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(As Amended)

"AN ACT CONCERNING PROTECTIONS FOR ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE AND THE EQUITABLE DELIVERY OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES IN THE STATE."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501 (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) (a) As used in this section:

4 (1) "First responder" has the same meaning as provided in section 52-
5 146v of the general statutes;

6 (2) "Nonprofit organization" means an organization that is exempt
7 from taxation pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code
8 of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the
9 United States, as amended from time to time; and

10 (3) "Child of a first responder" means an individual under twenty-
11 five years of age who has a parent, as defined in section 46b-451 of the

12 general statutes, who is a first responder.

13 (b) There is established an account to be known as the "first
14 responders' educational and vocational development account", which
15 shall be a separate, nonlapsing account of the State Treasurer. The
16 account shall contain any funds received from any private
17 contributions, gifts, grants, donations, bequests or devises to the account
18 and all earnings on such funds. The State Treasurer shall invest the
19 moneys deposited in the account in a manner that is reasonable and
20 appropriate to achieve the objectives of such account while exercising
21 the discretion and care of a prudent person in similar circumstances
22 with similar objectives. The State Treasurer shall give due consideration
23 to the rate of return risk, term or maturity, the diversification of the total
24 portfolio within such account, the liquidity of funds, the projected
25 disbursements and expenditures of funds, and the expected payments,
26 deposits, contributions and gifts to be received. The moneys in the
27 account shall be continuously invested and reinvested in a manner
28 consistent with the objectives of the account until disbursed in
29 accordance with this subsection. Any administrative costs associated
30 with maintenance or disbursement of moneys in the account shall be
31 paid from the account and no taxpayer funds shall pay for such
32 administrative costs, except nothing in this subsection shall prohibit the
33 State Treasurer from utilizing available staff resources to administer the
34 account. Moneys in the account shall be expended by the board of
35 trustees, established pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, for the
36 purpose of providing grants to nonprofit organizations that provide
37 educational or vocational scholarships, or other career or educational
38 developmental programs that are offered for exclusively to a first
39 responder or a child of a first responder in the state.

40 (c) The first responders' educational and vocational development
41 account shall be administered by a board of trustees consisting of the
42 following members:

43 (1) The Treasurer, or the Treasurer's designee, who shall serve as
44 chairperson of the board of trustees; and

45 (2) Four members appointed by the Treasurer, all of whom shall be
46 first responders in the state.

47 (d) Not later than September 1, 2025, the board of trustees shall adopt
48 policies and procedures concerning the awarding of grants pursuant to
49 the provisions of this section. Such policies and procedures shall
50 include, but need not be limited to, (1) grant application procedures,
51 including procedures regarding subgrants, (2) eligibility criteria for
52 applicant nonprofit organizations, including, but not limited to,
53 subgrantees, and for individuals served by such grants, (3)
54 consideration of need of the individuals served by such grants, and (4)
55 procedures to coordinate with any national network created to perform
56 similar functions to those of the first responders' educational and
57 vocational development account, including, but not limited to,
58 procedures for the acceptance of funding transferred to the account for
59 a particular use. Such policies and procedures may be updated as
60 deemed necessary by the board of trustees. In the event that the board
61 of trustees determines that the policies and procedures adopted
62 pursuant to the provisions of this subsection are inadequate with respect
63 to determining the eligibility of a certain nonprofit organization for a
64 grant, the board of trustees may make a fact-based determination as to
65 such eligibility."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	July 1, 2025	New section