

General Assembly

Governor's Bill No. 10

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LCO No. 294



Referred to Committee on FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Introduced by:

Request of the Governor Pursuant to Joint Rule 9

## AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND ADJUSTING BONDS OF THE STATE.

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

- 1 Section 1. (Effective July 1, 2024) The State Bond Commission shall
- 2 have power, in accordance with the provisions of this section and
- 3 sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this act, from time to time to authorize the
- 4 issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal
- 5 amounts in the aggregate not exceeding \$99,100,000.
- 6 Sec. 2. (Effective July 1, 2024) The proceeds of the sale of bonds
- 7 described in sections 1 to 7, inclusive, of this act, to the extent hereinafter
- 8 stated, shall be used for the purpose of acquiring, by purchase or
- 9 condemnation, undertaking, constructing, reconstructing, improving or
- 10 equipping, or purchasing land or buildings or improving sites for the
- 11 projects hereinafter described, including payment of architectural,
- 12 engineering, demolition or related costs in connection therewith, or of
- 13 payment of the cost of long-range capital programming and space
- 14 utilization studies as hereinafter stated:

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- 15 (a) For the Department of Administrative Services:
- 16 (1) Reimbursement for environmental remediation at the former
- 17 Long Lane School in Middletown, in accordance with public act 99-26,
- 18 not exceeding \$14,100,000;
- 19 (2) Renovations and improvements for an opportunity center, not 20 exceeding \$1,000,000.
- 21 (b) For the Department of Labor: Alterations, renovations and
- 22 improvements to buildings and grounds, including utilities, mechanical
- 23 systems and energy conservation projects, not exceeding \$500,000.
- 24 (c) For The University of Connecticut:
- 25 (1) Deferred maintenance, code compliance and infrastructure
- 26 improvements, not exceeding \$25,000,000;
- 27 (2) Alterations, renovations and improvements to athletic and
- 28 recreation facilities, not exceeding \$8,500,000;
- 29 (3) Building Code repairs and renovations to the Gant Science
- 30 Complex at the Storrs campus, not exceeding \$20,000,000;
- 31 (4) Design and engineering of a new life science building at the Storrs
- 32 campus, not exceeding \$25,000,000.
- 33 (d) For the Department of Corrections: Alterations, renovations and
- 34 improvements to the Manson Youth Institution in Cheshire, not
- 35 exceeding \$5,000,000.
- Sec. 3. (Effective July 1, 2024) All provisions of section 3-20 of the
- 37 general statutes or the exercise of any right or power granted thereby
- 38 which are not inconsistent with the provisions of sections 1 to 7,
- 39 inclusive, of this act are hereby adopted and shall apply to all bonds
- 40 authorized by the State Bond Commission pursuant to sections 1 to 7,
- 41 inclusive, of this act and temporary notes issued in anticipation of the
- 42 money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized may

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43 be issued in accordance with said section 3-20 and from time to time

44 renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not exceeding

45 twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided in or

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Sec. 4. (*Effective July 1, 2024*) None of the bonds described in sections 1 to 7, inclusive, of this act shall be authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that there has been filed with it a request for such authorization, which is signed by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management or by or on behalf of such state officer, department or agency and stating such terms and conditions as said commission, in its discretion, may require.

Sec. 5. (Effective July 1, 2024) For the purposes of sections 1 to 7, inclusive, of this act, "state moneys" means the proceeds of the sale of bonds authorized pursuant to said sections 1 to 7, inclusive, or of temporary notes issued in anticipation of the moneys to be derived from the sale of such bonds. Each request filed as provided in section 4 of this act for an authorization of bonds shall identify the project for which the proceeds of the sale of such bonds are to be used and expended and, in addition to any terms and conditions required pursuant to said section 4, shall include the recommendation of the person signing such request as to the extent to which federal, private or other moneys then available or thereafter to be made available for costs in connection with any such project should be added to the state moneys available or becoming available hereunder for such project. If the request includes a recommendation that some amount of such federal, private or other moneys should be added to such state moneys, then, if and to the extent directed by the State Bond Commission at the time of authorization of such bonds, such amount of such federal, private or other moneys then available, or thereafter to be made available for costs in connection with such project, may be added to any state moneys available or becoming available hereunder for such project and shall be used for such project. Any other federal, private or other moneys then available or thereafter to be made available for costs in connection with such project shall,

