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**Substitute Bill No. 5299**



**AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR  
REVISIONS TO THE JOBSCT PROGRAM AND THE COMMERCE  
STATUTES.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 32-7t of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes  
2 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
3 *passage*):

4 (a) As used in this section:

5 (1) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Economic and  
6 Community Development;

7 (2) "Discretionary FTE" means an FTE that is paid qualified wages  
8 and does not meet the threshold wage requirements to be a qualified  
9 FTE but is approved by the commissioner pursuant to subdivision (4) of  
10 subsection (c) of this section;

11 (3) "Distressed municipality" has the same meaning as provided in  
12 section 32-9p;

13 (4) "Full-time equivalent" or "FTE" means the number of employees  
14 employed at a qualified business, calculated in accordance with  
15 subsection (d) of this section;

16 (5) "Full-time job" means a job in which an employee is required to  
17 work at least thirty-five or more hours per week. "Full-time job" does  
18 not include a temporary or seasonal job;

19 (6) "Intellectual disability" has the same meaning as provided in  
20 section 1-1g;

21 (7) "Median household income" means the median annual household  
22 income for residents in a municipality as calculated from the U.S.  
23 Census Bureau's five-year American Community Survey or another  
24 data source, at the sole discretion of the commissioner;

25 (8) "New employee" means a person or persons hired by the qualified  
26 business to fill a full-time equivalent position. A new employee does not  
27 include a person who was employed in this state by a related person  
28 with respect to the qualified business within twelve months prior to a  
29 qualified business's application to the commissioner for a rebate  
30 allocation notice for a job creation rebate pursuant to subsection (c) of  
31 this section;

32 (9) "New FTEs" means the number of FTEs that (A) did not exist in  
33 this state at the time of a qualified business's application to the  
34 commissioner for a rebate allocation notice for a job creation rebate  
35 pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, (B) are not the result of FTEs  
36 acquired due to a merger or acquisition, (C) are filled by a new  
37 employee, (D) are qualified FTEs, and (E) are not FTEs hired to replace  
38 FTEs that existed in the state [after January 1, 2020] within the two-year  
39 period occurring immediately prior to the date a qualified business  
40 submits an application to the commissioner for a rebate pursuant to  
41 subsection (c) of this section. The commissioner may issue guidance on  
42 the implementation of this definition;

43 (10) "New FTEs created" means the number of new FTEs that the  
44 qualified business is employing at a point-in-time at the end of the  
45 relevant time period;

46 (11) "New FTEs maintained" means the total number of new FTEs

47 employed throughout a relevant time period;

48 (12) "Opportunity zone" means a population census tract that is a  
49 low-income community that is designated as a "qualified opportunity  
50 zone" pursuant to the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, P.L. 115-97, as  
51 amended from time to time;

52 (13) "Part-time job" means a job in which an employee is required to  
53 work less than thirty-five hours per week. "Part-time job" does not  
54 include a temporary or seasonal job;

55 (14) "Qualified business" means a person that is (A) engaged in  
56 business in an industry related to finance, insurance, manufacturing,  
57 clean energy, bioscience, technology, digital media or any similar  
58 industry, as determined by the sole discretion of the commissioner, and  
59 (B) subject to taxation under chapter 207, 208 or 228z;

60 (15) "Qualified FTE" means an FTE who is paid qualified wages of (A)  
61 at least eighty-five per cent of the median household income for the  
62 location where the FTE position is primarily located, scaled in  
63 proportion to the FTE fraction, or [thirty-seven thousand five hundred  
64 dollars] the product of one hundred twenty per cent of the minimum  
65 fair wage, as defined in section 31-58, on the date a qualified business  
66 submits an application to the commissioner for a rebate pursuant to  
67 subsection (c) of this section multiplied by two thousand hours, scaled  
68 in proportion to the FTE fraction, whichever is greater, or (B) at least one  
69 hundred per cent of the median household income for the municipality  
70 with the lowest median household income of all municipalities that are  
71 contiguous to the municipality where the FTE position is primarily  
72 located, scaled in proportion to the FTE fraction, or one hundred per  
73 cent of the state-wide median household income, scaled in proportion  
74 to the FTE fraction, whichever is greater;

75 (16) "Qualified wages" means wages sourced to this state pursuant to  
76 section 12-705;

77 (17) "Rebate period" means the calendar years in which a tax rebate

78 provided for in this section is to be paid pursuant to a rebate allocation  
79 notice issued pursuant to subsection (c) of this section; and

