



Agency Legislative Proposal

2026 Session

General Information

Agency	Dept. of Administrative Services
Proposal Name	Commission for Educational Technology Proposal
Legislative Liaison	Amanda Bellagamba
Division Requesting Proposal	Bureau of Information Technology Solutions (BITS)/ Commission for Educational Technology (CET)
Drafter	Amanda Bellagamba, Doug Casey

Overview

Brief Summary of Proposal

This proposal would eliminate a reporting requirement that local school districts currently have to provide to the Commission for Educational Technology (CET).

What problem is this proposal looking to solve?

This proposal aims to eliminate this reporting requirement. Discussions with education stakeholders as well as low usage rates of six (6) years of published reports indicate that this mandated data collection has not been used for decision-making or improving educational practices. Removing this obligation would reduce unnecessary data-collection and reporting burdens on local education agencies and the Commission. This would free limited resources to fulfill the Commission's responsibility to promote the effective use of technology in teaching and learning.

How does the proposal solve the problem?

By repealing this provision, it eliminates a burden on school districts and frees up resources at the Commission.

Section by section summary:

Section #(s)	Section Summary
1	Repeals CGS 10-234gg

Statutory Reference (if any): 10-234gg

Background

- New Proposal Resubmission

If resubmission, please provide details below. Please also note any changes made since the last submission:

Bill #(s)	Reason bill(s) did not move forward
HB 7076 (sec. 12), HB 7009 (sec. 30)	HB 7076 was put into HB 7009, and HB 7009 was not called for a vote in the Senate.

Have there been any changes in federal laws or regulations that make this legislation necessary?

No

Have there been any changes in state laws or regulations that make this legislation necessary?

No

Has this proposal or a similar proposal been implemented in other states?

No

Have certain constituencies called for this proposal?

No

Interagency Impact

Check here if this proposal does NOT impact other agencies

Agency	N/A
Contact	N/A
Date Contacted	N/A
Status	N/A
Open Issues	N/A

Fiscal Impact

No Fiscal Impact

Budget Option Submitted

Include the section number(s) which have a fiscal impact and the anticipated impact:

State

No

Municipal

No

Federal

No

Other Information

If there is any additional information we should know, please detail below: N/A

Legislative Language

Insert fully drafted bill below. Please use standard legislative drafting considerations, as published by LCO [here](#).

Section 10-234gg of the general statutes is repealed. (effective July 1, 2026).



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General Information

Agency	Dept. of Administrative Services
Proposal Name	An Act Concerning School Construction Projects and Reimbursement
Legislative Liaison	Amanda Bellagamba
Division Requesting Proposal	Office of Grants Administration
Drafter	Amy LaChance

Overview

Brief Summary of Proposal

This proposal updates one provision in Chapter 173 concerning the school construction grants program.

What problem is this proposal looking to solve?

The update is intended to clarify that the reimbursement rate for a school construction grant cannot exceed 100%.

How does the proposal solve the problem?

The proposal amends the relevant statutory provisions for calculation of reimbursement rate percentages.

Section by section summary:

Section #(s)	Section Summary
1	Adds provision clarifying that the reimbursement percentage for a school building project cannot exceed 100%.

Statutory Reference (if any): **10-285a**

Background

New Proposal

Resubmission

If resubmission, please provide details below. Please also note any changes made since the last submission:

Bill #(s)	Reason bill(s) did not move forward
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Have there been any changes in federal laws or regulations that make this legislation necessary?

No

Have there been any changes in state laws or regulations that make this legislation necessary?

No

Has this proposal or a similar proposal been implemented in other states?

No

Have certain constituencies called for this proposal?

No

Interagency Impact

Check here if this proposal does NOT impact other agencies

Agency	N/A
Contact	N/A
Date Contacted	N/A
Status	N/A
Open Issues	N/A

Fiscal Impact

No Fiscal Impact



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General Information

Agency	Dept. of Administrative Services
Proposal Name	School Building Projects Advisory Council Change
Legislative Liaison	Amanda Bellagamba
Division Requesting Proposal	Commissioner’s Office
Drafter	Amanda Bellagamba

Overview

Brief Summary of Proposal

The School Buildings Projects Advisory Council (SBPAC) is currently statutorily chaired by the Commissioner of Administrative Services (or their designee), with DAS staff providing administrative support for the council. This proposal, instead, proposes to have the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection (or their designee) serve as chair of the council with DESPP staff providing administrative support.

What problem is this proposal looking to solve?