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upon receipt, be used by the State Treasurer, in conformity with applicable federal and state law, to meet the principal of outstanding bonds issued pursuant to sections 1 to 7, inclusive, of this act, or to meet the principal of temporary notes issued in anticipation of the money to be derived from the sale of bonds theretofore authorized pursuant to said sections 1 to 7, inclusive, for the purpose of financing such costs, either by purchase or redemption and cancellation of such bonds or notes or by payment thereof at maturity. Whenever any of the federal, private or other moneys so received with respect to such project are used to meet the principal of such temporary notes or whenever principal of any such temporary notes is retired by application of revenue receipts of the state, the amount of bonds theretofore authorized in anticipation of which such temporary notes were issued, and the aggregate amount of bonds which may be authorized pursuant to section 1 of this act, shall each be reduced by the amount of the principal so met or retired. Pending use of the federal, private or other moneys so received to meet principal as hereinabove directed, the amount thereof may be invested by the State Treasurer in bonds or obligations of, or guaranteed by, the state or the United States or agencies or instrumentalities of the United States, shall be deemed to be part of the debt retirement funds of the state, and net earnings on such investments shall be used in the same manner as the moneys so invested.

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Sec. 6. (*Effective July 1*, 2024) Any balance of proceeds of the sale of said bonds authorized for any project described in section 2 of this act in excess of the cost of such project may be used to complete any other project described in said section 2, if the State Bond Commission shall so determine and direct. Any balance of proceeds of the sale of said bonds in excess of the costs of all the projects described in said section 2 shall be deposited to the credit of the General Fund.

Sec. 7. (*Effective July 1, 2024*) The bonds issued pursuant to this section and sections 1 to 6, inclusive, of this act shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due, and accordingly and as part of the contract of

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- the state with the holders of said bonds, appropriation of all amounts
- 112 necessary for punctual payment of such principal and interest is hereby
- 113 made, and the State Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as
- the same become due.
- Sec. 8. Subsection (a) of section 10a-109d of the 2024 supplement to
- the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
- 117 thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 118 (a) In order for the university to construct and issue securities for
- 119 UConn 2000 and to otherwise carry out its responsibilities and
- 120 requirements under sections 10a-109a to 10a-109y, inclusive, the
- 121 university shall have the following powers, which powers shall be
- independent of and in addition to any other powers of the university
- 123 under state law:
- 124 (1) To have perpetual succession as a body politic and corporate and
- an instrumentality and agency of the state pursuant to section 10a-109v;
- 126 (2) To adopt and have an official seal and alter it at pleasure;
- 127 (3) To contract and be contracted with, sue, be indemnified, insure its
- assets, activities or actions or be a self-insurer and institute, prosecute,
- maintain and defend any action or proceeding in any court or before
- any agency or tribunal of competent jurisdiction;
- 131 (4) To indemnify and be sued, solely pursuant to subsection (a) of
- 132 section 10a-109o;
- 133 (5) To retain by contract or employ architects, accountants, engineers,
- 134 legal and securities counsel in accordance with the provisions of
- subparagraph (F) of subdivision (4) of subsection (e) of section 10a-109n,
- and other professional and technical consultants and advisers; provided
- the university shall continue to be subject to audit, including its
- operations under sections 10a-109a to 10a-109y, inclusive, pursuant to
- section 2-90, and provided further, financial advisers, underwriters,
- 140 counsel, trustee, if any, and other financial consultants retained in

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141 connection with the offering and sale of securities shall be selected in 142 consultation with the university, in the same manner as for state general 143 obligation bonds;