80 (18) "Related person" means (A) a corporation, limited liability  
81 company, partnership, association or trust controlled by the qualified  
82 business, (B) an individual, corporation, limited liability company,  
83 partnership, association or trust that is in control of the qualified  
84 business, (C) a corporation, limited liability company, partnership,  
85 association or trust controlled by an individual, corporation, limited  
86 liability company, partnership, association or trust that is in control of  
87 the qualified business, or (D) a member of the same controlled group as  
88 the qualified business. For the purposes of this subdivision, "control"  
89 means (i) ownership, directly or indirectly, of stock possessing fifty per  
90 cent or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of the  
91 stock of a corporation entitled to vote, (ii) ownership, directly or  
92 indirectly, of fifty per cent or more of the capital or profits interest in a  
93 partnership, limited liability company or association, or (iii) ownership,  
94 directly or indirectly, of fifty per cent or more of the beneficial interest  
95 in the principal or income of a trust. The ownership of stock in a  
96 corporation, of a capital or profits interest in a partnership, of a limited  
97 liability company or association or of a beneficial interest in a trust shall  
98 be determined in accordance with the rules for constructive ownership  
99 of stock provided in Section 267(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986,  
100 or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United  
101 States, as amended from time to time, other than paragraph (3) of said  
102 section.

103 (b) There is established a JobsCT tax rebate program under which  
104 qualified businesses that create jobs in this state, in accordance with the  
105 provisions of this section, may be allowed a tax rebate, which shall be  
106 treated as a credit against the tax imposed under chapter 208 or 228z or  
107 as an offset of the tax imposed under chapter 207.

108 (c) (1) To be eligible to claim a rebate under this section, a qualified  
109 business shall apply to the commissioner in accordance with the  
110 provisions of this subsection. The application shall be on a form

111 prescribed by the commissioner and may require information,  
112 including, but not limited to, the number of new FTEs to be created by  
113 the qualified business, the number of current FTEs employed by the  
114 qualified business, feasibility studies or business plans for the increased  
115 number of FTEs, projected state and local revenue that may reasonably  
116 derive as a result of the increased number of FTEs and any other  
117 information necessary to determine whether there will be net benefits to  
118 the economy of the municipality or municipalities in which the qualified  
119 business is primarily located and the state.

120 (2) Upon receipt of an application, the commissioner shall determine  
121 (A) whether the qualified business making the application will be  
122 reasonably able to meet the FTE hiring targets and other metrics as  
123 presented in such application, (B) whether such qualified business's  
124 proposed job growth would provide a net benefit to economic  
125 development and employment opportunities in the state, and (C)  
126 whether such qualified business's proposed job growth will exceed the  
127 number of jobs at the business that existed prior to [January 1, 2020] the  
128 two-year period occurring immediately prior to the date a qualified  
129 business submits an application to the commissioner for a rebate  
130 pursuant to this subsection. The commissioner may require the  
131 applicant to submit additional information to evaluate an application.  
132 Each qualified business making an application shall satisfy the  
133 requirements of this subdivision, as determined by the commissioner,  
134 to be eligible for the JobsCT tax rebate program, except that if the  
135 commissioner determines that the applicant is not reasonably able to  
136 satisfy the targets and metrics under subparagraph (A) of this  
137 subdivision, the commissioner may substitute another requirement or  
138 metric similar in intent to the requirement or metric such applicant was  
139 determined to not be able to reasonably satisfy.

140 (3) The commissioner, upon consideration of an application and any  
141 additional information, may approve an application in whole or in part  
142 or may approve an application with amendments. If the commissioner  
143 disapproves an application, the commissioner shall identify the defects  
144 in such application and explain the specific reasons for the disapproval.

145 The commissioner shall render a decision on an application not later  
146 than ninety days after the date of its receipt by the commissioner.

147 (4) The commissioner may approve an application in whole or in part  
148 by a qualified business that creates new discretionary FTEs or may  
149 approve such an application with amendments if a majority of such new  
150 discretionary FTEs are individuals who (A) because of a disability, are  
151 receiving or have received services from the Department of Aging and  
152 Disability Services; (B) are receiving employment services from the  
153 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services or participating in  
154 employment opportunities and day services, as defined in section 17a-  
155 226, operated or funded by the Department of Developmental Services;  
156 (C) have been unemployed for at least six of the preceding twelve  
157 months; (D) have been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony; (E) are  
158 veterans, as defined in section 27-103; (F) have not earned any  
159 postsecondary credential and are not currently enrolled in a  
160 postsecondary institution or program; or (G) are currently enrolled in a  
161 workforce training program fully or substantially paid for by the  
162 employer that results in such individual earning a postsecondary  
163 credential.

