enforcement action that concerns districting or redistricting or method  
908 of election.

909 (d) At least annually, the Secretary of the State shall determine which  
910 municipalities are covered jurisdictions pursuant to subsection (c) of  
911 this section and publish on the Internet web site of the office of the

912 Secretary of the State a list of such municipalities. A determination of  
913 the Secretary as to coverage under this subsection shall be effective upon  
914 such publication and may be appealed in accordance with the  
915 provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes. Any such appeal shall  
916 be privileged with respect to assignment for trial.

917 (e) (1) If a covered jurisdiction seeks preclearance from the Secretary  
918 of the State for the adoption or implementation of any covered policy,  
919 such covered jurisdiction shall submit, in writing, such covered policy  
920 to the Secretary and may obtain such preclearance in accordance with  
921 the provisions of this subsection.

922 (2) When the Secretary of the State receives any such submission of a  
923 covered policy:

924 (A) As soon as practicable but not later than ten days after such  
925 receipt, the Secretary shall publish on the Internet web site of the office  
926 of the Secretary of the State such submission of a covered policy.

927 (B) Members of the public shall have an opportunity to comment on  
928 such published submission within the time period set forth in  
929 subparagraph (I) of this subdivision. For the purposes of facilitating  
930 public comment on any such submission, the Secretary shall allow  
931 members of the public to sign up to receive notifications or alerts  
932 regarding submissions of covered policies for preclearance.

933 (C) The Secretary shall review such submission and any public  
934 comment thereon, and shall, within the time period set forth in  
935 subparagraph (I) of this subdivision, provide a report and  
936 determination as to whether preclearance of the covered policy should  
937 be granted or denied. Such time period shall run concurrently with the  
938 time period for public comment.

939 (D) The covered jurisdiction shall bear the burden of proof in any  
940 determination as to preclearance of a covered policy. The Secretary may

941 request from a covered jurisdiction, at any time during the Secretary's  
942 review, additional information for the purpose of developing the  
943 Secretary's report and determination. Failure of such covered  
944 jurisdiction to timely comply with reasonable requests for such  
945 additional information may constitute grounds for the denial of  
946 preclearance. The Secretary shall publish on the Internet web site of the  
947 office of the Secretary of the State each such report and determination  
948 upon completion thereof.

949 (E) In any such determination, the Secretary shall state in writing  
950 whether the Secretary is approving or rejecting the covered policy,  
951 provided the Secretary may designate preclearance as "preliminary" and  
952 subsequently approve or deny final preclearance not later than ninety  
953 days after receipt of submission of such covered policy. A covered  
954 policy for which preclearance is designated as "preliminary" may be  
955 implemented on an interim basis, subject to the Secretary's subsequent  
956 determination.

957 (F) (i) The Secretary shall deny preclearance to a submitted covered  
958 policy only if the Secretary determines that (I) such covered policy is  
959 more likely than not to diminish the opportunity or ability of protected  
960 class members to participate in the political process and elect candidates  
961 of their choice or otherwise influence the outcome of elections, or (II)  
962 such covered policy is more likely than not to violate the provisions of  
963 sections 515 to 522, inclusive, of this act.

964 (ii) For any such denial, the Secretary shall interpose objections  
965 explaining the Secretary's basis for such denial, and the covered policy  
966 shall not be enacted or implemented.

967 (G) If the Secretary grants preclearance to a submitted covered policy,  
968 the covered jurisdiction may immediately enact or implement such  
969 covered policy. A determination by the Secretary to so grant  
970 preclearance shall not be admissible in, or otherwise considered by, a  
971 court in any subsequent action challenging such covered policy.

972 (H) If the Secretary fails to deny or grant preclearance to a submitted  
973 covered policy within the time period set forth in subparagraph (I) of  
974 this subdivision, such covered policy shall be deemed precleared and  
975 the covered jurisdiction may enact or implement such covered policy.

976 (I) The time periods for review by the Secretary of the State of any  
977 submitted covered policy, for public comment and for any  
978 determination of the Secretary to grant or deny preclearance to such  
979 covered policy shall be as follows:

980 (i) For any covered policy concerning the location of polling places or  
981 absentee ballot drop boxes, (I) the time period for public comment shall  
982 be ten business days, and (II) the time period in which the Secretary shall  
983 review the covered policy, including any public comment thereon, and  
984 make a determination to grant or deny preclearance to such covered  
985 policy, shall be not more than thirty days after the receipt of the  
986 submission of such covered policy, except that the Secretary may invoke  
987 an extension of not more than twenty days to make any determination  
988 under subparagraph (I)(i)(II) of this subdivision; and

989 (ii) For any other covered policy, (I) the time period for public  
990 comment shall be ten business days, except that, for any covered policy  
991 that concerns the implementation of a district-based method of election  
992 or an alternative method of election, districting or redistricting plans or  
993 a change to a municipality's form of government, such time period shall  
994 be twenty business days, and (II) the time period in which the Secretary  
995 shall review such other covered policy, including any public comment  
996 thereon, and make a determination to grant or deny preclearance to  
997 such other covered policy, shall be not more than ninety days after the  
998 receipt of the submission of such other covered policy, except that the  
999 Secretary may invoke up to two extensions of not more than ninety days  
1000 apiece to make any determination under subparagraph (I)(ii)(II) of this  
1001 subdivision.

1002 (J) The Secretary of the State may adopt regulations, in accordance

1003 with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to establish an  
1004 expedited, emergency preclearance process under which the Secretary  
1005 may address covered policies that are submitted during or immediately  
1006 preceding an election as a result of any attack, disaster, emergency or  
1007 other exigent circumstance. Any preclearance granted pursuant to the  
1008 regulations adopted under this subparagraph shall be designated  
1009 "preliminary" and the Secretary may subsequently approve or deny  
1010 final preclearance not later than ninety days after receipt of submission  
1011 of such covered policy.

1012 (K) Any denial of preclearance under this subdivision may be  
1013 appealed in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general  
1014 statutes. Any such appeal shall be privileged with respect to assignment  
1015 for trial.

1016 (f) (1) If a covered jurisdiction seeks preclearance from the superior  
1017 court for the judicial district in which such covered jurisdiction is  
1018 located for the adoption or implementation of any covered policy, in lieu  
1019 of seeking such preclearance from the Secretary of the State pursuant to  
1020 subsection (e) of this section, such covered jurisdiction shall submit, in  
1021 writing, such covered policy to such court and may obtain such  
1022 preclearance in accordance with the provisions of this subsection,  
1023 provided (A) such covered jurisdiction shall also contemporaneously  
1024 transmit to the Secretary of the State a copy of such submission, and (B)  
1025 failure to so provide such copy shall result in an automatic denial of  
1026 such preclearance. Notwithstanding the transmission to the Secretary of  
1027 a copy of any such submission, the court shall exercise exclusive  
1028 jurisdiction over such submission. The covered jurisdiction shall bear  
1029 the burden of proof in the court's determination as to preclearance.

1030 (2) The court shall grant or deny preclearance not later than ninety  
1031 days after the receipt of submission of a covered policy.

1032 (3) The court shall deny preclearance to a submitted covered policy  
1033 only if such court determines that (A) such covered policy is more likely

1034 than not to diminish the opportunity or ability of protected class  
1035 members to participate in the political process and elect candidates of  
1036 their choice or otherwise influence the outcome of elections, or (B) such  
1037 covered policy is more likely than not to violate the provisions of  
1038 sections 515 to 522, inclusive, of this act.

1039 (4) If the court grants preclearance to such covered policy, the covered  
1040 jurisdiction may immediately enact or implement such covered policy.  
1041 A determination by the court to grant preclearance to a covered policy  
1042 shall not be admissible in, or otherwise considered by, a court in any  
1043 subsequent action challenging such covered policy.

1044 (5) If the court denies preclearance to a covered policy, or fails to  
1045 make a determination within ninety days of receipt of submission of  
1046 such covered policy, such covered policy shall not be enacted or  
1047 implemented.

1048 (6) Any denial of preclearance under this subsection may be appealed  
1049 in accordance with the ordinary rules of appellate procedure. Any  
1050 action brought pursuant to this subsection shall be privileged with  
1051 respect to assignment for trial or appeal, as applicable, including  
1052 expedited pretrial and other proceedings.

1053 (g) If any covered jurisdiction enacts or implements any covered  
1054 policy without obtaining preclearance for such covered policy in  
1055 accordance with the provisions of this section, the Secretary of the State  
1056 or any party described in subsection (d) of section 516 of this act may  
1057 file an action in the superior court for the judicial district in which such  
1058 covered jurisdiction is located to enjoin such enactment or  
1059 implementation and seek sanctions against such covered jurisdiction for  
1060 violations of this section.

1061 (h) The Secretary of the State may adopt regulations, in accordance  
1062 with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to effectuate the  
1063 purposes of this section. Any estimates prepared for the purpose of



1064 identifying covered jurisdictions under this section, including estimates  
1065 of eligible electors, shall be prepared using the most advanced, peer-  
1066 reviewed and validated methodologies.

1067 Sec. 519. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) Notwithstanding the  
1068 provisions of chapter 151 of the general statutes, a person, whether  
1069 acting under color of law or otherwise, shall not engage in acts of  
1070 intimidation, deception or obstruction that interfere with any elector's  
1071 right to vote.