- (6) To plan, design, acquire, construct, build, enlarge, alter, reconstruct, renovate, improve, equip, own, operate, maintain, dispose of and demolish any project or projects, or any combination of projects, including without limitation any contract in furtherance of UConn 2000, notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of section 10a-105 or any other provisions of the general statutes regarding the powers of the university to undertake capital projects and purchase personal property;
- (7) To acquire by purchase, contract, lease, long-term lease or gift, and hold or dispose of, real or personal property or rights or interests in any such property and to hold, sell, assign, lease, rent, encumber, other than by mortgage, or otherwise dispose of any real or personal property, or any interest therein, owned by the university or in its control, custody or possession in accordance with section 10a-109n;
- (8) To receive and accept grants, subsidies or loans of money from the federal government or a federal agency or instrumentality, the state or others, upon such terms and conditions as may be imposed, and to pledge the proceeds of grants, subsidies or loans of money received or to be received from the federal government or any federal agency or instrumentality, the state or others, pursuant to agreements entered into between the university and the federal government or any federal agency or instrumentality, the state or others, provided (A) such property shall be deemed property of the state for purposes of sections 4a-19 and 4a-20, and (B) the university may insure its property independent of the state;
- (9) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10a-150, to receive and accept aid or contributions, from any source, of money, property, labor or other things of value, to be held, used and applied to carry out the purposes of sections 10a-109a to 10a-109y, inclusive, subject to the

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conditions upon which such aid or contributions may be made, including, but not limited to, gifts or grants from any department or agency of the United States or the state for any purpose consistent with said sections;

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(10) To borrow money and issue securities to finance the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, improvement or equipping of any one project, or more than one, or any combination of projects, or to refund securities issued after June 7, 1995, or to refund any such refunding securities or for any one, or more than one, or all of those purposes, or any combination of those purposes, and to provide for the security and payment of those securities and for the rights of the holders of them, except that the amount of any such borrowing, the special debt service requirements for which are secured by the state debt service commitment, exclusive of the amount of borrowing to refund securities, or to fund issuance costs or necessary reserves, may not exceed the aggregate principal amount of (A) for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1996, to June 30, 2005, inclusive, one billion thirty million dollars, (B) for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2006, to June 30, 2027, inclusive, [three billion two hundred eighty-three million three billion two hundred ninety-five million nine hundred thousand dollars, and (C) such additional amount or amounts: (i) Required from time to time to fund any special capital reserve fund or other debt service reserve fund in accordance with the financing transaction proceedings, and (ii) to pay or provide for the costs of issuance and capitalized interest, if any; the aggregate amounts of subparagraphs (A), (B) and (C) of this subdivision are established as the authorized funding amount, and no borrowing within the authorized funding amount for a project or projects may be effected unless the project or projects are included in accordance with subsection (a) of section 10a-109e;

(11) To make, enter into, execute, deliver and amend any and all contracts, including, but not limited to, total cost basis contracts, agreements, leases, instruments and documents and perform all acts and do all things necessary or convenient to plan, design, acquire, construct, build, enlarge, alter, reconstruct, renovate, improve, equip,

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finance, maintain and operate projects and to carry out the powers granted by sections 10a-109a to 10a-109y, inclusive, or reasonably implied from those powers;

- (12) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes to the contrary, including without limitation subsection (a) of section 10a-105, to fix and collect fees, tuition, charges, rentals and other charges for enrollment and attendance at the university and for the use of projects or any part thereof, provided that no tuition or student fee revenue shall be used for repairs performed solely to correct code violations that were applicable at the time of project completion and were for named projects pursuant to section 10a-109e completed prior to January 1, 2007; to provide for the promulgation of such reasonable and proper policies and procedures as may be necessary to assure the maximum use of the facilities of any projects at all times; and
- (13) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of section 10a-105, to provide for or confirm the establishment of various funds and accounts respecting university operations, bond proceeds and special debt service requirements for securities issued, renewal and replacement and insurance, special capital reserve and operating reserve, special external gifts, pending receipts, assured revenues, project revenues to the extent not otherwise pledged and securing outstanding general obligation bonds of the state or other revenues and other funds or accounts as may be more particularly required under this subdivision and the indentures of trust or resolutions authorizing securities and to provide, subject to section 10a-109q and the provisions of such indentures or resolutions for the following to be deposited therein, as follows:
  - (A) All proceeds received from the sale of all securities;
- (B) All fees, tuition, rentals and other charges from students, faculty, staff members and others using or being served by, or having the right to use or the right to be served by the university or any project;
- 238 (C) All fees for student activities, student services and all other fees,

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- tuition and charges collected from students matriculated, registered or otherwise enrolled at and attending the university, pledged under the terms of financing transaction proceedings;
- (D) All rentals from any facility or building leased to the federal government or any other third party;
- 244 (E) Federal and state grants, gifts, state appropriations and special external gift funds;
- 246 (F) All other assured revenues; and
- 247 (G) Project revenues.