164 (5) The commissioner may combine approval of an application with  
165 the exercise of any of the commissioner's other powers, including, but  
166 not limited to, the provision of other financial assistance.

167 (6) By submitting an application, a qualified business consents to the  
168 Department of Economic and Community Development's access of data  
169 compiled by other state agencies, including, but not limited to, the Labor  
170 Department, for the purposes of audit and enforcement.

171 (7) The commissioner shall issue a rebate allocation notice stating the  
172 maximum amount of each rebate available to an approved qualified  
173 business for the rebate period and the specific terms that such business  
174 shall meet to qualify for each rebate. Such notice shall certify to the  
175 approved qualified business that the rebates may be claimed by such  
176 business if it meets the specific terms set forth in the notice. Such terms

177 shall include the required wage, as determined by the commissioner,  
178 such business shall pay new discretionary FTEs to qualify for the tax  
179 rebates provided in subsection (f) of this section.

180 (d) For the purposes of this section, the FTE of a full-time job or part-  
181 time job is based on the hours worked or expected to be worked by an  
182 employee in a calendar year. A job in which an employee worked or is  
183 expected to work one thousand seven hundred fifty hours or more in a  
184 calendar year equals one FTE. A job in which an employee worked or is  
185 expected to work less than one thousand seven hundred fifty hours  
186 equals a fraction of one FTE, where the fraction is the number of hours  
187 worked in a calendar year divided by one thousand seven hundred fifty.  
188 The commissioner shall have the discretion to adjust the calculation of  
189 FTE.

190 (e) (1) In each calendar year of the rebate period, a qualified business  
191 approved by the commissioner pursuant to subdivision (3) of subsection  
192 (c) of this section that employs at least twenty-five new FTEs in this state  
193 or, if at least one of the new FTEs is an individual with intellectual  
194 disability, fifteen new FTEs in this state by December thirty-first of the  
195 calendar year that is two calendar years prior to the calendar year in  
196 which the rebate is being claimed shall be allowed a rebate equal to the  
197 greater of the following amounts:

198 (A) The sum of:

199 (i) The lesser of (I) the new FTEs created in an opportunity zone or  
200 distressed municipality on December thirty-first of the calendar year  
201 that is two calendar years prior to the calendar year in which the rebate  
202 is being claimed, or (II) the new FTEs maintained in an opportunity zone  
203 or distressed municipality in the previous calendar year, [(III) the new  
204 FTEs created by a qualified business employing at least one new FTE  
205 who is an individual with intellectual disability, or (IV) the new FTEs  
206 maintained by a qualified business employing at least one new FTE who  
207 is an individual with intellectual disability,] multiplied by fifty per cent  
208 of the income tax that would be paid on the average wage of the new

209 FTEs, as determined by the applicable marginal rate set forth in chapter  
210 229 for an unmarried individual based solely on such wages; and

211 (ii) The lesser of (I) the new FTEs created on December thirty-first of  
212 the calendar year that is two calendar years prior to the calendar year in  
213 which the rebate is being claimed, or (II) the new FTEs maintained in a  
214 location other than an opportunity zone or distressed municipality in  
215 the previous calendar year, multiplied by twenty-five per cent of the  
216 income tax that would be paid on the average wage of the new FTEs, as  
217 determined by the applicable marginal rate set forth in chapter 229 for  
218 an unmarried individual based solely on such wages; or

219 (B) The greater of:

220 (i) One thousand dollars multiplied by the lesser of (I) the new FTEs  
221 created by December thirty-first of the calendar year that is two calendar  
222 years prior to the calendar year in which the rebate is being claimed, or  
223 (II) the new FTEs maintained in the calendar year immediately prior to  
224 the calendar year in which the rebate is being claimed; or

225 (ii) For tax credits earned, claimed or payable prior to January 1, 2024,  
226 two thousand dollars multiplied by the lesser of (I) the new FTEs created  
227 by December 31, 2022, or (II) the new FTEs maintained in the calendar  
228 year immediately prior to the calendar year in which the rebate is being  
229 claimed.

230 (2) [In] Except as provided in subdivision (4) of this subsection, in no  
231 event shall the rebate under this subsection exceed in any calendar year  
232 of the rebate period five thousand dollars multiplied by the lesser of (A)  
233 the new FTEs created by December thirty-first of the calendar year that  
234 is two calendar years prior to the calendar year in which the rebate is  
235 being claimed, or (B) the new FTEs maintained in the calendar year  
236 immediately prior to the calendar year in which the rebate is being  
237 claimed.

