

State of Connecticut Office of Governor Ned Lamont

BILL NOTIFICATION 2024-10

June 6, 2024

Governor Lamont signed the following legislation of the 2024 Regular Session on June 6:

HB 5524 PA 24-151 AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND ADJUSTING BONDS OF THE STATE AND CONCERNING PROVISIONS RELATED TO STATE AND MUNICIPAL TAX ADMINISTRATION, GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS.

Upon signing this bill, Governor Lamont also issued a signing statement to the members of the General Assembly. That letter can be found on page 2 of this document.

As of this date, the governor has signed 156 bills and vetoed 1 bill of the 2024 Regular Session.



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Dear Honorable Members of the Connecticut General Assembly:

I write to you regarding Public Act 24-151, An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State and Concerning Provisions Related to State and Municipal Tax Administration, General Government and School Building Projects. The Act's passage is critical in authorizing bonds to fund capital projects.

While I support nearly all sections of the Act, I would like to highlight Section 163. In 2022, my administration proposed and the legislature passed a law barring construction managers from bidding on any work on municipally administered school construction projects they oversee. Section 163 amends C.G.S. 10-287, in part, by removing that bar. The removal of that provision permits construction managers to select themselves to complete subcontracting work on school construction projects.

That process, known as "self-performance," can lead to a lack of competition, a lack of transparency, higher costs, a higher risk of self-dealing, and exclusion of smaller subcontractors from the market. For these reasons, it is unsurprising that we prohibit self-performance by construction managers for state construction projects. It should also be prohibited for school construction projects.

I will sign Public Act 24-151 because of its importance. However, I am of the strong belief that construction managers should not "self-perform" any subcontractor work in school construction projects. I encourage the Legislature to reinstate the language prohibiting self-performance in municipally administered school construction projects to ensure a competitive and transparent market.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont Governor

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