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- Sec. 9. Subsection (a) of section 10a-109g of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
  - (a) (1) The university is authorized to provide by resolution, at one time or from time to time, for the issuance and sale of securities, in its own name on behalf of the state, pursuant to section 10a-109f. The board of trustees of the university is hereby authorized by such resolution to delegate to its finance committee such matters as it may determine appropriate other than the authorization and maximum amount of the securities to be issued, the nature of the obligation of the securities as established pursuant to subsection (c) of this section and the projects for which the proceeds are to be used. The finance committee may act on such matters unless and until the board of trustees elects to reassume the same. The amount of securities the special debt service requirements of which are secured by the state debt service commitment that the board of trustees is authorized to provide for the issuance and sale in accordance with this subsection shall be capped in each fiscal year in the following amounts, provided, to the extent the board of trustees does not provide for the issuance of all or a portion of such amount in a fiscal year, all or such portion, as the case may be, may be carried forward to any succeeding fiscal year and provided further, the actual amount for funding, paying or providing for the items described in subparagraph

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(C) of subdivision (10) of subsection (a) of section 10a-109d, as amended
 by this act, may be added to the capped amount in each fiscal year:

T1	Fiscal Year	Amount
T2		
T3	1996	\$112,542,000
T4	1997	112,001,000
T5	1998	93,146,000
T6	1999	64,311,000
T7	2000	130,000,000
T8	2001	100,000,000
T9	2002	100,000,000
T10	2003	100,000,000
T11	2004	100,000,000
T12	2005	100,000,000
T13	2006	79,000,000
T14	2007	89,000,000
T15	2008	115,000,000
T16	2009	140,000,000
T17	2010	0
T18	2011	138,800,000
T19	2012	157,200,000
T20	2013	143,000,000
T21	2014	204,400,000
T22	2015	315,500,000
T23	2016	312,100,000
T24	2017	240,400,000
T25	2018	200,000,000
T26	2019	200,000,000
T27	2020	197,200,000
T28	2021	260,000,000
T29	2022	215,500,000
T30	2023	125,100,000
T31	2024	84,700,000
T32	2025	[44,000,000] <u>56,000,000</u>

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(2) Subject to amount limitations of such capping provisions in subdivision (1) of this subsection and following approval of such resolution as provided in subsection (b) of section 10a-109f, the principal amount of the securities authorized therein for such project or projects shall be deemed to be an appropriation and allocation of such amount for such project or projects, respectively, and such approval by the Governor of such resolution shall be deemed the allotment by the Governor of such capital outlays within the meaning of section 4-85 and the university (A) may award a contract or contracts and incur an obligation or obligations with respect to each such project or projects authorized pursuant to and within the amount authorized in such resolution, notwithstanding that such contract or obligation may at any particular time exceed the amount of the proceeds from the sale of securities theretofore received by the university, and (B) may issue and sell securities respecting such contracts or obligations referred to in subparagraph (A) only at such time or times as shall be needed to have the proceeds thereof available to pay requisitions expected thereunder within the year following issuance of such securities and to provide for costs of UConn 2000 of not more than twenty per cent in excess and regardless of such anticipated cash expenditure requirements but subject to section 10a-109q, provided the amount needed for funding, paying or providing for the items described in subparagraph (B) of subdivision (10) of subsection (a) of section 10a-109d, as amended by this act, may be added to the amount of securities so issued.