1072 (b) A violation of subsection (a) of this section includes, but is not  
1073 limited to, the following:

1074 (1) Any person who uses or threatens to use any force, violence,  
1075 restraint, abduction or duress, who inflicts or threatens to inflict any  
1076 injury, damage, harm or loss or who by any other conduct practices  
1077 intimidation that causes or will reasonably have the effect of causing  
1078 interference with any elector's right to vote;

1079 (2) Any person who knowingly uses any deceptive or fraudulent  
1080 device, contrivance or communication that causes or will reasonably  
1081 have the effect of causing interference with any elector's right to vote; or

1082 (3) Any person who obstructs, impedes or otherwise interferes with  
1083 access to any polling place or absentee ballot drop box or any office or  
1084 place of business of an election official or who obstructs, impedes or  
1085 otherwise interferes with any elector or election official in a manner that  
1086 causes or will reasonably have the effect of causing interference with  
1087 any elector's right to vote or any delay in voting or the voting process.

1088 (c) (1) Any individual aggrieved by a violation of this section or any  
1089 organization whose membership includes individuals aggrieved by  
1090 such a violation may file an action alleging a violation of this section in  
1091 the superior court for the judicial district in which such violation has  
1092 occurred. Such an action may be filed irrespective of any action that may

1093 be filed by the State Elections Enforcement Commission, the Attorney  
1094 General or the State's Attorney as a result of such a violation.

1095 (2) In any action brought pursuant to subdivision (1) of this  
1096 subsection, the complainant shall file a certification attached to the  
1097 complaint indicating that (A) a copy of such complaint has been sent by  
1098 first-class mail or delivered to the State Elections Enforcement  
1099 Commission, or (B) a copy of such complaint will be so sent or delivered  
1100 not later than the following business day.

1101 (d) (1) Notwithstanding any provision of title 9 of the general statutes  
1102 and any special act, charter or home rule ordinance, whenever such  
1103 court finds a violation of any provision of this section, such court shall  
1104 order appropriate remedies that are tailored to address such violation,  
1105 including, but not limited to, providing for additional time to vote at an  
1106 election, primary or referendum.

1107 (2) Any person who violates the provisions of this section, or who  
1108 aids in the violation of any of such provisions, shall be liable for any  
1109 damages awarded by such court, including, but not limited to, nominal  
1110 damages for any such violation and compensatory or punitive damages  
1111 for any such wilful violation.

1112 Sec. 520. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) Any provision of the general  
1113 statutes, regulation adopted thereunder, special act, charter, home rule  
1114 ordinance or other state or municipal enactment relating to the right to  
1115 vote shall be construed liberally in favor of (1) protecting the right to  
1116 cast a ballot and make such ballot effective, (2) ensuring that qualified  
1117 individuals seeking to be admitted as electors are not impaired in being  
1118 so admitted, (3) ensuring electors are not impaired in voting, including,  
1119 but not limited to, having their votes counted, (4) making the  
1120 fundamental right to vote more accessible to qualified individuals, and  
1121 (5) ensuring equitable access for protected class members to  
1122 opportunities to be admitted as electors and to vote.

1123       Sec. 521. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) Nothing in the provisions of  
1124 sections 514 to 520, inclusive, of this act shall be construed to affect the  
1125 powers and duties of (1) the State Elections Enforcement Commission to  
1126 attempt to secure voluntary compliance relating to any election, primary  
1127 or referendum or pursue any other remedy authorized under sections  
1128 9-7a and 9-7b of the general statutes, or (2) the Commission on Human  
1129 Rights and Opportunities, as provided in chapter 814c of the general  
1130 statutes.

1131       Sec. 522. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) In any action to enforce the  
1132 provisions of sections 514 to 520, inclusive, of this act, the court may  
1133 award reasonable attorneys' fees and litigation costs, including, but not  
1134 limited to, expert witness fees and expenses, to the party that filed such  
1135 action, other than the state or any municipality, and that prevailed in  
1136 such action. The party that filed such action shall be deemed to have  
1137 prevailed when, as a result of litigation, the party against whom such  
1138 action was filed has yielded much or all of the relief sought in such  
1139 action. In the case of a party against whom such action was filed and  
1140 who prevailed in such action, the court shall not award such party any  
1141 costs unless such court finds such action to be frivolous, unreasonable  
1142 or without foundation.

1143       Sec. 523. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2023*) For the purposes of this  
1144 section and sections 524 and 525 of this act:

1145       (1) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Consumer  
1146 Protection;

1147       (2) "Contact" means any communication transmitted in person or by  
1148 telephone, electronic mail, text message or other electronic means  
1149 between a pharmaceutical representative and a prescribing practitioner,  
1150 to promote or provide information relating to a legend drug;

1151       (3) "Department" means the Department of Consumer Protection;

1152 (4) "Legend drug" has the same meaning as provided in section 20-  
1153 571 of the general statutes;

1154 (5) "Pharmaceutical manufacturer" means any person, including, but  
1155 not limited to, a virtual manufacturer, as defined in section 20-571 of the  
1156 general statutes, who produces, prepares, cultivates, grows, propagates,  
1157 compounds, converts or processes a controlled substance, either directly  
1158 or indirectly, by extraction from substances of natural origin, or  
1159 independently by means of chemical synthesis, or by a combination of  
1160 extraction and chemical synthesis, or packages or repackages a  
1161 controlled substance container under such person's own name or a  
1162 trademark or label for the purpose of selling such controlled substance;

1163 (6) "Pharmaceutical representative" means any person, including, but  
1164 not limited to, a sales representative or medical science liaison, who  
1165 markets, promotes or provides legend drug information to a prescribing  
1166 practitioner and is employed or compensated by a pharmaceutical  
1167 manufacturer;

1168 (7) "Pharmacist" has the same meaning as provided in section 20-571  
1169 of the general statutes; and

1170 (8) "Prescribing practitioner" has the same meaning as provided in  
1171 section 20-571 of the general statutes.

1172 Sec. 524. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2023*) (a) No person shall engage  
1173 in business as a pharmaceutical representative in this state unless such  
1174 person has first obtained a license issued by the Commissioner of  
1175 Consumer Protection.

1176 (b) Any person seeking a license as a pharmaceutical representative  
1177 shall (1) submit to the commissioner an application for such license in a  
1178 form and manner prescribed by the commissioner, (2) pay a  
1179 nonrefundable application fee of five hundred fifty dollars, and (3)  
1180 submit evidence that such applicant has completed the continuing

1181 professional education requirements set forth in subsection (f) of this  
1182 section.

1183 (c) The commissioner shall issue to each applicant who meets the  
1184 requirements for licensure, as set forth in subsection (b) of this section,  
1185 a pharmaceutical representative license.

1186 (d) Each licensee holding a license as a pharmaceutical representative  
1187 shall, annually, not later than June thirtieth, (1) renew such license with  
1188 the commissioner, (2) submit a nonrefundable payment of five hundred  
1189 fifty dollars, and (3) certify that such licensee has completed the  
1190 continuing professional education requirements set forth in subsection  
1191 (f) of this section.

1192 (e) A licensee shall file a report with the commissioner not later than  
1193 five business days after any change of name, address or other contact  
1194 information for such licensee.

1195 (f) Prior to submitting an application for (1) a license under  
1196 subsection (b) of this section, or (2) a renewal of a license under  
1197 subsection (d) of this section, such applicant or licensee shall furnish  
1198 evidence satisfactory to the commissioner that such applicant or licensee  
1199 has completed not less than five hours of continuing professional  
1200 education. Continuing professional education shall include training in  
1201 ethical standards, health equity, whistleblower protections, laws and  
1202 regulations applicable to pharmaceutical marketing and any other  
1203 training approved by the commissioner and published on the  
1204 Department of Consumer Protection's Internet web site pursuant to  
1205 subsection (g) of this section. Each applicant or licensee shall maintain  
1206 continuing education certificate of completion records for not less than  
1207 three years following the completion date for each continuing  
1208 professional education training and, upon request by the commissioner,  
1209 such applicant or licensee shall produce such records to the  
1210 commissioner.

1211 (g) The commissioner shall review submissions for continuing  
1212 professional education programs and shall, upon approval by the  
1213 commissioner, publish a list of approved continuing professional  
1214 education programs on the department's Internet web site.

1215 (h) Continuing professional education training programs shall (1) be  
1216 approved by the commissioner, and (2) adhere to the following:

1217 (A) An employer of a licensed pharmaceutical representative or an  
1218 applicant for such license in this state shall not be a provider of  
1219 continuing professional education;

1220 (B) A provider of continuing professional education shall disclose  
1221 any conflicts of interests, including, but not limited to, any personal  
1222 conflict of interest that would interfere or prevent such provider from  
1223 conducting continuing professional education training honestly,  
1224 objectively and effectively; and

1225 (C) Funding for continuing professional education shall not be  
1226 provided by an entity in the pharmaceutical industry or by a third-party  
1227 entity that is compensated by an entity in the pharmaceutical industry.