DAS does not have the expertise regarding school security infrastructure. We do not build schools but simply administer a grant program that provides funds for municipalities to build schools. With the council’s focus being on the School Safety Infrastructure Criteria, DESPP is in a better position to provide guidance and make an impact on the council.

How does the proposal solve the problem?

One of the major functions of the chair is to determine the direction the group should go in and how it can help make schools safer. DESPP has in-house expertise in this area and engages with school districts on this front. DAS does not. Having the DESPP Commissioner (or their designee) be the chairperson of the council better aligns with the council’s overall mission and focus on school safety infrastructure.

Section by section summary:

Section #(s)	Section Summary
1	Makes DESPP Commissioner or their designee chair of SBPAC, and DESPP staff provide administrative support.

Statutory Reference (if any): 10-292q

Background

New Proposal Resubmission

If resubmission, please provide details below. Please also note any changes made since the last submission:

Bill #(s)	Reason bill(s) did not move forward
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Have there been any changes in federal laws or regulations that make this legislation necessary?

No

Have there been any changes in state laws or regulations that make this legislation necessary?

No

Has this proposal or a similar proposal been implemented in other states?

No

Have certain constituencies called for this proposal?

No

Interagency Impact

Check here if this proposal does NOT impact other agencies

Agency	Dept. of Emergency Services and Public Protection
Contact	Lady Mendoza/Ashley Zane
Date Contacted	9/15/2025
Status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Unresolved
Open Issues	

Fiscal Impact

No Fiscal Impact

Budget Option Submitted

Include the section number(s) which have a fiscal impact and the anticipated impact:

State

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Municipal

No

Federal

No

Other Information

If there is any additional information we should know, please detail below: N/A

Legislative Language

Insert fully drafted bill below. Please use standard legislative drafting considerations, as published by LCO [here](#).

Section 10-292q of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2026):

(a) There is established a School Building Projects Advisory Council. The council shall consist of: (1) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the secretary's designee, (2) the Commissioner of Administrative Services, or the commissioner's designee, (3) the Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee, (4) the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, or the commissioner's designee, (5) the chairperson of the Technical Education and Career System board, or the chairperson's designee, and (6) six members appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be a person with experience in school building project matters, one of whom shall be a person with experience in architecture, one of whom shall be a person with experience in engineering, one of whom shall be a person with experience in school safety, one of whom shall be a person with experience with the administration of the State Building Code, and one of whom shall be a person with experience and expertise in construction for students with disabilities and the accessibility provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 USC 12101 et seq. The chairperson of the council shall be the Commissioner of **[Administrative Services] Emergency Services and Public Protection**, or the commissioner's designee. A person employed by the **[Department of Administrative Services] Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection** who is responsible for school building **safety** projects shall serve as the administrative staff of the council. The council shall meet at least quarterly to discuss matters relating to school building projects.

(b) The School Building Projects Advisory Council shall (1) develop model blueprints for new school building projects that are in accordance with industry standards for school buildings and the school safety infrastructure criteria, developed pursuant to section 10-292r, (2) conduct studies, research and analyses, (3) make recommendations for improvements to the school building projects processes to the Governor and the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, education and finance, revenue and bonding, and (4) periodically review and update, as necessary, the school safety infrastructure criteria developed pursuant to section 10-292r..

Budget Option Submitted

Include the section number(s) which have a fiscal impact and the anticipated impact:

State

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Municipal

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Federal

No

Other Information

If there is any additional information we should know, please detail below: N/A

Legislative Language

Insert fully drafted bill below. Please use standard legislative drafting considerations, as published by LCO [here](#).

Section 1. Section 10-285a of the general statutes is amended by adding the following subsection (*Effective from passage*):

(NEW) (I) Notwithstanding any other provision in the general statutes, the percentage determined pursuant to this section shall not exceed one hundred per cent.



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General Information

Agency	Dept. of Administrative Services
Proposal Name	AAC The Office of the State Fire Marshal and The Office of the State Building Inspector
Legislative Liaison	Amanda Bellagamba
Division Requesting Proposal	Real Estate and Construction Services
Drafter	Amy LaChance

Overview

Brief Summary of Proposal

Sections 1 – 4 propose changes related to the work of the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM). Section 5 repeals section 29-269 related to accessibility in the State Building Code.

What problem is this proposal looking to solve?

Sections 1 -4 are looking to improve the functionality of the OSFM, ability to develop fire marshals and inspectors, and utility of burn injury reporting. Section 5 removes duplicative requirements and creates uniformity.

How does the proposal solve the problem?

