



**Governor Ned Lamont
State of Connecticut**



FACT SHEET
2022 Legislative Session

**SENATE BILL 12
GOVERNOR'S BILL
*AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND ADJUSTING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENTS AND INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT MATCHING FUNDS
AND EXTENDING THE TIME PERIOD FOR DISTRIBUTING GRANTS FOR CERTAIN LAW
ENFORCEMENT EQUIPMENT***

Summary of Proposal

The Governor's proposed midterm adjustments include \$165.0 million in new GO bond authorizations for FY2023. Proposed authorizations include:

1. \$75.0 million to provide the state match towards projects allowed under the Federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. This will serve as the initial first year match towards an estimated \$6.0 billion of Federal infrastructure funds available to the State of Connecticut. These funds will be used for a variety of purposes, including, but not limited to, water infrastructure improvements, electric vehicle charging improvements, and resilient infrastructure.
2. \$60.0 million to the Department of Corrections for improvements to the state's prisons and to address deferred maintenance projects.
3. \$15.0 million to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection for infrastructure improvements at state parks. Current authorizations are inadequate to maintain current infrastructure projects.
4. \$15.0 million to the Capital Equipment Purchase Fund to help address State IT equipment needs.

The \$165.0 million in is on top of the \$1.9 billion in new GO authorizations authorized during the 2021 Legislative session for Fiscal Year 2023. This would bring the total new authorizations for FY 2023 to just under \$2.1 billion.

The bill also extends the Police Body Camera grant program for an additional year. Currently the program will end on June 30, 2022. The change will extend the reimbursement program through FY 2023.

The Governor has recommended no changes to the Special Tax Obligation (STO) bond program authorizations. The adopted budget contained \$929.6 million in new authorizations in FY 2023, which along with existing authorizations and a \$100 million carryforward from FY 2022 to FY 2023

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in the Special Transportation Fund, will ensure that the state continues to invest in transportation infrastructure. These funds will provide adequate initial matching funds for federal programs within the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to take advantage of over \$2.6 billion in potential federal assistance over the next 5 years.

Reason for Proposal

To implement the Governor’s adjustments to the capital budget.

Significant Impacts

The Governor is prioritizing bond allocations to areas that require the most investment. The 2021 Legislative Session addressed much of the capital needs and addressed many of the programmatic areas such as affordable housing, economic development, and IT infrastructure. The recommended \$165.0 million in additional authorization will help further address the state’s infrastructure needs.