1228 (i) Upon renewal of a license under subsection (d) of this section, or  
1229 not later than July thirty-first if such license is not renewed, such  
1230 licensee shall provide the commissioner with the following information  
1231 for the previous calendar year in a form and manner prescribed by the  
1232 commissioner:

1233 (1) The aggregate number of contacts such licensee had with  
1234 prescribing practitioners;

1235 (2) The names and specialties of the prescribing practitioners such  
1236 licensee contacted;

1237 (3) The location and length of each contact;

1238 (4) The name and a description of each legend drug marketed to each  
1239 contact;

1240 (5) A description of each gift, voucher, coupon or other compensation  
1241 of any value that was provided to a prescribing practitioner or staff in a  
1242 prescribing practitioner's office; and

1243 (6) Any other information requested by the commissioner.

1244 (j) The license of a pharmaceutical representative in this state may be  
1245 revoked, suspended or annulled, after notice and hearing if the  
1246 commissioner determines that (1) such licensee obtained the license by  
1247 means of fraud or misrepresentation, or (2) such licensee violated any  
1248 provisions of this section, or regulations adopted by the commissioner  
1249 in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes.

1250 Sec. 525. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2023*) The commissioner may  
1251 adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the  
1252 general statutes, to implement the provisions of sections 523 and 524 of  
1253 this act concerning the licensing of pharmaceutical representatives.  
1254 Notwithstanding the requirements of sections 4-168 to 4-172, inclusive,  
1255 of the general statutes in order to effectuate this section, prior to  
1256 adopting such regulations, the commissioner may issue policies and  
1257 procedures to implement the provisions concerning the licensing of  
1258 pharmaceutical representatives that shall have the force and effect of  
1259 law. The commissioner shall post all policies and procedures on the  
1260 department's Internet web site and submit such policies and procedures  
1261 to the Secretary of the State for posting on the eRegulations System not  
1262 less than fifteen days prior to the effective date of any policy or  
1263 procedure. Any such policy or procedure shall no longer be effective  
1264 upon the earlier of either the adoption of the policy or procedure as a  
1265 final regulation under section 4-172 of the general statutes or forty-eight  
1266 months from October 1, 2023, if such regulations have not been  
1267 submitted to the standing legislative regulation review committee for  
1268 consideration under section 4-170 of the general statutes.

1269 Sec. 526. Section 31-57f of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1270 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

1271 (a) As used in this section: (1) "Required employer" means any  
1272 provider of food, building, property or equipment services or  
1273 maintenance listed in this subdivision whose rate of reimbursement or  
1274 compensation is determined by contract or agreement with the state or  
1275 any state agent: (A) Building, property or equipment service companies;  
1276 (B) management companies providing property management services;  
1277 and (C) companies providing food preparation or service, or both; (2)  
1278 "state agent" means any state official, state employee or other person  
1279 authorized to enter into a contract or agreement on behalf of the state;  
1280 (3) "person" means one or more individuals, partnerships, associations,  
1281 corporations, business trusts, legal representatives or organized groups  
1282 of persons; (4) "building, property or equipment service" means any  
1283 janitorial, cleaning, maintenance, security or related service; (5)  
1284 "prevailing rate of wages" means the hourly wages paid for work  
1285 performed within the city of Hartford under the collective bargaining  
1286 agreement covering the largest number of hourly nonsupervisory  
1287 employees employed within Hartford County in each classification  
1288 established by the Labor Commissioner under subsection (e) of this  
1289 section, provided the collective bargaining agreement covers no less  
1290 than five hundred employees in the classification; (6) "prevailing rate of  
1291 benefits" means the total cost to the employer on an hourly basis for  
1292 work performed within the city of Hartford, under a collective  
1293 bargaining agreement that establishes the prevailing rate of wages, of  
1294 providing health, welfare and retirement benefits, including, but not  
1295 limited to, (A) medical, surgical or hospital care benefits; (B) disability  
1296 or death benefits; (C) benefits in the event of unemployment; (D)  
1297 pension benefits; (E) vacation, holiday and personal leave; (F) training  
1298 benefits; and (G) legal service benefits, and may include payment made  
1299 directly to employees, payments to purchase insurance and the amount  
1300 of payment or contributions paid or payable by the employer on behalf  
1301 of each employee to any employee benefit fund; (7) "employee benefit



1302 fund" means any trust fund established by one or more employers and  
1303 one or more labor organizations or one or more other third parties not  
1304 affiliated with such employers to provide, whether through the  
1305 purchase of insurance or annuity contracts or otherwise, benefits under  
1306 an employee health, welfare or retirement plan, but does not include  
1307 any such fund where the trustee or trustees are subject to supervision  
1308 by the Banking Commissioner of this state or of any other state, or the  
1309 Comptroller of the Currency of the United States or the Board of  
1310 Governors of the Federal Reserve System; and (8) "benefits under an  
1311 employee health, welfare or retirement plan" means one or more  
1312 benefits or services under any plan established or maintained for  
1313 employees or their families or dependents, or for both, including, but  
1314 not limited to, medical, surgical or hospital care benefits, benefits in the  
1315 event of sickness, accident, disability or death, benefits in the event of  
1316 unemployment, retirement benefits, vacation and paid holiday benefits,  
1317 legal service benefits or training benefits.

1318 (b) On and after July 1, 2000, the wages paid on an hourly basis to any  
1319 employee of a required employer in the provision of food, building,  
1320 property or equipment services provided to the state pursuant to a  
1321 contract or agreement with the state or any state agent, shall be at a rate  
1322 not less than the standard rate determined by the Labor Commissioner  
1323 pursuant to subsection (g) of this section.

1324 (c) Any required employer or agent of such employer that violates  
1325 subsection (b) of this section shall pay a civil penalty in an amount not  
1326 less than two thousand five hundred dollars but not more than five  
1327 thousand dollars for each offense. Each pay period in which an  
1328 employee is paid at a rate less than that required under the provisions  
1329 of this section shall be a separate offense. The contracting department of  
1330 the state that has imposed such civil penalty on the required employer  
1331 or agent of such employer shall, within two days after taking such  
1332 action, notify the Labor Commissioner, in writing, of the name of the  
1333 employer or agent involved, the violations involved and steps taken to

1334 collect the fine.

1335 (d) The Labor Commissioner may make complaint to the proper  
1336 prosecuting authorities for the violation of any provision of subsection  
1337 (b) of this section.

1338 (e) For the purpose of predetermining the standard rate of covered  
1339 wages on an hourly basis, the Labor Commissioner shall establish  
1340 classifications for all hourly nonsupervisory employees based on the  
1341 applicable occupation codes and titles set forth in the federal Register of  
1342 Wage Determinations under the Service Contract Act of 1965, 41 USC  
1343 351, et seq., provided the Labor Commissioner shall classify any  
1344 individual employed on or before July 1, 2009, as a grounds  
1345 maintenance laborer or laborer as a janitor, and shall classify any  
1346 individual hired after July 1, 2009, performing the duty of grounds  
1347 maintenance laborer, laborer or janitor as a light cleaner, heavy cleaner,  
1348 furniture handler or window cleaner, as appropriate. The Labor  
1349 Commissioner shall then determine the standard rate of wages for each  
1350 classification of hourly nonsupervisory employees which shall be (1) the  
1351 prevailing rate of wages paid to employees in each classification, or if  
1352 there is no such prevailing rate of wages, the minimum hourly wages  
1353 set forth in the federal Register of Wage Determinations under the  
1354 Service Contract Act, plus (2) the prevailing rate of benefits paid to  
1355 employees in each classification, or if there is no such prevailing rate of  
1356 benefits, a thirty per cent surcharge on the amount determined in  
1357 subdivision (1) of this subsection to cover the cost of any health, welfare  
1358 and retirement benefits, other than those otherwise required by federal,  
1359 state or local law, or, if no such benefits are provided to the employees,  
1360 an amount equal to thirty per cent of the amount determined in  
1361 subdivision (1) of this section, which shall be paid directly to the  
1362 employees. The standard rate of wages for any employee entitled to  
1363 receive such rate on or before July 1, 2009, shall not be less than the  
1364 minimum hourly wage for the classification set forth in the federal  
1365 Register of Wage Determinations under the Service Contract Act plus

1366 the prevailing rate of benefits for such classification for as long as that  
1367 employee continues to work for a required employer.

1368 (f) Required employers with employees covered by collective  
1369 bargaining agreements which call for wages and benefits that are  
1370 reasonably related to the standard rate of wages shall not be  
1371 economically disadvantaged in the bidding process, provided the  
1372 collective bargaining agreement was arrived at through arms-length  
1373 negotiations.

1374 (g) The Labor Commissioner shall, in accordance with subsection (e)  
1375 of this section, determine the standard rate of wages for each  
1376 classification on an hourly basis where any covered services are to be  
1377 provided, and the state agent empowered to let such contract shall  
1378 contact the Labor Commissioner at least ten days prior to the date such  
1379 contract will be advertised for bid, to ascertain the standard rate of  
1380 wages and shall include the standard rate of wages on an hourly basis  
1381 for all classifications of employment in the proposal for the contract. The  
1382 standard rate of wages on an hourly basis shall, at all times, be  
1383 considered the minimum rate for the classification for which it was  
1384 established. Each required employer shall contact the Labor  
1385 Commissioner on or before September first of each year for the duration  
1386 of such contract to ascertain the standard rate of wages to be paid each  
1387 year and shall make any necessary adjustments to such standard  
1388 compensation paid or payable on or before October first, annually.