Sec. 10. Subsection (b) of section 17a-250 of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(b) The proceeds of the sale of such bonds, to the extent of the amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the Commissioner of [Developmental Services] <u>Housing</u> for the grant-in-aid program established pursuant to section 17a-249, for supportive

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- 303 housing for persons with an intellectual disability or other
- 304 developmental disabilities, including, but not limited to, autism
- 305 spectrum disorder.
- Sec. 11. Subsection (c) of section 397 of public act 17-2 of the June
- special session is amended to read as follows (*Effective from passage*):
- 308 (c) For the Military Department: Acquisition of property for
- development of readiness centers, [in Litchfield county,] not exceeding
- 310 \$2,000,000.
- Sec. 12. Subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of section 13 of public act 23-
- 312 205 is amended to read as follows (*Effective from passage*):
- 313 (4) Grants-in-aid for the development of an advanced manufacturing
- facility in the Hartford region, not exceeding \$15,000,000;
- Sec. 13. Section 20 of public act 23-205 is amended to read as follows
- 316 (Effective July 1, 2024):
- 317 The State Bond Commission shall have power, in accordance with the
- 318 provisions of this section and sections 21 to 26, inclusive, of [this act]
- 319 public act 23-205, from time to time to authorize the issuance of bonds
- 320 of the state in one or more series and in principal amounts in the
- 321 aggregate not exceeding [\$520,345,000] \$535,345,000.
- Sec. 14. Subsection (a) of section 21 of public act 23-205 is amended to
- read as follows (*Effective July 1, 2024*):
- 324 (a) For the Office of Policy and Management: For an information
- 325 technology capital investment program, not exceeding [\$65,000,000]
- 326 <u>\$80,000,000</u>.
- Sec. 15. Section 31 of public act 23-205 is amended to read as follows
- 328 (Effective July 1, 2024):
- The State Bond Commission shall have power, in accordance with the
- provisions of this section and sections 32 to 38, inclusive, of [this act]

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- public act 23-205, from time to time to authorize the issuance of bonds
  of the state in one or more series and in principal amounts in the
- 333 aggregate, not exceeding [\$306,000,000] <u>\$311,000,000</u>.
- Sec. 16. Subdivision (6) of subsection (b) of section 32 of public act 23-335 205 is amended to read as follows (*Effective July 1, 2024*):
- 336 (6) Microgrid and resilience grant and loan pilot program, not as exceeding [\$25,000,000] \$30,000,000;
- Sec. 17. Section 45 of public act 23-205 is amended to read as follows (Effective July 1, 2024):
- The State Bond Commission shall have power, in accordance with the provisions of this section and sections 46 to 50, inclusive, of [this act] public act 23-205, from time to time to authorize the issuance of special tax obligation bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal amounts in the aggregate, not exceeding [\$1,530,772,000] \$1,632,272,000.
- Sec. 18. Subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of section 46 of public act 23-346 205 is amended to read as follows (*Effective July 1*, 2024):
- (4) Environmental compliance, soil and groundwater remediation, hazardous materials abatement, demolition, salt shed construction and renovation, storage tank replacement and environmental emergency response at or in the vicinity of state-owned properties or related to Department of Transportation operations, not exceeding [\$17,065,000] \$18,565,000;
- Sec. 19. Subdivision (7) of subsection (a) of section 46 of public act 23-205 is amended to read as follows (*Effective July 1*, 2024):
- (7) Fix-it-First program to repair the state's bridges, not exceeding [\$62,250,000] \$162,250,000;

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2024	New section

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Sec. 2	July 1, 2024	New section
Sec. 3	July 1, 2024	New section
Sec. 4	July 1, 2024	New section
Sec. 5	July 1, 2024	New section
Sec. 6	July 1, 2024	New section
Sec. 7	July 1, 2024	New section
Sec. 8	from passage	10a-109d(a)
Sec. 9	from passage	10a-109g(a)
Sec. 10	from passage	17a-250(b)
Sec. 11	from passage	PA 17-2 of the June Sp.
		Sess., Sec. 397(c)
Sec. 12	from passage	PA 23-205, Sec. 13(a)(4)
Sec. 13	July 1, 2024	PA 23-205, Sec. 20
Sec. 14	July 1, 2024	PA 23-205, Sec. 21(a)
Sec. 15	July 1, 2024	PA 23-205, Sec. 31
Sec. 16	July 1, 2024	PA 23-205, Sec. 32(b)(6)
Sec. 17	July 1, 2024	PA 23-205, Sec. 45
Sec. 18	July 1, 2024	PA 23-205, Sec. 46(a)(4)
Sec. 19	July 1, 2024	PA 23-205, Sec. 46(a)(7)

## Statement of Purpose:

To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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