238 (3) In no event shall an approved qualified business receive a rebate  
239 under this subsection in any calendar year of the rebate period if such



240 business has not maintained, in the calendar year immediately prior to  
241 the calendar year in which the rebate is being claimed, at least (A)  
242 twenty-five new FTEs, or (B) fifteen new FTEs, if at least one of the new  
243 FTEs is an individual with intellectual disability.

244 (4) An approved qualified business that, by December thirty-first of  
245 the calendar year immediately prior to the calendar year in which the  
246 rebate is being claimed, employs at least fifteen new FTEs where at least  
247 one of the new FTEs is an individual with intellectual disability shall be  
248 allowed an additional rebate equal to twenty-five per cent of the wages  
249 paid to each such individual during the calendar year in which the  
250 rebate is being claimed. The rebate allowed under this subdivision shall  
251 be added to any other rebate allowed under this subsection.

252 (f) (1) In each calendar year of the rebate period, a qualified business  
253 approved by the commissioner pursuant to subdivision (4) of subsection  
254 (c) of this section that employs at least twenty-five new discretionary  
255 FTEs in this state by December thirty-first of the calendar year that is  
256 two calendar years prior to the calendar year in which the rebate is being  
257 claimed shall be allowed a rebate equal to the sum of the amount  
258 calculated pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (e) of this section  
259 and the greater of the following:

260 (A) The sum of:

261 (i) The lesser of the new discretionary FTEs (I) created in an  
262 opportunity zone or distressed municipality on December thirty-first of  
263 the calendar year that is two calendar years prior to the calendar year in  
264 which the rebate is being claimed, or (II) maintained in an opportunity  
265 zone or distressed municipality in the previous calendar year,  
266 multiplied by fifty per cent of the income tax that would be paid on the  
267 average wage of the new discretionary FTEs, as determined by the  
268 applicable marginal rate set forth in chapter 229 for an unmarried  
269 individual based solely on such wages; and

270 (ii) The lesser of the new discretionary FTEs (I) created on December  
271 thirty-first of the calendar year that is two calendar years prior to the

272 calendar year in which the rebate is being claimed, or (II) maintained in  
273 a location other than an opportunity zone or distressed municipality in  
274 the previous calendar year, multiplied by twenty-five per cent of the  
275 income tax that would be paid on the average wage of the new  
276 discretionary FTEs, as determined by the applicable marginal rate set  
277 forth in chapter 229 for an unmarried individual based solely on such  
278 wages; or

279 (B) The greater of:

280 (i) Seven hundred fifty dollars multiplied by the lesser of the new  
281 discretionary FTEs (I) created by December thirty-first of the calendar  
282 year that is two calendar years prior to the calendar year in which the  
283 rebate is being claimed, or (II) maintained in the calendar year  
284 immediately prior to the calendar year in which the rebate is being  
285 claimed; or

286 (ii) For tax credits earned, claimed or payable prior to January 1, 2024,  
287 one thousand five hundred dollars multiplied by the lesser of (I) the new  
288 FTEs created by December 31, 2022, or (II) the new FTEs maintained in  
289 the calendar year immediately prior to the calendar year in which the  
290 rebate is being claimed.

291 (2) In no event shall the rebate under this [section] subsection exceed  
292 in any calendar year of the rebate period five thousand dollars  
293 multiplied by the lesser of the new discretionary FTEs (A) created by  
294 December thirty-first of the calendar year that is two calendar years  
295 prior to the calendar year in which the rebate is being claimed, or (B)  
296 maintained in the calendar year immediately prior to the calendar year  
297 in which the rebate is being claimed.

298 (3) In no event shall an approved qualified business receive a rebate  
299 under this subsection in any calendar year of the rebate period if such  
300 business has not maintained at least twenty-five new discretionary FTEs  
301 in the calendar year immediately prior to the calendar year in which the  
302 rebate is being claimed.

303 (g) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions (3) and (4) of  
304 subsection (c) of this section, the commissioner may not approve an  
305 application in whole or in part if the full amount of rebates that such  
306 applicant may be paid pursuant to subsection (e) or (f) of this section  
307 would result in the aggregate amount of rebates issued to all approved  
308 qualified businesses under this section exceeding forty million dollars  
309 in any fiscal year.

310 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (4) of subsection  
311 (c) of this section, the commissioner may not approve an application in  
312 whole or in part if the full amount of rebates that such applicant may be  
313 paid pursuant to subsection (f) of this section would result in the  
314 aggregate amount of rebates issued pursuant to subsection (f) of this  
315 section exceeding fifteen million dollars in any fiscal year.