1389 (h) Where a required employer is awarded a contract to perform  
1390 services that are substantially the same as services that have been  
1391 rendered under a predecessor contract, such required employer shall  
1392 retain, for a period of ninety days, all employees who had been  
1393 employed by the predecessor to perform services under such  
1394 predecessor contract, except that the successor contract need not retain  
1395 employees who worked less than fifteen hours per week or who had  
1396 been employed at the site for less than sixty days. During such ninety-

1397 day period, the successor contract shall not discharge without just cause  
1398 an employee retained pursuant to this subsection. If the performance of  
1399 an employee retained pursuant to this subsection or section 4a-82 is  
1400 satisfactory during the ninety-day period, the successor contractor shall  
1401 offer the employee continued employment for the duration of the  
1402 successor contract under the terms and conditions established by the  
1403 successor contractor, or as required by law. The provisions of this  
1404 subsection shall not apply to any contract covered by section 31-57g or  
1405 subsections (n) and (o) of section 4a-82.

1406 (i) Each required employer subject to the provisions of this section  
1407 shall (1) keep, maintain and preserve such records relating to the wages  
1408 and hours worked by each employee and a schedule of the occupation  
1409 or work classification at which each person is employed during each  
1410 work day and week in such manner and form as the Labor  
1411 Commissioner establishes to assure the proper payments due to such  
1412 employees, [and] (2) annually or upon written request, submit to the  
1413 contracting state agent a certified payroll which shall consist of a  
1414 complete copy of such records accompanied by a statement signed by  
1415 the employer which indicates that (A) such records are correct, (B) the  
1416 rate of wages paid to each employee is not less than the standard rate of  
1417 wages required by this section, (C) such employer has complied with  
1418 the provisions of this section, and (D) such employer is aware that filing  
1419 a certified payroll which it knows to be false is a class D felony for which  
1420 such employer may be fined not more than five thousand dollars or  
1421 imprisoned not more than five years, or both, and (3) and not later than  
1422 the first day upon which work is required to be performed under the  
1423 contract, and for the duration of the contract, post in a prominent and  
1424 accessible place a poster stating (A) the standard rate of wages owed to  
1425 employees under this section, (B) employee rights and remedies for a  
1426 violation of this section, and (C) the contact information of the Labor  
1427 Commissioner. The Labor Commissioner shall develop a suitable a  
1428 poster containing the information described in subdivision (3) of this  
1429 subsection for employers and provide such poster to required

1430 employers. The Labor Commissioner shall post its determinations of the  
1431 corresponding standard rates for each classification on its Internet web  
1432 site. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1-210, the certified  
1433 payroll shall be considered a public record and every person shall have  
1434 the right to inspect and copy such record in accordance with the  
1435 provisions of section 1-212. The provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of  
1436 section 31-59, section 31-66 and section 31-69 which are not inconsistent  
1437 with the provisions of this section shall apply. Any person who files a  
1438 false certified payroll in violation of subdivision (2) of this subsection  
1439 shall be guilty of a class D felony for which such person may be fined  
1440 not more than five thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than five  
1441 years, or both.

1442 (j) This section shall not apply to contracts, agreements or grants  
1443 which do not exceed forty-nine thousand nine hundred ninety-nine  
1444 dollars per annum.

1445 (k) [On receipt of a complaint for nonpayment of the standard rate of  
1446 wages,] Any employee or group of employees and their designated  
1447 representatives alleging nonpayment of the standard rate of wages may  
1448 bring a complaint to the Labor Commissioner. The Labor  
1449 Commissioner, the Director of Wage and Workplace Standards and  
1450 wage enforcement agents of the Labor Department shall have power to  
1451 enter, during usual business hours, the place of business or employment  
1452 of any employer to determine compliance with this section, and for such  
1453 purpose may examine payroll and other records and interview  
1454 employees, call hearings, administer oaths, take testimony under oath  
1455 and take depositions in the manner provided by sections 52-148a to 52-  
1456 148e, inclusive. The commissioner or the director, for such purpose, may  
1457 issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses and the production of  
1458 books and records. Any required employer, an officer or agent of such  
1459 employer, or the officer or agent of any corporation, firm or partnership  
1460 who wilfully fails to furnish time and wage records as required by law  
1461 to the commissioner, the director or any wage enforcement agent upon

1462 request or who refuses to admit the commissioner, the director or such  
1463 agent to a place of employment or who hinders or delays the  
1464 commissioner, the director or such agent in the performance of any  
1465 duties in the enforcement of this section shall be fined not less than  
1466 twenty-five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, and each day of  
1467 such failure to furnish time and wage records to the commissioner, the  
1468 director or such agent shall constitute a separate offense, and each day  
1469 of refusal of admittance, of hindering or of delaying the commissioner,  
1470 the director or such agent shall constitute a separate offense.

1471 (l) An employee or group of employees aggrieved by a violation of  
1472 any provision of this section may, as an alternative to bringing a  
1473 complaint to the Labor Commissioner under subsection (k) of this  
1474 section, bring a civil action in the Superior Court. If the court finds that  
1475 the employer has violated any provision of this section, the court may  
1476 enjoin the employer from engaging in such violation and may order  
1477 such affirmative action as the court deems appropriate, including, but  
1478 not limited to, payment of back pay and the prevailing rate of benefits  
1479 or thirty per cent surcharge, as required by subsection (e) of this section,  
1480 or other equitable relief as the court deems appropriate. The court may  
1481 order compensatory and punitive damages if the court finds that the  
1482 employer committed a violation with malice or with reckless  
1483 indifference to the provisions of this section. Any employee who  
1484 prevails in a civil action may be awarded reasonable attorney's fees and  
1485 costs to be taxed by the court.

1486 [(l)] (m) Notwithstanding subsection (j) of this section, any employer  
1487 that pays the state for a franchise to provide food preparation or service,  
1488 or both, for the state shall be required to certify that the wages and  
1489 benefits paid to its employees are not less than the standard rate  
1490 established pursuant to this section, provided, if no prevailing rate of  
1491 wages or benefits was in effect at the time the state entered into a  
1492 franchise agreement, then the employer shall not be required to pay the  
1493 prevailing rate of wages or benefits during the life of the agreement,

1494 unless the agreement is amended, extended or renewed.

1495 ~~[(m)]~~ (n) The Labor Commissioner may adopt regulations, in  
1496 accordance with chapter 54, to carry out the provisions of this section.

1497 ~~[(n)]~~ (o) The provisions of this section and any regulation adopted  
1498 pursuant to subsection (m) of this section shall not apply to any contract  
1499 or agreement entered into before July 1, 2000.

1500 Sec. 527. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) The Secretary of the State  
1501 may, within available appropriations, develop and conduct a state-wide  
1502 public awareness campaign to educate the public regarding the  
1503 availability of early voting at elections and primaries and to provide  
1504 information to the public concerning such early voting, including, but  
1505 not limited to, the number of days of early voting prior to an election or  
1506 primary, the hours for early voting during such days and the procedures  
1507 for casting a ballot at locations designated for the conduct of early  
1508 voting.

1509 (b) The Secretary of the State shall develop an early voting procedure  
1510 manual, which shall include, but need not be limited to, a model plan  
1511 for the designation and staffing of locations for the conduct of early  
1512 voting, and shall revise such procedure manual as necessary in  
1513 accordance with changes in the law relating to the conduct of early  
1514 voting. The Secretary shall distribute such procedure manual, and any  
1515 revision to such procedure manual, to each registrar of voters and  
1516 municipal clerk and shall publish such procedure manual, and any such  
1517 revision, on the Internet web site of the office of the Secretary of the  
1518 State.

1519 Sec. 528. Subsection (a) of section 3-112 of the general statutes is  
1520 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
1521 *2023*):

1522 (a) The Comptroller shall: (1) Establish and maintain the accounts of

1523 the state government and perform such other duties as are prescribed  
1524 by the Constitution of the state; (2) register all warrants or orders for the  
1525 disbursement of the public money; (3) adjust and settle all demands  
1526 against the state not first adjusted and settled by the General Assembly  
1527 and give orders on the Treasurer for the balance found and allowed; (4)  
1528 prescribe the mode of keeping and rendering all public accounts of  
1529 departments or agencies of the state and of institutions supported by the  
1530 state or receiving state aid by appropriation from the General Assembly;  
1531 (5) prepare and issue effective accounting and payroll manuals for use  
1532 by the various agencies of the state; (6) from time to time, examine and  
1533 state the amount of all debts and credits of the state; present all claims  
1534 in favor of the state against any bankrupt, insolvent debtor or deceased  
1535 person; and institute and maintain suits, in the name of the state, against  
1536 all persons who have received money or property belonging to the state  
1537 and have not accounted for it; [and] (7) administer the Connecticut  
1538 Retirement Security Program, established pursuant to section 31-418;  
1539 and (8) provide a subsidy to paraeducators who open a health savings  
1540 account pursuant to the provisions of section 213 of this act."

1541 Sec. 529. Subsection (b) of section 4a-53 of the general statutes is  
1542 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
1543 *passage*):

1544 (b) Any state agency, with the approval of the Commissioner of  
1545 Administrative Services or [his or her] said commissioner's designee,  
1546 may purchase equipment, supplies, materials and services from (1)  
1547 another state, including an instrumentality or political subdivision of  
1548 another state, or (2) a person who has a contract to sell such property or  
1549 services to other state governments, other branches, divisions or  
1550 departments of this state, political subdivisions of this state, nonprofit  
1551 organizations or public purchasing consortia, in accordance with the  
1552 terms and conditions of such contract.

