

Budget and Finance Related Legislation

Public Act	Title/Description
Budget Act	
PA 15-244 (HB 7061)	<p>AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2017, AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR, AND OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED TO REVENUE, DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX FAIRNESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>This act includes: (1) General Fund appropriations of \$18.2 billion in FY 16 and \$18.7 billion in FY 17, (2) appropriations in nine funds totaling \$19.8 billion in FY 16 and \$20.5 billion in FY 17, (3) carry forward funding totaling an estimated \$26.1 million, (4) \$121.7 million in FY 15 General Fund deficiency appropriations (offset by General Fund appropriation reductions of \$121.7 million), (5) \$20.4 million in Transportation Fund deficiency appropriations, (6) deficit mitigation measures that reduce the FY 15 deficit by \$8.5 million, (7) various policy changes that yield net revenue increases of \$821.5 million in FY 16 and \$691.0 million in FY 17, (8) revenue estimates adopted by the Finance Committee on 6/1/15, as adjusted to reflect new policies in this act, and (9) various other provisions.</p>
Implementer Acts	
PA 15-5, JSS (SB 1502)	<p>AN ACT IMPLEMENTING PROVISIONS OF THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2017, CONCERNING GENERAL GOVERNMENT, EDUCATION, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND BONDS OF THE STATE</p> <p>This act reduces the General Fund balance from \$6.2 million to \$0.8 million in FY 16 and increases the General Fund balance from \$2.1 million to \$2.5 million in FY 17 by making numerous changes to appropriations and revenue policies authorized in PA 15-244. The act reduces net appropriations by \$14 million in FY 16 and \$27 million in FY 17 and reduces anticipated revenue by \$19.4 million in FY 16 and \$26.6 million in FY 17. The act also includes various changes that implement the two year budget as well as other provisions.</p>
PA 15-2, JSS (HB 7104)	<p>AN ACT IMPLEMENTING PROVISIONS OF THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2017 CONCERNING GENERAL GOVERNMENT PROVISIONS RELATING TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE</p> <p>This act makes various changes to statutes regarding drug possession that implement PA 15-244. The changes result in an estimated savings to the Department of Correction (DOC) of \$6.6 million in FY 16 and at least \$12.4 million in FY 17 through reduction in prison population and corresponding facility closures. In addition, the budget includes additional funding for related Second Chance policy initiatives in the Office of Policy and Management, Department of Housing, State Department of Education, and the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.</p>

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Bond Act	
PA 15-1, JSS (SB 1501)	<p>AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND ADJUSTING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER PURPOSES</p> <p>This act authorizes up to \$1.866 billion in each of FY 16 and FY 17 in state general obligation (GO) bonds for state capital projects and grant programs, including school construction, economic development, municipal aid, and housing development and rehabilitation programs. It also authorizes up to (1) \$238 million in revenue bonds over the two years for Clean Water Fund loans, (2) \$681.4 million in FY 16 and \$693.3 million in FY 17 in special tax obligation (STO) bonds for transportation infrastructure projects, and (3) \$2.803 billion in STO bonds from FY 16 to FY 20 for the Let's Go CT transportation improvement program.</p> <p>The act additionally reduces \$272.5 million in GO bond authorizations and \$3 million in special tax obligation (STO) bond authorizations from prior fiscal years.</p> <p>The act establishes new grant programs for municipalities that (1) jointly construct, maintain, or improve regional dog pounds or (2) undertake certain road repairs. It creates a homelessness prevention and response fund to provide forgivable loans and grants to eligible landlords. It also expands existing bond-funded grant programs for (1) general school building improvements that are not normally reimbursable by state school construction grants and (2) municipalities establishing bikeways, pedestrian walkways, or greenways. Lastly, the act (1) increases, from \$50 million to \$100 million, the amount of bonds the Green Bank may issue that are backed by a special capital reserve fund.</p>
Other Budget and Finance Related Acts	
PA 15-4, JSS (HB 7103)	<p>AN ACT CONCERNING EXCESSIVE USE OF FORCE</p> <p>This act: (1) requires the use of body cameras by state police forces and also those municipalities that have received funding for such cameras, (2) develops a reimbursement plan for the purchase of body cameras, (3) modifies training requirements for police officers to include training in camera use, (4) requires the development of guidelines for the recruitment and retention of minority police officers, (5) modifies investigation and tracking of the use of physical force by a police officer, and (6) requires information sharing by law enforcement units in certain circumstances.</p>
PA 15-3, JSS (HB 7102)	<p>AN ACT CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION OF STATE GRANT COMMITMENTS FOR SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS AND CONCERNING CHANGES TO THE STATUTES CONCERNING SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS</p> <p>This act approves \$782.4 million in state grant commitments for school construction projects which will result in a General Fund debt service cost of \$1,194.1 million. This includes: (1) \$181.2 million for 18 new projects, (2) \$298.2 million for nine previously-authorized projects that have changed substantially (more than 10%) in cost or scope and (3) \$303 million for various notwithstanding sections.</p>

Public Act	Title/Description
SA 15-1, JSS (HB 7101)	AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN PARCELS OF STATE LAND AND AMENDING THE CHARTERS OF THE BOROUGH OF FENWICK AND THE GIANTS NECK BEACH ASSOCIATION This act: (1) authorizes the conveyance of state property in the towns of East Hartford, Farmington, New Haven, New Milford, Stamford, and the borough of Naugatuck, (2) amends prior conveyances in New Britain and Bridgeport, (3) reinstates a prior conveyance in Norwalk, (4) repeals a 2014 conveyance of a 6.95-acre parcel from the Department of Transportation (DOT) to New Haven, (5) requires the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to enter into and extend certain lease agreements for properties in Cornwall and Ridgefield, (6) requires the state to release all rights to a right-of-way easement over a parcel in Stafford, and (7) amends the charters of the borough of Fenwick and Giants Neck Beach Association.