316 (h) (1) A rebate under this section may be granted to an approved  
317 qualified business for not more than seven successive calendar years. A  
318 rebate shall not be granted until at least twenty-four months after the  
319 commissioner's approval of a qualified business's application.

320 (2) An approved qualified business that has fewer than twenty-five  
321 new FTEs or, if at least one of the new FTEs is an individual with  
322 intellectual disability, fewer than fifteen new FTEs, created in each of  
323 two consecutive calendar years or, if such business is approved by the  
324 commissioner pursuant to subdivision (4) of subsection (c) of this  
325 section, fewer than twenty-five new discretionary FTEs in each of two  
326 consecutive calendar years shall forfeit all remaining rebate allocations,  
327 unless the commissioner recognizes mitigating circumstances of a  
328 regional or national nature, including, but not limited to, a recession.

329 (i) Not later than January thirty-first of each year during the rebate  
330 period, each approved qualified business shall provide information to  
331 the commissioner regarding the number of new FTEs or new  
332 discretionary FTEs created or maintained during the prior calendar year  
333 and the qualified wages of such new employees. Any information  
334 provided under this subsection shall be subject to audit by the

335 Department of Economic and Community Development.

336 (j) Not later than March fifteenth of each year during the rebate  
337 period, the Department of Economic and Community Development  
338 shall issue the approved qualified business a rebate voucher that sets  
339 forth the amount of the rebate, as calculated pursuant to subsections (e)  
340 and (f) of this section, and the taxable year against which such rebate  
341 may be claimed. The approved qualified business shall claim such  
342 rebate as a credit against the taxes due under chapter 208 or 228z or as  
343 an offset of the tax imposed under chapter 207. The commissioner shall  
344 annually provide to the Commissioner of Revenue Services a report  
345 detailing all rebate vouchers that have been issued under this section.

346 (k) Beginning on January 1, 2023, and annually thereafter, the  
347 commissioner, in consultation with the office of the State Comptroller  
348 and the Auditors of Public Accounts, shall submit a report to the Office  
349 of Policy and Management on the expenses of the JobsCT tax rebate  
350 program and the number of FTEs and discretionary FTEs created and  
351 maintained.

352 (l) Not later than January 1, [2024] 2025, the commissioner shall post,  
353 on the Department of Economic and Community Development's  
354 Internet web site, information on the JobsCT tax rebate program  
355 established under this section, including, but not limited to, information  
356 concerning tax rebates available for qualified businesses that, in  
357 accordance with the provisions of this section, employ individuals with  
358 intellectual disability in this state.

359 Sec. 2. Section 32-285a of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes  
360 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
361 *passage*):

362 (a) As used in this section:

363 (1) "Administrative costs" means the costs paid or incurred by the  
364 administrator of the Community Investment Fund 2030 Board  
365 established under subsection (b) of this section, including, but not

366 limited to, allocated staff costs and other out-of-pocket costs attributable  
367 to the administration and operation of the board;

368 (2) "Administrator" means the Commissioner of Economic and  
369 Community Development, or the commissioner's designee;

370 (3) "Eligible project" means:

371 (A) [(i)] A project proposed by a municipality, community  
372 development corporation or nonprofit organization, for the purpose of  
373 promoting economic or community development in the municipality or  
374 a municipality served by such corporation or organization, such as  
375 brownfield remediation, affordable housing, establishment of or  
376 improvements to water and sewer infrastructure to support smaller  
377 scale economic development, pedestrian safety and traffic calming  
378 improvements, establishment of or improvements to energy resiliency  
379 or clean energy projects and land acquisition, [and] capital projects to  
380 construct, rehabilitate or renovate [buildings and structures] public  
381 facilities such as libraries and senior centers and to facilitate or  
382 [improve] enhance home rehabilitation programs; and [facilities such as  
383 libraries and senior centers; or

384 (ii) A grant-in-aid proposed by a municipality, community  
385 development corporation or nonprofit organization for the purpose of  
386 providing (I) a revolving loan program, microloans or gap financing, to  
387 small businesses located within such municipality or a municipality  
388 served by such corporation or organization, or (II) start-up funds to  
389 establish a small business in any such municipality; and]

390 (B) Such project [or grant-in-aid] furthers consistent and systematic  
391 fair, just and impartial treatment of all individuals, including  
392 individuals who belong to underserved and marginalized communities  
393 that have been denied such treatment, such as Black, Latino and  
394 indigenous and Native American persons; Asian Americans and Pacific  
395 Islanders and other persons of color; members of religious minorities;  
396 lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer persons and other persons  
397 comprising the LGBTQ+ community; persons who live in rural areas;

398 and persons otherwise adversely affected by persistent poverty or  
399 inequality; and

400 (4) "Municipality" means a municipality designated as a public  
401 investment community pursuant to section 7-545 or as an alliance  
402 district pursuant to section 10-262u.