1553 Sec. 530. Subsection (f) of section 4a-57 of the general statutes is



1554 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
1555 *passage*):

1556 (f) The commissioner shall post any contract entered into under this  
1557 section that has not been subject to competitive bidding or competitive  
1558 negotiation on the Internet web site of the Department of  
1559 Administrative Services, [provided nothing] except for minor  
1560 nonrecurring or emergency purchases in an amount of twenty-five  
1561 thousand dollars or less. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed  
1562 to require the disclosure of any information not required to be disclosed  
1563 under subsection (b) of section 1-210.

1564 Sec. 531. Section 4d-32 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1565 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1566 [(a)] No contractor shall award a subcontract for work under a  
1567 contract or for work under an amendment to a contract without the  
1568 approval of the Commissioner of Administrative Services or a designee  
1569 of (1) the selection of the subcontractor, and (2) the disclosure of the  
1570 provisions of the subcontract.

1571 [(b) Each such contractor shall file a copy of each executed  
1572 subcontract or amendment to the subcontract with the Commissioner of  
1573 Administrative Services, who shall maintain the subcontract or  
1574 amendment as a public record, as defined in section 1-200.]

1575 Sec. 532. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 4a-57 of the general statutes  
1576 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
1577 *October 1, 2023*):

1578 (a) All purchases of, and contracts for, supplies, materials, equipment  
1579 and contractual services, except purchases and contracts made pursuant  
1580 to the provisions of subsection (b) or (d) of this section and public utility  
1581 services as provided in subsection (e) of this section shall be based, when  
1582 possible, on competitive bids or competitive negotiation. The

1583 commissioner shall solicit competitive bids or proposals by providing  
1584 notice of the planned purchase in a form and manner that the  
1585 commissioner determines will maximize public participation in the  
1586 competitive bidding or competitive negotiation process, including  
1587 participation by small contractors, as defined in section 4a-60g, and  
1588 promote competition. In the case of an expenditure that is estimated to  
1589 exceed [fifty] one hundred thousand dollars, such notice shall be posted,  
1590 not less than five calendar days before the final date of submitting bids  
1591 or proposals, on the State Contracting Portal. Each notice of a planned  
1592 purchase under this subsection shall indicate the type of goods and  
1593 services to be purchased and the estimated value of the contract award.  
1594 The notice shall also contain a notice of state contract requirements  
1595 concerning nondiscrimination and affirmative action pursuant to  
1596 section 4a-60 and, when applicable, requirements concerning the  
1597 awarding of contracts to small contractors, minority business  
1598 enterprises, individuals with a disability and nonprofit corporations  
1599 pursuant to section 4a-60g. Each bid and proposal shall be kept sealed  
1600 or secured until opened publicly at the time stated in the notice soliciting  
1601 such bid or proposal.

1602 (b) The commissioner may, at the commissioner's discretion, waive  
1603 the requirement of competitive bidding or competitive negotiation in  
1604 the case of minor nonrecurring or emergency purchases of [ten] twenty-  
1605 five thousand dollars or less in amount.

1606 Sec. 533. Subsection (b) of section 4a-58 of the general statutes is  
1607 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
1608 *1, 2023*):

1609 (b) Whenever an emergency exists by reason of extraordinary  
1610 conditions or contingencies that could not reasonably be foreseen and  
1611 guarded against, or because of unusual trade or market conditions, the  
1612 Commissioner of Administrative Services, or, in the case of purchases,  
1613 leases and contracts for information systems, information technology

1614 personal property and telecommunication systems, the Chief  
1615 Information Officer, may, if it is in the best interests of the state, waive  
1616 the competitive bid or proposal requirements set forth in section 4a-57.  
1617 If any such procurement is estimated to cost [fifty] one hundred  
1618 thousand dollars or more, such waiver shall be subject to the approval  
1619 of the Standardization Committee. A statement of all purchases made  
1620 under the provisions of this section and, in the case of a contract, the  
1621 contract shall be posted on the Internet web site of the Department of  
1622 Administrative Services, provided nothing in this subsection shall be  
1623 construed to require the disclosure of any information not required to  
1624 be disclosed under subsection (b) of section 1-210.

1625 Sec. 534. Subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 4a-60a of the  
1626 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
1627 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1628 (1) Any contractor who has one or more contracts with an awarding  
1629 agency or who is a party to a municipal public works contract or a  
1630 contract for a quasi-public agency project shall include a  
1631 nondiscrimination affirmation provision in the contract certifying that  
1632 the contractor understands the obligations of this section and will  
1633 maintain a policy for the duration of the contract to assure that the  
1634 contract will be performed in conformance with the nondiscrimination  
1635 requirements of this section. The authorized signatory of the contract  
1636 shall demonstrate his or her understanding of this obligation by either  
1637 (A) initialing the nondiscrimination affirmation provision in the body of  
1638 the contract, [or] (B) providing an affirmative response in the required  
1639 online bid or response to a proposal question which asks if the  
1640 contractor understands its obligations, or (C) signing the contract.

1641 Sec. 535. Subsections (m) and (n) of section 10a-151b of the general  
1642 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
1643 (*Effective from passage*):

1644 (m) The chief executive officer of a constituent unit may join with a

1645 federal agency, another state government, other branch, division or  
1646 department of this state, another constituent unit, political subdivision  
1647 of this state or private or nonprofit organization in a cooperative  
1648 purchasing plan when the best interests of the state would be served by  
1649 such plan.

1650 (n) The state, through the chief executive officer of a constituent unit,  
1651 may purchase equipment, supplies, materials and services from a  
1652 person who has a contract to sell such property or services to a federal  
1653 agency, another state government, other branch, division or department  
1654 of this state, another constituent unit, political subdivision of this state,  
1655 nonprofit organization or private or public purchasing consortium, in  
1656 accordance with the terms and conditions of such contract.

1657 Sec. 536. Subsections (b) and (c) of section 10a-151b of the general  
1658 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
1659 (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

1660 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, purchases  
1661 made pursuant to this section shall be based, when possible, on  
1662 competitive bids or competitive negotiation. Such chief executive officer  
1663 shall solicit competitive bids or proposals by sending notice to  
1664 prospective suppliers and by posting notice on a public bulletin board  
1665 in such officer's office. Such notice shall contain a notice of state contract  
1666 requirements pursuant to section 4a-60. Each bid or proposal shall be  
1667 kept sealed until opened publicly at the time stated in the notice  
1668 soliciting such bid or proposal. Sealed bids or proposals shall include  
1669 bids or proposals sealed within an envelope or maintained within a safe  
1670 and secure electronic environment until such time as they are publicly  
1671 opened. If the amount of the expenditure is estimated to exceed [fifty]  
1672 one hundred thousand dollars, not later than five calendar days before  
1673 the final date of submitting competitive bids or proposals, competitive  
1674 bids or proposals shall be solicited by public notice posted on the  
1675 Internet. All purchases [fifty] one hundred thousand dollars or less in

1676 amount shall be made in the open market, but shall, when possible, be  
1677 based on at least three competitive quotations. If desired by the  
1678 constituent unit, competitive quotations may include quotations  
1679 submitted to the constituent unit within a safe and secure electronic  
1680 environment. The constituent unit shall not refuse to consider a bid,  
1681 proposal or quotation because it is not submitted electronically.

1682 (c) Competitive bidding or competitive negotiation is not required in  
1683 the case of (1) minor purchases of [ten] twenty-five thousand dollars or  
1684 less in amount, (2) purchases made pursuant to subsection (k) of this  
1685 section, (3) emergency purchases, (4) agricultural purchases of dairy  
1686 products, poultry, farm-raised seafood, beef, pork, lamb, eggs, fruits,  
1687 vegetables or other farm products in an amount of fifty thousand dollars  
1688 or less, or (5) a qualified contract, as described in subdivision (1) of  
1689 subsection (b) of section 10a-151f, that is entered into pursuant to the  
1690 policies adopted by either the Board of Trustees of The University of  
1691 Connecticut or the Board of Regents for Higher Education pursuant to  
1692 section 10a-151g. Whenever an emergency exists by reason of  
1693 extraordinary conditions or contingencies that could not reasonably be  
1694 foreseen and guarded against, or because of unusual trade or market  
1695 conditions, the chief executive officer may, if it is for the best interest of  
1696 the state, make purchases without competitive bidding. A statement of  
1697 all emergency purchases made under the provisions of this subsection  
1698 shall be set forth in the annual report of the chief executive officer. The  
1699 chief executive officer, when making an agricultural purchase in  
1700 accordance with subdivision (4) of this subsection, shall give preference  
1701 to dairy products, poultry, farm-raised seafood, beef, pork, lamb, eggs,  
1702 fruits, vegetables or other farm products grown or produced in this state  
1703 when such products, poultry, farm-raised seafood, beef, pork, lamb,  
1704 eggs, fruits or vegetables are comparable in cost to other dairy products,  
1705 poultry, eggs, fruits or vegetables being considered for purchase by the  
1706 chief executive officer that have not been grown or produced in this  
1707 state.

