

Budget and Finance Related Legislation

Public Act	Title/Description
Budget Act	
PA 14-47 (HB 5596)	<p><u>AN ACT MAKING ADJUSTMENTS TO STATE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2015.</u></p> <p>This act contains a revised budget package for FY 15 of \$18,993.2 million in appropriations and \$19,003.9 million in revenue estimates, spending adjustments for FY 14 and various revenue changes for FY 15. This includes: (1) net reductions to original FY 15 appropriations in all funds of \$2.2 million, (2) net reductions in original FY 15 General Fund appropriations of \$40.4 million, (3) carry forward funding provisions totaling \$6.5 million (of which \$5.2 million reduces the FY 14 estimated surplus), (4) provisions to implement the budget, (5) deficiency funding of \$58 million in FY 14 for various agencies (offset by a corresponding reduction to appropriations in other agencies), (6) various policy changes that yield General Fund net revenue increases of \$2.9 million in FY 15, and (7) revenue estimates as adopted by the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee 5/3/14.</p>
Implementer Act	
PA 14-217 (HB 5597)	<p><u>AN ACT IMPLEMENTING PROVISIONS OF THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2015.</u></p> <p>This act reduces the General Fund balance from \$2.2 million to \$0.4 million in FY 15 by making changes to appropriations in PA 14-47, the FY 15 Revised Budget, which result in a net increase of \$526,814, and makes changes that result in a \$1.3 million revenue loss. The act includes various changes to implement the FY 15 Revised Budget and includes other provisions.</p>
Bond Act	
PA 14-98 (sSB 29)	<p><u>AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND ADJUSTING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER PURPOSES, AND CONCERNING MISCELLANEOUS PROGRAMS, INCLUDING THE SMART START PROGRAM, THE WATER IMPROVEMENT SYSTEM PROGRAM, SCHOOL SECURITY GRANTS, THE REGENERATIVE MEDICINE RESEARCH FUND, THE CONNECTICUT MANUFACTURING INNOVATION FUND AND THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION INFRASTRUCTURE ACT.</u></p> <p>This act authorizes up to a total of \$968.7 million in new General Obligation (GO) bonds between FY 14 and FY 24 for state capital projects and grant programs, including school construction, water quality, and economic development projects; open space acquisition and preservation; improvements to state buildings and property; and grants to municipalities and nonprofit entities. This act additionally authorizes \$77.6 million in new Special Tax Obligation (STO) bonds in FY 15 for transportation projects. It cancels the \$60 million in STO bonds previously authorized in FY 15 for the town-aid road grant program and authorizes \$60 million in GO bonds to fund the program. This act creates the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities (CSCU) system, which is comprised of the community college system and the Connecticut State University system and provides an additional \$103.5 million in funding for the CSCU 2020 (formerly the CSUS 2020) program.</p>

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Other Budget and Finance Related Acts	
PA 14-39 (sHB 5562)	<p data-bbox="305 268 1523 369"><u>AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD, EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CONCERNING DYSLEXIA AND SPECIAL EDUCATION.</u></p> <p data-bbox="305 369 1523 915">This act establishes the Office of Early Childhood (OEC), which assumes the responsibility for administering the following major programs as of July 1, 2014: school readiness; the Children's Trust Fund; Connecticut Charts-a-Course; state and federally funded child day care subsidies; child day care services management, evaluation, and professional development; child day care facilities licensing and inspection, and youth camp oversight. The act also reassigns various funds, grants, and loans to OEC oversight. This act makes several changes to school readiness program funding, which the state provides through various grants allowing towns to purchase seats for three-to five-year olds who are too young to attend kindergarten. The act expands school readiness seats and who is eligible for them, and increases the cost per seat from a maximum of \$8,346 to \$8,670. This act makes several other major substantive changes in the following ways: (1) requires OEC to make more frequent unannounced visits to all licensed day care centers, group day care homes, and family day care homes; (2) gives OEC more authority over school readiness staff qualification requirements; and (3) changes the organization and membership of certain councils, committees, and cabinets.</p>
PA 14-41 (sSB 25)	<p data-bbox="305 915 1523 951"><u>AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CONNECTICUT SMART START PROGRAM.</u></p> <p data-bbox="305 951 1523 1245">This act establishes the new Connecticut Smart Start competitive grant program to reimburse towns for costs related to preschool expansion, through June 30, 2024. The Office of Early Childhood, in consultation with the State Department of Education, is required to design and administer the program. Section 138 of PA 14-217, the budget implementer, transfers \$10 million annually from FY 16 - FY 25, from the Tobacco Settlement Fund to the Smart Start competitive grant account. Section 24 of PA 14-98, the bond bill, establishes the smart start competitive grant account, while section 25 authorizes the issuance of bonds for the grant program (\$15 million in FY 15 and \$10 million annually thereafter through FY 24).</p>
PA 14-90 (sSB 475)	<p data-bbox="305 1245 1523 1346"><u>AN ACT CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION OF STATE GRANT COMMITMENTS FOR SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS AND CONCERNING CHANGES TO THE STATUTES CONCERNING SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS.</u></p> <p data-bbox="305 1346 1523 1530">This act approves \$522.3 million in state grant commitments for school construction projects which will result in a General Fund debt service cost of \$796.5 million. This includes: (1) \$180.7 million for 21 new projects, (2) \$196.5 million for nine previously-authorized projects that have changed substantially (more than 10%) in cost or scope and (3) \$145 million for various notwithstanding sections.</p>
PA 14-228 (sSB 465)	<p data-bbox="305 1530 1523 1566"><u>AN ACT CONCERNING IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICES.</u></p> <p data-bbox="305 1566 1523 1780">This act requires any driver convicted of an administrative per se violation to install an ignition interlock device (IID) in all owned and operated vehicles after the license suspension period. Each driver that is required to install an IID must pay an administrative fee of \$100 to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) prior to installation. This will result in a revenue gain to the Ignition Interlock Device Administration Account within DMV of up to \$650,000 annually beginning in FY 16.</p>

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SA 14-23 (sHB 5550)	<p data-bbox="305 233 1523 331"><u>AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN PARCELS OF STATE LAND AND THE RATE OF ASSESSMENT OF CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY IN HARTFORD.</u></p> <p data-bbox="305 338 1523 617">This act: (1) authorizes the conveyance of state property to the towns of New Haven, Colchester, Barkhamsted and the Cheshire Community Food Pantry, (2) amends prior conveyances in East Lyme and Morris, (3) grants an easement to Windham for water main repair and equipment, (4) allows the residential property assessment rate to be applied to property conveyed from a nonprofit entity to a for-profit entity in Hartford, (5) allows custody of a parcel in Hartford to be transferred from DAS to the Connecticut Regional Development Authority and (6) repeals previously authorized land transfers in East Hartford, Norwalk, East Haven, Bridgeport and Stratford.</p>