403 (b) (1) There is established a Community Investment Fund 2030  
404 Board, which shall be within the Department of Economic and  
405 Community Development. The board shall consist of the following  
406 members:

407 (A) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president  
408 pro tempore of the Senate;

409 (B) The majority leader of the House of Representatives, the majority  
410 leader of the Senate, the minority leader of the House of Representatives  
411 and the minority leader of the Senate;

412 (C) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives  
413 and one appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, each of  
414 whom shall be a member of the Black and Puerto Rican Caucus of the  
415 General Assembly;

416 (D) The two chairpersons of the general bonding subcommittee of the  
417 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
418 matters relating to finance, revenue and bonding;

419 (E) Two appointed by the Governor; and

420 (F) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, the  
421 Attorney General, the Treasurer, the Comptroller, the Secretary of the  
422 State and the Commissioners of Economic and Community  
423 Development, Administrative Services, Social Services and Housing, or  
424 their designees.

425 (2) All initial appointments shall be made not later than sixty days  
426 after June 30, 2021. The terms of the members appointed by the

427 Governor shall be coterminous with the term of the Governor or until  
428 their successors are appointed, whichever is later. Any vacancy in  
429 appointments shall be filled by the appointing authority. Any vacancy  
430 occurring other than by expiration of term shall be filled for the balance  
431 of the unexpired term.

432 (3) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, it shall not  
433 constitute a conflict of interest for a trustee, director, partner, officer,  
434 stockholder, proprietor, counsel or employee of any person to serve as  
435 a member of the board, provided such trustee, director, partner, officer,  
436 stockholder, proprietor, counsel or employee abstains and absents  
437 himself or herself from any deliberation, action and vote by the board in  
438 specific respect to such person. The members appointed by the  
439 Governor shall be deemed public officials and shall adhere to the code  
440 of ethics for public officials set forth in chapter 10.

441 (4) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro  
442 tempore of the Senate shall serve as the chairpersons of the board and  
443 shall schedule the first meeting of the board, which shall be held not  
444 later than January 1, 2022. The board shall meet at least quarterly.

445 (5) Eleven members of the board shall constitute a quorum for the  
446 transaction of any business.

447 (6) The members of the board shall serve without compensation, but  
448 shall, within the limits of available funds, be reimbursed for expenses  
449 necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties.

450 (7) The board shall have the following powers and duties: (A)  
451 [Review] To review eligible projects to be recommended to the  
452 Governor under subsection (c) of this section for approval; (B) to  
453 establish bylaws to govern its procedures; (C) to review and provide  
454 comments to the Department of Economic and Community  
455 Development on projects funded through the state's Economic Action  
456 Plan as provided under section 32-4p; and (D) to perform such other acts  
457 as may be necessary and appropriate to carry out its duties described in  
458 this section.

459 (8) The administrator shall hire such employee or employees as may  
460 be necessary to assist the board to carry out its duties described in this  
461 section.

462 (c) (1) The Community Investment Fund 2030 Board shall establish  
463 an application and review process with guidelines and terms for funds  
464 provided from the bond proceeds under subsection (d) of this section  
465 for eligible projects. Such funds shall be used for costs related to an  
466 eligible project recommended by the board and approved by the  
467 Governor pursuant to this subsection but shall not be used to pay or to  
468 reimburse the administrator for administrative costs under this section.  
469 The Department of Economic and Community Development shall pay  
470 for administrative costs within available appropriations.

471 (2) The chairpersons of the board shall notify the chief elected official  
472 of each municipality when the application and review process has been  
473 established and shall publicize the availability of any funds available  
474 under this section. Each such official or any community development  
475 corporation or nonprofit organization may submit an application to the  
476 board requesting funds for an eligible project. The board shall meet to  
477 consider applications submitted and determine which, if any, the board  
478 will recommend to the Governor for approval.

479 (3) (A) The board shall give priority to eligible projects (i) that are  
480 proposed by a municipality that (I) has implemented local hiring  
481 preferences pursuant to section 7-112, or (II) has or will leverage  
482 municipal, private, philanthropic or federal funds for such project, and  
483 (ii) that have a project labor agreement or employ or will employ ex-  
484 offenders or individuals with physical, intellectual or developmental  
485 disabilities. The board shall give additional priority to an application  
486 submitted by a municipality that includes a letter of support for the  
487 proposed eligible project from a member or members of the General  
488 Assembly in whose district the eligible project is or will be located.