1708 Sec. 537. Subdivision (9) of subsection (c) of section 10a-109n of the  
1709 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
1710 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1711 (9) (A) The university shall not enter into a construction manager at-  
1712 risk project delivery contract that does not provide for a maximum  
1713 guaranteed price for the cost of construction which shall be determined  
1714 not later than the time of the receipt and approval by the university of  
1715 the trade contractor bids. Each construction manager at-risk shall invite  
1716 bids and give notice of opportunities to bid on project elements, by  
1717 posting any such invitation or notice on the State Contracting Portal.  
1718 Each bid shall be kept sealed until opened publicly at the time and place  
1719 as set forth in the notice soliciting such bid. The construction manager  
1720 at-risk shall, after consultation with and approval by the university,  
1721 award any related contracts for project elements to the responsible  
1722 qualified contractor, who shall be prequalified pursuant to section 4a-  
1723 100, submitting the lowest bid in compliance with the bid requirements,  
1724 provided [(A)] (i) the construction manager at-risk shall not be eligible  
1725 to submit a bid for any such project element, and [(B)] (ii) construction  
1726 shall not begin prior to the determination of the maximum guaranteed  
1727 price, except (I) for the project elements of site preparation and  
1728 demolition that have been previously put out to bid and awarded, and  
1729 (II) for the project elements of site preparation, demolition, public utility  
1730 installation and connections and building envelope components,  
1731 including the roof, doors, windows and exterior walls, as provided in  
1732 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision.

1733 (B) Construction may begin prior to the determination of the  
1734 maximum guaranteed price for the project elements of site preparation,  
1735 demolition, public utility installation and connections and building  
1736 envelope components, including the roof, doors, windows and exterior  
1737 walls, provided (i) the project involves the renovation of an existing  
1738 building or facility; (ii) the project element or elements involved in such  
1739 early work have been previously put out to bid and awarded; and (iii)

1740 the total cost of construction of the early work does not exceed twenty-  
1741 five per cent of the estimated cost of construction for the entire project.

1742 (C) If such project involves the renovation of an existing building or  
1743 facility that will be performed in multiple phases while such building or  
1744 facility remains occupied, the university may enter into a construction  
1745 manager at-risk project delivery contract that provides for the  
1746 maximum guaranteed price to be determined for each phase of the  
1747 project, prior to beginning each such phase, provided each party to the  
1748 contract complies with all of the requirements of subparagraph (A) of  
1749 this subdivision, except the timing of the determination of the maximum  
1750 guaranteed price set forth in subparagraph (A)(ii) of this subdivision.

1751 Sec. 538. Subdivisions (2) to (4), inclusive, of subsection (c) of section  
1752 10a-109n of the general statutes are repealed and the following is  
1753 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

1754 (2) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph [(B)] (D) of this  
1755 subdivision, any total cost basis contract or other contract for the  
1756 construction of a university project which is estimated to cost more than  
1757 five hundred thousand dollars, shall be publicly let by the university.  
1758 The university shall give notice to contractors interested in  
1759 [prequalifying to submit] submitting a project proposal or bid, by  
1760 posting any such notice on the university web site and on the State  
1761 Contracting Portal. The notice to [prequalify] contractors shall contain  
1762 (i) the requirement that contractors be prequalified pursuant to section  
1763 4a-100, or subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, as applicable to such  
1764 contract, (ii) a statement of the time and place where the responses shall  
1765 be received, and (iii) such additional information as the university  
1766 deems appropriate. Upon receipt of such responses, the university shall  
1767 select [each] any contractor who (I) to the extent required pursuant to  
1768 the provisions of section 4b-91, has been prequalified pursuant to  
1769 section 4a-100, [and] (II) has shown itself able to post surety bonds  
1770 required by such contract, [and] (III) has [demonstrated that it possesses

1771 the financial, managerial and technical ability and the integrity  
1772 necessary and without conflict of interest for faithful and efficient  
1773 performance of the work provided for therein. The] no conflict of  
1774 interest in the performance of work required by such contract, and (IV)  
1775 for any such contract that is estimated to cost more than one million  
1776 dollars, has been prequalified by the university pursuant to  
1777 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision.

1778 (B) For any contract subject to the provisions of subparagraph (A) of  
1779 this subdivision that is estimated to cost more than one million dollars,  
1780 the university shall [evaluate] prequalify each contractor by evaluating  
1781 whether [each] (i) such contractor (I) has demonstrated that it possesses  
1782 the financial, managerial and technical ability and integrity necessary to  
1783 faithfully and efficiently perform work for the university in accordance  
1784 with the requirements set forth in the prequalification application  
1785 issued by the university, and (II) is responsible and qualified based on  
1786 its experience with projects similar to that for which the bid or proposal  
1787 is to be submitted and based on objective written criteria included in the  
1788 [application to request prequalification with respect to such contract.  
1789 The university shall also consider whether a contractor, and]  
1790 prequalification application issued by the university, and (ii) any  
1791 subcontractor on the contractor's previous projects, has been in  
1792 compliance with the provisions of part III of chapter 557 and chapter 558  
1793 during the previous five calendar years. The university, in its discretion,  
1794 may include additional qualification requirements in the notice posted  
1795 pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this subdivision.

1796 (C) The university may issue a confirmation of prequalification for  
1797 contracts subject to the provisions of this subdivision to any contractor  
1798 who meets the requirements set forth in subparagraph (B) of this  
1799 subdivision. Such confirmation of prequalification shall be effective for  
1800 one year from the date of issuance and, upon receipt of a completed  
1801 renewal application and any other materials as prescribed by the  
1802 university, may be renewed for a period not exceeding two years.



1803        [(B)] (D) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (A) of this  
1804 subdivision, the board of trustees may approve a total cost basis contract  
1805 or other contract for the construction of a university project which is  
1806 estimated to cost more than five hundred thousand dollars that has not  
1807 been publicly let pursuant to the provisions of said subparagraph (A),  
1808 provided the board deems the contract to address an emergency.

1809        (3) [The university shall thereafter give notice to those so prequalified  
1810 by the university pursuant to subdivision (2) of this section of the time  
1811 and place where the public letting shall occur and shall include in such  
1812 notice such information of the work required as appropriate.] Each bid  
1813 or proposal shall be kept sealed until opened publicly at the time and  
1814 place as set forth in the notice soliciting such bid or proposal. The  
1815 university shall not award any construction contract, including, but not  
1816 limited to, any total cost basis contract, after public letting, except to the  
1817 responsible qualified contractor, submitting the lowest bid or proposal  
1818 in compliance with the bid or proposal requirements of the solicitation  
1819 document. The university may, however, waive any informality in a bid  
1820 or proposal, and may either reject all bids or proposals and again  
1821 advertise for bids or proposals or interview at least three responsible  
1822 qualified contractors and negotiate and enter into with any one of such  
1823 contractors that construction contract which is both fair and reasonable  
1824 to the university.

1825        (4) The [notice to each contractor prequalified to submit a proposal or  
1826 bid and the] construction contract, including each total cost basis  
1827 contract, awarded by the university shall contain such other terms and  
1828 conditions, and such provisions for penalties as the university may  
1829 deem appropriate.

1830        Sec. 539. Subdivision (10) of subsection (c) of section 10a-109n of the  
1831 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
1832 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

1833        (10) If the university designates a project as suitable for a design-build

1834 contract, the university may enter into a single contract with a design-  
1835 builder recommended by a selection panel and selected by the  
1836 university. The university shall give notice of such project and  
1837 specifications for such project by posting such notice on the State  
1838 Contracting Portal. The university shall establish a selection panel for  
1839 each project to score the qualifications and past performance of each  
1840 design-builder who submits a competitive proposal to the university for  
1841 such project. The selection panel shall score the qualifications and past  
1842 performance of each design-builder using a predetermined scoring  
1843 method developed by the university and provided to each design-  
1844 builder in advance of such design-builder's development of the  
1845 competitive proposal. The selection panel's scoring method may be  
1846 unique to each project, but shall consist of combining the score of each  
1847 design-builder's qualifications and past performance and evaluating the  
1848 technical merit of the competitive proposal and each design-builder's  
1849 projected project cost. The design-build contract shall (A) include, but  
1850 not be limited to, such project elements as permitting, engineering,  
1851 design, construction and, if applicable, site acquisition, and (B) be based  
1852 on the competitive proposal submitted by the design-builder that is  
1853 selected by the university. No design-build contract for which the total  
1854 cost is estimated to be more than [five hundred thousand dollars] the  
1855 amount set forth in subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 4b-91 may  
1856 be awarded to a design-builder who is not prequalified for the project  
1857 in accordance with section 4a-100. Such design-build contracts shall  
1858 state the responsibilities of the design-builder to deliver a completed  
1859 and acceptable project on a date certain and the maximum costs of the  
1860 project and, if applicable, as a separate item, the cost of any site  
1861 acquisition. The university shall determine all other requirements and  
1862 conditions for such competitive proposals, selection of a design-builder  
1863 and other awards and shall have sole responsibility for all other aspects  
1864 of such design-build contracts.

