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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. **1179**

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***"AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY  
MAKERSPACE INITIATIVE PROGRAM."***

1 In line 14, after "state" insert "that may serve as models for self-  
2 sustaining makerspaces. Such financial assistance shall be used for the  
3 costs of such establishment or expansion, including, but not limited to,  
4 planning activities, operational costs and capital expenditures, but shall  
5 not be used for the personnel costs of any eligible entity"

6 In line 22, after "expand" insert "and that may serve as a model for  
7 self-sustaining makerspaces"

8 Strike section 2 in its entirety

9 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
10 internal references accordingly:

11 "Sec. 501. Subsection (b) of section 32-235 of the general statutes is

12 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
13 *2025*):

14 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the amount  
15 stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the Department  
16 of Economic and Community Development (1) for the purposes of  
17 sections 32-220 to 32-234, inclusive, including economic cluster-related  
18 programs and activities, and for the Connecticut job training finance  
19 demonstration program pursuant to sections 32-23uu and 32-23vv,  
20 provided (A) three million dollars shall be used by said department  
21 solely for the purposes of section 32-23uu, (B) not less than one million  
22 dollars shall be used for an educational technology grant to the  
23 deployment center program and the nonprofit business consortium  
24 deployment center approved pursuant to section 32-41l, (C) not less  
25 than two million dollars shall be used by said department for the  
26 establishment of a pilot program to make grants to businesses in  
27 designated areas of the state for construction, renovation or  
28 improvement of small manufacturing facilities, provided such grants  
29 are matched by the business, a municipality or another financing entity.  
30 The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall  
31 designate areas of the state where manufacturing is a substantial part of  
32 the local economy and shall make grants under such pilot program  
33 which are likely to produce a significant economic development benefit  
34 for the designated area, (D) five million dollars may be used by said  
35 department for the manufacturing competitiveness grants program, (E)  
36 one million dollars shall be used by said department for the purpose of  
37 a grant to the Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology, for the  
38 purposes of subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of section 32-7f, (F) fifty  
39 million dollars shall be used by said department for the purpose of  
40 grants to the United States Department of the Navy, the United States  
41 Department of Defense or eligible applicants for projects related to the  
42 enhancement of infrastructure for long-term, on-going naval operations  
43 at the United States Naval Submarine Base-New London, located in  
44 Groton, which will increase the military value of said base. Such projects  
45 shall not be subject to the provisions of sections 4a-60 and 4a-60a, (G)

46 two million dollars shall be used by said department for the purpose of  
47 a grant to the Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology, Inc., for  
48 manufacturing initiatives, including aerospace and defense, [and] (H)  
49 four million dollars shall be used by said department for the purpose of  
50 a grant to companies adversely impacted by the construction at the  
51 Quinnipiac Bridge, where such grant may be used to offset the increase  
52 in costs of commercial overland transportation of goods or materials  
53 brought to the port of New Haven by ship or vessel, and (I) one million  
54 dollars shall be used by said department for the purpose of the program  
55 established pursuant to section 1 of this act, provided the department  
56 may use up to ten per cent of such amount for the costs of administering  
57 such program, (2) for the purposes of the small business assistance  
58 program established pursuant to section 32-9yy, provided fifteen  
59 million dollars shall be deposited in the small business assistance  
60 account established pursuant to said section 32-9yy, (3) to deposit  
61 twenty million dollars in the small business express assistance account  
62 established pursuant to section 32-7h, (4) to deposit four million nine  
63 hundred thousand dollars per year in each of the fiscal years ending  
64 June 30, 2017, to June 30, 2019, inclusive, and June 30, 2021, and nine  
65 million nine hundred thousand dollars in the fiscal year ending June 30,  
66 2020, in the CTNext Fund established pursuant to section 32-39i, which  
67 shall be used by the Department of Economic and Community  
68 Development to provide grants-in-aid to designated innovation places,  
69 as defined in section 32-39f, planning grants-in-aid pursuant to section  
70 32-39l, and grants-in-aid for projects that network innovation places  
71 pursuant to subsection (b) of section 32-39m, provided not more than  
72 three million dollars be used for grants-in-aid for such projects, and  
73 further provided any portion of any such deposit that remains  
74 unexpended in a fiscal year subsequent to the date of such deposit may  
75 be used by the Department of Economic and Community Development  
76 for any purpose described in subsection (e) of section 32-39i, (5) to  
77 deposit two million dollars per year in each of the fiscal years ending  
78 June 30, 2019, to June 30, 2021, inclusive, in the CTNext Fund established  
79 pursuant to section 32-39i, which shall be used by the Department of  
80 Economic and Community Development for the purpose of providing

81 higher education entrepreneurship grants-in-aid pursuant to section 32-  
82 39g, provided any portion of any such deposit that remains unexpended  
83 in a fiscal year subsequent to the date of such deposit may be used by  
84 the Department of Economic and Community Development for any  
85 purpose described in subsection (e) of section 32-39i, (6) for the purpose  
86 of funding the costs of the Technology Talent Advisory Committee  
87 established pursuant to section 32-7p, provided not more than ten  
88 million dollars may be used on or after July 1, 2023, for such purpose,  
89 (7) to provide (A) a grant-in-aid to the Connecticut Supplier Connection  
90 in an amount equal to two hundred fifty thousand dollars in each of the  
91 fiscal years ending June 30, 2017, to June 30, 2021, inclusive, and (B) a  
92 grant-in-aid to the Connecticut Procurement Technical Assistance  
93 Program in an amount equal to three hundred thousand dollars in each  
94 of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2017, to June 30, 2021, inclusive, (8) to  
95 deposit four hundred fifty thousand dollars per year, in each of the fiscal  
96 years ending June 30, 2017, to June 30, 2021, inclusive, in the CTNext  
97 Fund established pursuant to section 32-39i, which shall be used by the  
98 Department of Economic and Community Development to provide  
99 growth grants-in-aid pursuant to section 32-39g, provided any portion  
100 of any such deposit that remains unexpended in a fiscal year subsequent  
101 to the date of such deposit may be used by the Department of Economic  
102 and Community Development for any purpose described in subsection  
103 (e) of section 32-39i, (9) to transfer fifty million dollars to the Labor  
104 Department which shall be used by said department for the purpose of  
105 funding workforce pipeline programs selected pursuant to section 31-  
106 11rr, provided, notwithstanding the provisions of section 31-11rr, (A)  
107 not less than five million dollars shall be provided to the workforce  
108 development board in Bridgeport serving the southwest region, for  
109 purposes of such program, and the board shall distribute such money  
110 in proportion to population and need, and (B) not less than five million  
111 dollars shall be provided to the workforce development board in  
112 Hartford serving the north central region, for purposes of such program,  
113 (10) to transfer twenty million dollars to Connecticut Innovations,  
114 Incorporated, provided ten million dollars shall be used by Connecticut  
115 Innovations, Incorporated for the purpose of the proof of concept fund

116 established pursuant to subsection (b) of section 32-39x and ten million  
117 dollars shall be used by Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated for the  
118 purpose of the venture capital fund program established pursuant to  
119 section 32-4100, (11) to provide a grant to The University of Connecticut  
120 of eight million dollars for the establishment, development and  
121 operation of a center for sustainable aviation pursuant to subsection (a)  
122 of section 10a-110o, and (12) for up to twenty million dollars in  
123 investments in federally designated opportunity zones through an  
124 impact investment firm including, subject to the approval of the  
125 Governor, funding from the Economic Assistance Revolving Fund,  
126 established pursuant to section 32-231."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Sec. 501	July 1, 2025	32-235(b)
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