489 (B) In evaluating applications for an eligible project described in  
490 subparagraph (A)(ii) of subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of this section,



491 the board shall (i) [evaluate the risk of default on the repayment of a  
492 proposed loan or financing, (ii)] consider the impact of the eligible  
493 project on job creation or retention in the municipality, [(iii)] (ii) consider  
494 the impact of the eligible project on blighted properties in the  
495 municipality, and [(iv)] (iii) consider the overall impact of the eligible  
496 project on the community. [The board shall not recommend any  
497 proposed loan or financing under subparagraph (A)(ii) of subdivision  
498 (3) of subsection (a) of this section for which the interest rate varies from  
499 the prevailing market rate.]

500 (4) (A) Whenever the board deems it necessary or desirable, the  
501 chairpersons of the board shall submit to the Governor a list of the  
502 board's recommendations of eligible projects to be funded from bond  
503 proceeds under subsection (d) of this section. The board may  
504 recommend state funding for eligible projects, provided the total cost of  
505 such recommendations shall not exceed one hundred seventy-five  
506 million dollars in any fiscal year. Such list shall include, at a minimum  
507 [:

508 (i) For] for each eligible project described in subparagraph [(A)(i)] (A)  
509 of subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of this section, a description of such  
510 project, the municipality in which such project is located, the amount of  
511 funds sought for such project, any cost estimates for such project, any  
512 schematics or plans for such project, the total estimated project costs and  
513 the applicable fiscal year to which such disbursement will be attributed,  
514 [; and

515 (ii) For each eligible project described in subparagraph (A)(ii) of  
516 subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of this section, a description of and  
517 specific terms for any proposed loans, financing or start-up funds to be  
518 provided from such grant-in-aid, the types of small businesses located  
519 or to be located in the municipality that may be eligible for such loan,  
520 financing or start-up funds, the amount of the grant-in-aid sought and  
521 the applicable fiscal year to which such disbursement will be attributed.]

522 (B) The Governor shall review the eligible projects on the list and may

523 recommend changes to any eligible project on the list. The Governor  
524 shall determine the most appropriate method of funding for each  
525 eligible project and shall provide to the members of the board, in  
526 writing, such determination for each eligible project on the list and the  
527 reasons therefor. The board may reconsider at a future meeting any  
528 eligible project for which the Governor recommends a change. Each  
529 eligible project for which the Governor recommends the allocation of  
530 bond funds shall be considered at a State Bond Commission meeting not  
531 later than two months after the date such eligible project was submitted  
532 to the Governor pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this subdivision.

533 (5) Funds for an eligible project approved under this section may be  
534 administered on behalf of the board by a state agency, as determined by  
535 the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, provided a  
536 memorandum of understanding between the administrator of the  
537 Community Investment Fund 2030 Board and the state, acting by and  
538 through the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, has been  
539 entered into with respect to such funds and project.

540 (6) Not later than August 31, 2023, the board shall submit a report, in  
541 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the General  
542 Assembly, the Black and Puerto Rican caucus of the General Assembly,  
543 the Auditors of Public Accounts and the Governor, for the preceding  
544 fiscal year, that includes (A) a list of the eligible projects recommended  
545 by the board and approved by the Governor pursuant to this section, (B)  
546 the total amount of funds provided for such eligible projects, (C) for  
547 each such eligible project, a description of the project and the amounts  
548 and terms of the funds provided, (D) the status of the project and any  
549 balance remaining of the allocated funds, and (E) any other information  
550 the board deems relevant or necessary. The board shall submit such  
551 report annually for each fiscal year in which the funds specified in  
552 subparagraph (A) of subdivision (3) of this subsection are disbursed for  
553 eligible projects.

554 (7) The Auditors of Public Accounts shall audit, on a biennial basis,  
555 all eligible projects funded under this section and shall report their

556 findings to the Governor, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
557 Management and the General Assembly.

