



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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House Bill No. 7284

House of Representatives, May 27, 2025

The Committee on Government Oversight reported through REP. DATHAN of the 142nd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

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
2 of 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.

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

GOS *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Admin. Serv., Dept.; Mental Health & Addiction Serv., Dept.	GF - Loss of Asset	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Preston	Gain of Asset	See Below	See Below
Preston	Cost	See Below	See Below

Explanation

The bill conveys a parcel of land, totaling 1.98 acres, from the Department of Administrative Services, on behalf of the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, to the town of Preston. The state would lose use of the asset (most recently valued at approximately \$114,000). The town of Preston would gain use of an asset and pay the administrative costs of the conveyance. The asset would revert to state control if the recipient does not use the land for specified purposes.

The land conveyance is subject to the review and approval of the State Properties Review Board.

The Out Years

The conveyance action is one time in nature. Control of the asset would continue into the future as described above, subject to future municipal decisions.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research (OLR) does not analyze Special Acts, but information on this conveyance and others reported favorably by the Government Oversight Committee can be found in an annual report prepared by OLR. For 2025, this is OLR Report 2025-R-0066.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Oversight Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 11 Nay 1 (05/15/2025)