1865 Sec. 540. Subsection (a) of section 4a-100 of the general statutes is  
1866 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*

1867 1, 2023):

1868 (a) As used in this section: (1) "Prequalification" means  
1869 prequalification issued by the Commissioner of Administrative Services  
1870 to bid on a contract or perform work pursuant to a contract for the  
1871 construction, reconstruction, alteration, remodeling, repair or  
1872 demolition of any public building or any other public work by the state  
1873 or a municipality, except a public highway or bridge project or any other  
1874 construction project administered by the Department of Transportation,  
1875 or to perform work under such a contract as a substantial subcontractor;  
1876 (2) "subcontractor" means a person who performs work with a value in  
1877 excess of twenty-five thousand dollars for a contractor pursuant to a  
1878 contract for work for the state or a municipality which is estimated to  
1879 cost more than [five hundred thousand] one million dollars; (3)  
1880 "principals and key personnel" includes officers, directors, shareholders,  
1881 members, partners and managerial employees; (4) "aggregate work  
1882 capacity rating" means the maximum amount of work an applicant is  
1883 capable of undertaking for any and all projects; (5) "single project limit"  
1884 means the highest estimated cost of a single project that an applicant is  
1885 capable of undertaking; (6) "contract" means an agreement for work for  
1886 the state or a municipality that is estimated to cost more than [five  
1887 hundred thousand] one million dollars and is funded, in whole or in  
1888 part, by state funds; and (7) "substantial subcontractor" means a person  
1889 who performs work with a value in excess of [five hundred thousand]  
1890 one million dollars for a contractor pursuant to a contract for work for  
1891 the state or a municipality which is estimated to cost more than [five  
1892 hundred thousand] one million dollars.

1893 Sec. 541. Subsection (c) of section 4a-101 of the general statutes is  
1894 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
1895 *1, 2023*):

1896 (c) As used in this section, "public agency" means a public agency, as  
1897 defined in section 1-200, "contract" means an agreement for work for the

1898 state or a municipality that is estimated to cost more than [five hundred  
1899 thousand] one million dollars and is funded, in whole or in part, by state  
1900 funds, "subcontractor" means a person who performs work with a value  
1901 in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars for a contractor pursuant to a  
1902 contract and "substantial subcontractor" means a substantial  
1903 subcontractor, as defined in section 4a-100.

1904 Sec. 542. Subsection (a) of section 4b-91 of the general statutes is  
1905 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
1906 *1, 2023*):

1907 (a) (1) As used in this section, "prequalification classification" means  
1908 the prequalification classifications established by the Commissioner of  
1909 Administrative Services pursuant to section 4a-100, "public agency" has  
1910 the same meaning as provided in section 1-200, "awarding authority"  
1911 means the Department of Administrative Services, except "awarding  
1912 authority" means (A) the Joint Committee on Legislative Management,  
1913 in the case of a contract for the construction of or work on a building or  
1914 other public work under the supervision and control of the joint  
1915 committee, (B) a constituent unit of the state system of higher education,  
1916 in the case of a contract for the construction of or work on a building or  
1917 other public work under the supervision and control of such constituent  
1918 unit, or (C) the Military Department, in the case of a contract for the  
1919 construction of or work on a building or other public work under the  
1920 supervision and control of said department and "community court  
1921 project", "downtown Hartford higher education center project",  
1922 "correctional facility project", "juvenile residential center project" and  
1923 "priority higher education facility project" have the same meanings as  
1924 provided in section 4b-55.

1925 (2) Except as provided in subdivision (3) of this subsection, every  
1926 contract for the construction, reconstruction, alteration, remodeling,  
1927 repair or demolition of any public building or any other public work by  
1928 the state that is estimated to cost more than [five hundred thousand] one

1929 million dollars shall be awarded to the lowest responsible and qualified  
1930 general bidder who is prequalified pursuant to section 4a-100 on the  
1931 basis of competitive bids in accordance with the procedures set forth in  
1932 this chapter, after the awarding authority has invited such bids by  
1933 posting notice on the State Contracting Portal. The awarding authority  
1934 shall indicate the prequalification classification required for the contract  
1935 in such notice.

1936 (3) The requirements set forth in subdivision (2) of this subsection  
1937 shall not apply to (A) a public highway or bridge project or any other  
1938 construction project administered by the Department of Transportation,  
1939 or (B) a contract awarded by the Commissioner of Administrative  
1940 Services for (i) any public building or other public works project  
1941 administered by the Department of Administrative Services that is  
1942 estimated to cost one million five hundred thousand dollars or less, (ii)  
1943 a community court project, (iii) the downtown Hartford higher  
1944 education center project, (iv) a correctional facility project, (v) a juvenile  
1945 residential center project, or (vi) a student residential facility for the  
1946 Connecticut State University System that is a priority higher education  
1947 facility project.

1948 (4) Every contract for the construction, reconstruction, alteration,  
1949 remodeling, repair or demolition of any public building or any other  
1950 public work by a public agency that is paid for, in whole or in part, with  
1951 state funds and that is estimated to cost more than [five hundred  
1952 thousand] one million dollars shall be awarded to a bidder that is  
1953 prequalified pursuant to section 4a-100 after the public agency has  
1954 invited such bids by posting notice on the State Contracting Portal,  
1955 except for (A) a public highway or bridge project or any other  
1956 construction project administered by the Department of Transportation,  
1957 or (B) any public building or other public works project administered by  
1958 the Department of Administrative Services that is estimated to cost one  
1959 million five hundred thousand dollars or less. The awarding authority  
1960 or public agency, as the case may be, shall indicate the prequalification

1961 classification required for the contract in such notice.

1962 (5) (A) The Commissioner of Administrative Services may select  
1963 contractors to be on lists established for the purpose of providing  
1964 contractor services for the construction, reconstruction, alteration,  
1965 remodeling, repair or demolition of any public building or other public  
1966 works project administered by the Department of Administrative  
1967 Services involving an expense to the state of one million five hundred  
1968 thousand dollars or less. The commissioner shall use the  
1969 prequalification classifications established pursuant to section 4a-100 to  
1970 determine the specific categories of services that contractors may  
1971 perform after being selected in accordance with this subparagraph and  
1972 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision and awarded a contract in  
1973 accordance with subparagraph (C) of this subdivision. The  
1974 commissioner may establish a separate list for projects involving an  
1975 expense to the state of less than [five hundred thousand] one million  
1976 dollars for the purpose of selecting and utilizing the services of small  
1977 contractors and minority business enterprises, as such terms are defined  
1978 in section 4a-60g.

1979 (B) The commissioner shall invite contractors to submit qualifications  
1980 for each specific category of services sought by the department by  
1981 posting notice of such invitation on the State Contracting Portal. The  
1982 notice shall be in the form determined by the commissioner, and shall  
1983 set forth the information that a contractor is required to submit to be  
1984 considered for selection. Upon receipt of the submittal from the  
1985 contractor, the commissioner shall select, for each specified category,  
1986 those contractors who (i) are determined to be the most responsible and  
1987 qualified, as such terms are defined in section 4b-92, to perform the  
1988 work required under the specified category, (ii) have demonstrated the  
1989 skill, ability and integrity to fulfill contract obligations considering their  
1990 past performance, financial responsibility and experience with projects  
1991 of the size, scope and complexity required by the state under the  
1992 specified category, and (iii) for projects with a cost exceeding [five

1993 hundred thousand] one million dollars, have the ability to obtain the  
1994 requisite bonding. The commissioner shall establish the duration that  
1995 each list remains in effect, which in no event may exceed three years.

1996 (C) For any public building or public works project involving an  
1997 expense to the state of one million five hundred thousand dollars or less,  
1998 the commissioner shall invite bids from only those contractors selected  
1999 pursuant to subparagraphs (A) and (B) of this subdivision for the  
2000 specific category of services required for the particular project. The  
2001 commissioner shall determine the form of bid invitation, the manner of,  
2002 and time for, submission of bids, and the conditions and requirements  
2003 of such bids. The contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible  
2004 and qualified bidder, subject to the provisions of sections 4b-92 and 4b-  
2005 94. In the event that fewer than three bids are received in response to an  
2006 invitation to bid under this subdivision, or that all the bids are in excess  
2007 of the amount of available funds for the project, the commissioner may  
2008 negotiate a contract with any of the contractors submitting a bid, or  
2009 reject the bids received and rebid the project in accordance with this  
2010 section.

2011 Sec. 543. Subsection (j) of section 4b-91 of the general statutes is  
2012 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
2013 *1, 2023*):

2014 (j) No person whose subcontract exceeds [five hundred thousand]  
2015 one million dollars in value may perform work as a subcontractor on a  
2016 project for the construction, reconstruction, alteration, remodeling,  
2017 repair or demolition of any public building or any other public work by  
2018 the state or a municipality, except a public highway or bridge project or  
2019 any other construction project administered by the Department of  
2020 Transportation, which project is estimated to cost more than [five  
2021 hundred thousand] one million dollars and is paid for, in whole or in  
2022 part, with state funds, unless, at the time of the bid submission, the  
2023 person is prequalified in accordance with section 4a-100. The provisions

2024 of this subsection shall not apply to the downtown Hartford higher  
2025 education center project.