Section 1 adjusts the requirements for certain fire marshals and fire inspectors in order to strengthen requirements at higher levels and allow more entry level opportunities. Section 2 improves the functionality of the OSFM by allowing the State Fire Marshal to issue official interpretations, just as their counterpart the State Building Inspector does for the State Building Code. Sections 3 and 4 would require DPH to report information the agency already compiles to OSFM instead of requiring health providers to report such information, so that OSFM has a consistent and reliable source of data. Section 5 eliminates a duplicative provision and creates uniformity in the process of requesting modifications of the State Building Code.

Section by section summary:

Section #(s)	Section Summary
1	Amends the statutory minimum requirements for certain fire marshals and fire inspectors to require local fire marshals to have at least 2 years' experience as a deputy fire marshal and allow OSFM and the Codes and Standards Committee to set minimum qualifications for deputy fire marshals and other fire inspectors (with the intent to create an entry level track with heightened experience requirements as certification levels advance).
2	Allows the OSFM to issue official interpretations of the Connecticut State Fire and Safety Code.
3	Adds a new provision that requires DPH to provide a report to OSFM annually with information on burn injuries and related deaths (see also section 4).
4	Repeals 10a-510a that requires certain health care providers to report burn injuries to OSFM (see also section 3).
5	Section 20-269 generally requires the State Building Code to comply with the ADA, established accessibility standards for permits issued on and after 10/1/1975 and state construction undertaken on and after 10/1/1977, and sets forth the process to request modifications to the SBC related to accessibility. That process included Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities until 2017 when that office was repealed.

This section is no longer needed as the State Building Code has incorporated accessibility as required, and since the Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities is no longer involved in accessibility modifications, the process to request modifications should follow the process for requesting modifications generally as set forth in 29-254.

Statutory Reference (if any): 29-298(a), 29-292a, 19a-510a, 29-269

Background

New Proposal

Resubmission

If resubmission, please provide details below. Please also note any changes made since the last submission:

Bill #(s)	Reason bill(s) did not move forward
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Have there been any changes in federal laws or regulations that make this legislation necessary?

No

Have there been any changes in state laws or regulations that make this legislation necessary?

No

Has this proposal or a similar proposal been implemented in other states?

No

Have certain constituencies called for this proposal?

No

Interagency Impact

Check here if this proposal does NOT impact other agencies

Agency	Dept. of Public Health
Contact	Adam Skowera
Date Contacted	9/29/2025
Status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Unresolved
Open Issues	

Fiscal Impact

No Fiscal Impact

Budget Option Submitted

Include the section number(s) which have a fiscal impact and the anticipated impact:

State

No

Municipal

No

Federal

No

Other Information

If there is any additional information we should know, please detail below: N/A

Legislative Language

Insert fully drafted bill below. Please use standard legislative drafting considerations, as published by LCO [here](#).

Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 29-298 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

(a) The State Fire Marshal and the Codes and Standards Committee, acting jointly, shall adopt minimum standards of qualification for local fire marshals, deputy fire marshals, fire inspectors and such other classes of fire code inspectors and fire investigators as they deem necessary. For local fire marshals, **[deputy fire marshals and fire inspectors,]** such standards shall include a requirement that the person be certified as a deputy fire marshal and has (1) at least **[three]** two years' experience (A) in fire suppression or fire prevention activities, (B) in responding and controlling releases or potential releases of hazardous materials, (C) in inspection activities concerning the fire safety or prevention code or hazardous materials, (D) in the investigation of the cause and origin of fires and explosions, or (E) as a sworn member of the Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection or an organized local police department, or (2) equivalent experience as determined by the State Fire Marshal and the Codes and Standards Committee.

Sec. 2. Section 29-292a of the general statutes is amended by adding the following subsection (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

(NEW) (I) The State Fire Marshal may issue official interpretations of the State Fire Safety Code, including interpretations of the applicability of any provision of the code, upon the request of any person. The State Fire Marshal shall compile and index each interpretation and shall publish such interpretations at periodic intervals not exceeding four months.

Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) On or before January 1, 2027, and annually thereafter, the Department of Public Health shall report to the Office of the State Fire Marshal regarding (1) all burn injuries and injuries resulting from fireworks or explosives, (2) any death resulting from burn injuries, smoke inhalation, or injuries resulting from fireworks or explosives, and (3) any death for which burn injuries, smoke inhalation, or injuries resulting from fireworks or explosives contributed to the death. The office shall compile the

information and publish a statistical abstract to be submitted annually to local fire marshals and the General Assembly. The Department shall provide such report utilizing death certificate information in accordance with section 7-51a of the General Statutes and hospital discharge data provided to the Department in accordance with section 19a-2a of the General Statutes.

