



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 689**

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Substitute House Bill No. 5580

*House of Representatives, April 20, 2026*

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 substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT AMENDING A PRIOR CONVEYANCE OF A PARCEL OF STATE LAND TO THE TOWN OF STRATFORD TO PERMIT THE PARCEL TO BE SOLD, TRANSFERRED OR LEASED.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 2 of public act 18-154 is amended to read as follows  
2 (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) Notwithstanding [a] certain [restriction] restrictions contained in  
4 a Quit Claim Deed from the State of Connecticut, Highway  
5 Commissioner to the town of Stratford, dated August, 1968, and  
6 recorded in the Town of Stratford Land Records in Volume 445, pages  
7 670 to 672, inclusive, that the parcel of land described in said deed shall  
8 be used for "school purposes only" and is not to be sold, said [restriction  
9 is] restrictions are released, relinquished and [has] have no further force  
10 and effect. The town of Stratford may use said parcel for [municipal]  
11 parking purposes only, and may sell, transfer or lease said parcel for  
12 parking purposes. If at any time the parcel is used for any other purpose,

13 the parcel shall revert to the state of Connecticut. Any sale or lease of  
 14 said parcels shall be made at a cost equal to the fair market value of said  
 15 parcels, as approved by Commissioner of Transportation prior to the  
 16 actual sale or lease. Any moneys received by the town of Stratford from  
 17 any such sale, transfer or lease of said parcel shall be paid promptly to  
 18 the State Treasurer and deposited in the Special Transportation Fund.

19 (b) The State Treasurer shall execute and deliver any deed or  
 20 instrument necessary to implement the provisions of this section, which  
 21 deed or instrument shall include provisions to carry out the purposes of  
 22 subsection (a) of this section. The Commissioner of Transportation shall  
 23 have the sole responsibility for all other incidents of the release of the  
 24 restrictions under this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	PA 18-154, Sec. 2

**GOS**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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 27 \$	FY 28 \$
Resources of the Special Transportation Fund	TF - Potential Revenue Gain	See Below	See Below

Note: TF=Transportation Fund

**Municipal Impact:**

Municipalities	Effect	FY 27 \$	FY 28 \$
Stratford	Loss of Asset	Potential	Potential

**Explanation**

The bill expands a prior conveyance to allow sale, transfer, or lease of the property. To the extent revenue is generated by the sale, transfer, or lease of the property, there would be a revenue gain to the Special Transportation Fund. The town of Stratford would lose the asset if it chooses to sell or transfer the property.

**The Out Years**

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 2026, this is OLR Report 2026-R-0063.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Government Oversight Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 12 Nay 0 (04/06/2026)