



General Assembly

January Session, 2025

Raised Bill No. 7284

LCO No. 7535



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT

Introduced by:
(GOS)

AN ACT CONVEYING A PARCEL OF STATE LAND TO THE TOWN OF PRESTON.

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

1 Section 1.(*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding any provision of
2 the general statutes, the Commissioner of Administrative Services, on
3 behalf of the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, shall
4 convey to the town of Preston a parcel of land located in the town of
5 Preston, and any improvements thereon, at a cost equal to the
6 administrative costs of making such conveyance. Said parcel of land has
7 an area of approximately 1.98 acres and is identified as Lot 20 in Block
8 117 of town of Preston Tax Assessor's Map 23, is located at 20 Route 117
9 and contains the former Norwich State Hospital. The conveyance shall
10 be subject to the approval of the State Properties Review Board.

11 (b) The town of Preston shall use said parcel of land and
12 improvements for open space, recreational or farmers' market purposes.
13 If the town of Preston:

14 (1) Does not use said parcel and improvements for any of said
15 purposes;

16 (2) Does not retain ownership of all of said parcel and improvements;
17 or

18 (3) Leases all or any portion of said parcel and improvements,
19 the parcel and improvements shall revert to the state of Connecticut.

20 (c) The State Properties Review Board shall complete its review of the
21 conveyance of said parcel of land and improvements not later than
22 thirty days after it receives a proposed agreement from the Department
23 of Administrative Services, on behalf of the Department of Mental
24 Health and Addiction Services. The land and improvements shall
25 remain under the care and control of the state until a conveyance is
26 made in accordance with the provisions of this section. The State
27 Treasurer shall execute and deliver any deed or instrument necessary
28 for a conveyance under this section, which deed or instrument shall
29 include provisions to carry out the purposes of subsection (b) of this
30 section. The Commissioner of Administrative Services shall have the
31 sole responsibility for all other incidents of such conveyance.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>from passage</i> | New section |

Statement of Purpose:

To convey a parcel of state land containing the former Norwich State Hospital to the town of Preston for open space, recreational or farmers' market purposes.

[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.]