558 (d) (1) The State Bond Commission may authorize the issuance of  
559 bonds of the state, in accordance with the provisions of section 3-20, in  
560 principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate eight hundred  
561 seventy-five million dollars. The amount authorized for the issuance  
562 and sale of such bonds in each of the following fiscal years shall not  
563 exceed the following corresponding amount for each such fiscal year,  
564 except that, to the extent the State Bond Commission does not provide  
565 for the use of all or a portion of such amount in any such fiscal year,  
566 such amount not provided for shall be carried forward and added to the  
567 authorized amount for the next succeeding fiscal year, and provided  
568 further, the costs of issuance and capitalized interest, if any, may be  
569 added to the capped amount in each fiscal year, and each of the  
570 authorized amounts shall be effective on July first of the fiscal year  
571 indicated as follows:

T1	Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Amount
T2	2023	\$175,000,000
T3	2024	175,000,000
T4	2025	175,000,000
T5	2026	175,000,000
T6	2027	175,000,000
T7	Total	\$875,000,000

572 (2) The proceeds of the sale of bonds set forth in this subsection shall  
573 be used for the purpose of funding eligible projects for which the  
574 Governor has determined under subsection (c) of this section that bond  
575 funding is appropriate and that no other bond authorization is available.

576 (e) (1) Upon the agreement of the Governor and the Community  
577 Investment Fund 2030 Board, and subsequent to the adoption of a  
578 resolution by the General Assembly affirming the reauthorization of the  
579 board and the program provided for under this section, the State Bond

580 Commission may authorize the issuance of bonds of the state, in  
581 accordance with the provisions of section 3-20, in principal amounts not  
582 exceeding in the aggregate one billion two hundred fifty million dollars.  
583 The amount authorized for the issuance and sale of such bonds in each  
584 of the following fiscal years shall not exceed the following  
585 corresponding amount for each such fiscal year, except that, to the  
586 extent the State Bond Commission does not provide for the use of all or  
587 a portion of such amount in any such fiscal year, such amount not  
588 provided for shall be carried forward and added to the authorized  
589 amount for the next succeeding fiscal year, and provided further, the  
590 costs of issuance and capitalized interest, if any, may be added to the  
591 capped amount in each fiscal year, and each of the authorized amounts  
592 shall be effective on July first of the fiscal year indicated as follows:

T8	Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Amount
T9	2028	\$250,000,000
T10	2029	250,000,000
T11	2030	250,000,000
T12	2031	250,000,000
T13	2032	250,000,000
T14	Total	\$1,250,000,000

593 (2) The proceeds of the sale of bonds set forth in this subsection shall  
594 be used for the purpose of funding eligible projects for which the  
595 Governor has determined under subsection (c) of this section that bond  
596 funding is appropriate and that no other bond authorization is available.

597 (f) All provisions of section 3-20, or the exercise of any right or power  
598 granted thereby, that are not inconsistent with the provisions of this  
599 section are hereby adopted and shall apply to all bonds authorized by  
600 the State Bond Commission pursuant to this section. Temporary notes  
601 in anticipation of the money to be derived from the sale of any such  
602 bonds so authorized may be issued in accordance with said section, and  
603 from time to time renewed. All bonds issued pursuant to this section

604 shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and credit of  
605 the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the principal of  
606 and interest on said bonds as the same become due, and accordingly  
607 and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of said bonds,  
608 appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual payment of such  
609 principal and interest is hereby made, and the Treasurer shall pay such  
610 principal and interest as the same become due.

611 Sec. 3. Subsection (d) of section 4-66c of the 2024 supplement to the  
612 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
613 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

614 (d) Any economic development project eligible for assistance under  
615 this section may include but not be limited to: (1) The construction or  
616 rehabilitation of commercial, industrial and mixed use structures; and  
617 (2) the construction, reconstruction or repair of roads, accessways and  
618 other site improvements. The state, acting by and in the discretion of the  
619 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, may enter  
620 into a contract for state financial assistance for any eligible economic or  
621 community development project in the form of a grant-in-aid. Any  
622 grant-in-aid shall be in an amount not in excess of the cost of the project  
623 for which the grant is made as determined and approved by the  
624 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development. Before  
625 entering into a grant-in-aid contract the Commissioner of Economic and  
626 Community Development shall have approved an application  
627 submitted on forms provided by the commissioner [. No project shall be  
628 undertaken until the Commissioner of Economic and Community  
629 Development approves the plans, specifications and estimated costs.  
630 The commissioner may adopt such regulations, in accordance with  
631 chapter 54, as are necessary for the implementation of this section] and  
632 with such information the commissioner deems necessary to evaluate  
633 such application. The commissioner shall establish the terms and  
634 conditions of any grant-in-aid contract for any economic development  
635 project under this section and may make any stipulation in connection  
636 with such contract.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	32-7t
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	32-285a
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	4-66c(d)

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

In Section 1(c)(2), "meet" was changed to "satisfy" for internal consistency.

**CE**      *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*