



General Assembly

**Proposed Bill No. 8**

*February Session, 2026*

LCO No. 577



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Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND  
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:

SEN. LOONEY, 11th Dist.  
SEN. DUFF, 25th Dist.  
SEN. ANWAR, 3rd Dist.  
SEN. CABRERA, 17th Dist.  
SEN. COHEN, 12th Dist.  
SEN. FLEXER, 29th Dist.  
SEN. GADKAR-WILCOX, 22nd Dist.  
SEN. GASTON, 23rd Dist.  
SEN. HARTLEY, 15th Dist.  
SEN. HOCHADEL, 13th Dist.  
SEN. HONIG, 8th Dist.  
SEN. KUSHNER, 24th Dist.

SEN. LESSER, 9th Dist.  
SEN. LOPES, 6th Dist.  
SEN. MAHER, 26th Dist.  
SEN. MARONEY, 14th Dist.  
SEN. MARX, 20th Dist.  
SEN. MCCRORY, 2nd Dist.  
SEN. MILLER P., 27th Dist.  
SEN. NEEDLEMAN, 33rd Dist.  
SEN. OSTEN, 19th Dist.  
SEN. RAHMAN, 4th Dist.  
SEN. SLAP, 5th Dist.

***AN ACT SUPPORTING GRADUATE STUDENTS IN THE STATE.***

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

- 1        That the State Bond Commission be empowered to authorize the
- 2        issuance of bonds of the state in accordance with section 3-20 of the
- 3        general statutes, in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate ten
- 4        million dollars, the proceeds of which shall be used by the Connecticut
- 5        Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority for the purpose of
- 6        providing funding to expand the availability of authority loans to
- 7        students enrolled in graduate programs to supplement for the loss of

8 federal student loans available to such students.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To support graduate students in the state.