2026       Sec. 544. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2023*) (a) As used in this section,  
2027 "contract" means a contract for the construction, reconstruction,  
2028 alteration, remodeling, repair or demolition of any public building or  
2029 any other public work by the state or a municipality that is funded, in  
2030 whole or in part, by state funds, except a public highway or bridge  
2031 project or any other construction project administered by the  
2032 Department of Transportation. Any bid of a contractor or substantial  
2033 contractor on a contract to perform work with a value of more than five  
2034 hundred thousand dollars but less than one million dollars in response  
2035 to an invitation to bid issued by the Commissioner of Administrative  
2036 Services, shall include the following information: (1) The bidder's form  
2037 of organization; (2) the bidder's principals and key personnel and any  
2038 names under which the bidder, principals or key personnel conducted  
2039 business during the past five years; (3) any legal or administrative  
2040 proceedings settled or concluded adversely against the bidder or any of  
2041 the bidder's principals or key personnel within the past five years which  
2042 relate to the procurement or performance of any public or private  
2043 construction contract; (4) any legal or administrative proceedings  
2044 concluded adversely against the bidder or any of the bidder's principals  
2045 or key personnel within the past five years which relate to the  
2046 nonpayment or underpayment of wages or benefits to the bidder's,  
2047 principal's or key personnel's employees during the performance of any  
2048 public or private construction contract; (5) any administrative  
2049 proceedings that concluded adversely against the bidder during the  
2050 past five years with the imposition of any civil penalties pursuant to  
2051 section 31-69a of the general statutes or the issuance of any stop work  
2052 orders pursuant to section 31-288 of the general statutes; (6) a statement  
2053 of whether (A) the bidder has been disqualified pursuant to section 4a-  
2054 100, 4b-95, 31-57c or 31-57d of the general statutes, (B) the bidder is  
2055 disqualified or prohibited from being awarded a contract pursuant to  
2056 section 31-57b of the general statutes, (C) the bidder has been



2057 disqualified by another state, (D) the bidder has been disqualified by a  
2058 federal agency or pursuant to federal law, (E) the bidder's registration  
2059 has been suspended or revoked by the Department of Consumer  
2060 Protection pursuant to section 20-341gg of the general statutes, (F) the  
2061 bidder has been disqualified by a municipality, and (G) the matters that  
2062 gave rise to any such disqualification, suspension or revocation have  
2063 been eliminated or remedied; and (7) other information as the  
2064 commissioner deems relevant to the determination of the bidder's  
2065 qualifications and responsibilities. Any failure to disclose any of the  
2066 information required under this subsection shall disqualify a contractor  
2067 or substantial subcontractor from any associated bid on a contract.

2068 (b) Any employer performing work under a contract pursuant to  
2069 subsection (a) of this section shall participate in a workforce  
2070 development program in which newly hired employees and existing  
2071 employees are given the opportunity to develop skills. Such program  
2072 may include, but need not be limited to: (1) An apprenticeship training  
2073 through an apprenticeship program registered with the Labor  
2074 Department or a federally recognized state apprenticeship agency that  
2075 complies with the requirements of 29 CFR 29 and 29 CFR 30, as each  
2076 may be amended from time to time, and (2) pre-apprenticeship training  
2077 that will enable students to qualify for registered apprenticeship  
2078 training.

2079 (c) Not later than October 1, 2023, and annually thereafter, the  
2080 Commissioner of Administrative Services shall hold one training  
2081 session for the purpose of discussing state contracting requirements.

2082 Sec. 545. Section 3-36f of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2083 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

2084 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, to the  
2085 extent permitted by federal law no [moneys invested in the]  
2086 disbursements from Connecticut Baby Bond Trust shall be considered  
2087 to be an asset or income for purposes of determining an individual's

2088 eligibility for assistance under any program administered by the  
2089 [Department of Social Services] state.

2090 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, no  
2091 [moneys invested in] disbursements from the trust shall be considered  
2092 to be an asset for purposes of determining an individual's eligibility for  
2093 need-based, institutional aid grants offered to an individual at the  
2094 public eligible educational institutions in the state.

2095 Sec. 546. Section 3-36g of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2096 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

2097 [(a) The Treasurer shall establish in the Connecticut Baby Bond Trust  
2098 an accounting for each designated beneficiary. Each such accounting  
2099 shall include the amount transferred to the trust pursuant to section 3-  
2100 36h, plus the designated beneficiary's pro rata share of total net earnings  
2101 from investments of sums held in the trust.]

2102 [(b)] (a) Upon a designated beneficiary's eighteenth birthday and  
2103 completion of a financial literacy requirement as prescribed by the  
2104 Treasurer, such beneficiary shall become eligible to [receive the total  
2105 sum of the accounting under subsection (a) of this section to be used for  
2106 an eligible expenditure. The Treasurer may adopt regulations, in  
2107 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to carry out the purposes  
2108 of this section] request an amount, to be used for payment of an eligible  
2109 expenditure, of up to the total sum of the amount allocated or  
2110 transferred, as applicable, on behalf of the designated beneficiary  
2111 pursuant to section 3-36h, plus the designated beneficiary's pro rata  
2112 share of the total net earnings from investments of sums held in the trust  
2113 at the time of disbursement.

2114 [(c)] (b) A designated beneficiary may submit a claim [for such  
2115 accounting until his or her thirtieth birthday,] pursuant to subsection (a)  
2116 of this section, in such form and manner as prescribed by the Treasurer,  
2117 until such designated beneficiary's thirtieth birthday, provided such

2118 designated beneficiary is a resident of the state at the time of such claim.  
2119 If a designated beneficiary (1) is deceased before submitting a valid  
2120 claim, or (2) fails to submit a valid claim, as determined by the Treasurer,  
2121 before [his or her thirtieth birthday, such accounting shall be credited  
2122 back to the assets of the trust] such designated beneficiary's thirtieth  
2123 birthday, the sum such designated beneficiary was eligible to claim shall  
2124 be retained by the trust to credit to designated beneficiaries born in  
2125 subsequent years.

2126 [(d) Subject to obtaining adequate consent authorizing the disclosure  
2127 of confidential information related to designated beneficiaries in  
2128 accordance with all applicable state or federal laws, the] (c) The  
2129 Treasurer and the Department of Social Services shall enter into a  
2130 memorandum of understanding to establish information sharing  
2131 practices in accordance with all applicable state or federal laws in order  
2132 to carry out the purposes of [public act 21-111] sections 3-36b to 3-36h,  
2133 inclusive.

2134 Sec. 547. Section 3-36h of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2135 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

2136 [Upon the birth of a designated beneficiary, the Treasurer may  
2137 transfer up to three thousand two hundred dollars from the bond  
2138 proceeds issued pursuant to section 3-36i to the trust to be credited  
2139 toward the accounting of such designated beneficiary as described in  
2140 section 3-36g. For any year in which the funds made available pursuant  
2141 to section 3-36i is insufficient to provide such amount per beneficiary  
2142 the amount so transferred shall be reduced pro rata.] Notwithstanding  
2143 any provision of the general statutes, the Department of Social Services  
2144 shall, not later September 1, 2024, and not later than September first  
2145 annually thereafter, inform the Treasurer of the number of designated  
2146 beneficiaries born in the prior fiscal year. After receiving such number,  
2147 the Treasurer my transfer up to three thousand two hundred dollars in  
2148 the trust for each designated beneficiary born in the prior fiscal year and

2149 transfer such money to any fund established pursuant to section 3-36c  
2150 to achieve the purpose of this section for such beneficiary.

2151 Sec. 548. Section 3-13c of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2152 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

2153 [Trust funds as] As used in sections 3-13 to 3-13e, inclusive, and 3-  
2154 31b<sub>2</sub>, [shall be construed to include] "trust funds" includes the  
2155 Connecticut Municipal Employees' Retirement Fund A, the Connecticut  
2156 Municipal Employees' Retirement Fund B, the Soldiers, Sailors and  
2157 Marines Fund, the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Trust Fund, the  
2158 State's Attorneys' Retirement Fund, the Teachers' Annuity Fund, the  
2159 Teachers' Pension Fund, the Teachers' Survivorship and Dependency  
2160 Fund, the School Fund, the State Employees Retirement Fund, the  
2161 Hospital Insurance Fund, the Policemen and Firemen Survivor's Benefit  
2162 Fund, any trust fund described in subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of  
2163 section 7-450 that is administered, held or invested by the State  
2164 Treasurer, the Connecticut Baby Bond Trust and all other trust funds  
2165 administered, held or invested by the State Treasurer.

2166 Sec. 549. Section 19 of public act 23-5 is repealed. (*Effective July 1,*  
2167 *2023*)"

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 152	<i>from passage</i>	3-36a
Sec. 153	<i>from passage</i>	3-36b
Sec. 154	<i>from passage</i>	3-36c
Sec. 155	<i>from passage</i>	3-36e
Sec. 275	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	15-120nn(c)
Sec. 385	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 501	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 502	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 503	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 504	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section

Sec. 505	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section
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Sec. 514	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 515	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 516	<i>January 1, 2024</i>	New section
Sec. 517	<i>January 1, 2024</i>	New section
Sec. 518	<i>January 1, 2024</i>	New section
Sec. 519	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 520	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 521	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 522	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 523	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 524	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 525	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 526	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	31-57f
Sec. 527	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 528	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	3-112(a)
Sec. 529	<i>from passage</i>	4a-53(b)
Sec. 530	<i>from passage</i>	4a-57(f)
Sec. 531	<i>from passage</i>	4d-32
Sec. 532	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	4a-57(a) and (b)
Sec. 533	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	4a-58(b)
Sec. 534	<i>from passage</i>	4a-60a(b)(1)
Sec. 535	<i>from passage</i>	10a-151b(m) and (n)
Sec. 536	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	10a-151b(b) and (c)
Sec. 537	<i>from passage</i>	10a-109n(c)(9)
Sec. 538	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	10a-109n(c)(2) to (4)
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