Sec. 4. Section 19a-510a of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective October 1, 2026*)

Sec. 5. Section 29-269 of the Connecticut General Statutes is repealed. (*Effective upon passage*)



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General Information

Agency	Dept. of Administrative Services
Proposal Name	AAC Requirements for Positions Exposed to Federal Tax Information
Legislative Liaison	Amanda Bellagamba
Division Requesting Proposal	Office of the Commissioner
Drafter	Ernestine Y. Weaver

Overview

Brief Summary of Proposal

The statute revisions allow DAS to continue to provide human resource and information technology support to state agencies, in particular DOL and DSS, that handle federal tax information and national criminal background records.

What problem is this proposal looking to solve?

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is responsible for National Criminal Background Records (NCBR) and in order to process Federal Tax Information (FTI), anyone who handles FTI must be subject to an NCBR search. The FBI, by its policy, has determined that NCBR results are highly sensitive and will only allow access to entities that are statutorily authorized.

How does the proposal solve the problem?

Currently, the FBI has allowed CT an "extension" to implement statutory changes however this extension ends in 2026, so this statute will bring Connecticut agencies into compliance.

Section by section summary:

Section #(s)	Section Summary
1	Employees, contractors, and subcontractors who have exposure to federal tax information are subject to criminal background checks every five years. The appointing authority, or DAS, if it provides human resources, may make the request.

Statutory Reference (if any): Conn. Gen. Stat. 5-207a

Background

New Proposal Resubmission

If resubmission, please provide details below. Please also note any changes made since the last submission:

Bill #(s)	Reason bill(s) did not move forward
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Have there been any changes in federal laws or regulations that make this legislation necessary?

Yes This proposal is presented in response to the FBI's policy, which requires that Connecticut amend its statute regarding exposure to federal tax information in order to continue to receive NCBR.

If yes, is the federal law change the One Big Beautiful Bill Act?

No

Have there been any changes in state laws or regulations that make this legislation necessary?

Yes Public Act 23-204 sections 100 through 106

Has this proposal or a similar proposal been implemented in other states?

Yes Since this is a federal policy requirement, implementation in other states is assumed.

Have certain constituencies called for this proposal?

Yes DESPP, DSS, DOL

Interagency Impact

Check here if this proposal does NOT impact other agencies

Agency	Dept. of Labor
Contact	Anne Rugens
Date Contacted	9/30/2025
Status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Unresolved
Open Issues	
Agency	Dept. of Emergency Services and Public Protection
Contact	Versie Jones
Date Contacted	9/30/2025
Status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Unresolved
Open Issues	
Agency	Dept. of Social Services
Contact	Matthew Antonetti
Date Contacted	9/30/2025
Status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Unresolved
Open Issues	

Fiscal Impact

No Fiscal Impact

Budget Option Submitted

Include the section number(s) which have a fiscal impact and the anticipated impact:

State

No

Municipal

No

Federal

No

Other Information

If there is any additional information we should know, please detail below:

This statutory change is required because DAS BITS employees handle sensitive national criminal background records and federal tax information to provide service to DSS and DOL. Without this statutory change neither agency will be able to perform necessary background checks without substantial and costly change to both agencies and a reorganization of services provided by DAS to both. This will codify current practice. The FBI has notified CT that changes to the current statute are required to bring CT into compliance.

Legislative Language

Insert fully drafted bill below. Please use standard legislative drafting considerations, as published by LCO [here](#).

Section 5-207a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective upon passage):

(a) For each position of employment with the state of Connecticut that involves exposure to federal tax information, the **[employing]** agency **with federal tax information and [in the case where the Department of Administrative Services is the provider of human resources services for such employing agency,]** the Department of Administrative Services, shall, subject to the provisions of section [31-51i](#), require each applicant for, each employee applying for transfer to, and, at least every five years, **[or more often if required by the United States Department of the Treasury,]** each current employee of such a position, to (1) state in writing whether such applicant or employee has been convicted of a crime or whether criminal charges are pending against such applicant or employee at the time of application for employment or transfer and, if so, to identify the charges and court in which such charges are pending, and (2) be fingerprinted and submit to state and national criminal history records checks. The criminal history records checks required by this section shall be conducted in accordance with section [29-17a](#). **Each employee**

who has access to federal tax information shall be subject to the criminal history record check at least every five years.

(b) If a contractor or subcontractor has a contract with an agency to perform work for the agency that entails such contractor or subcontractor or any employee thereof to access federal tax information, such contractor or subcontractor and any such employee shall be subject to the requirements of subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection (a) of this section prior to commencing such work and **[as often thereafter as required by subsection (a) of this section] at least every five years.**