
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 5150

AN ACT CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION OF STATE GRANT COMMITMENTS FOR SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS AND REVISIONS TO THE SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT STATUTES.

SUMMARY

This bill authorizes school construction state grant commitments totaling \$150.6 million toward total estimated project costs of \$305.6 million.

The bill also establishes a new 20-percentage-point bonus reimbursement rate for municipalities where the school district has experienced an enrollment increase of 20% or more over the 10-year period immediately before a district's school construction application. It specifies that this bonus rate cannot put a project's total reimbursement rate over 100%.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage, except the bonus rate provision is effective July 1, 2026.

PRIORITY LIST GRANT COMMITMENTS

Under the state school construction grant program, the state reimburses towns and local districts for a percentage of eligible school construction costs through state general obligation bonds (with less wealthy municipalities getting a higher reimbursement). The municipalities pay the remaining costs.

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Table: 2026 School Construction Grant Commitments

<i>District</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Project Type</i>	<i>Estimated Project Cost</i>	<i>Estimated Grant</i>	<i>Reimbursement Rate</i>
Milford	Jonathan Law High School	Extension/ Alteration	\$12,650,000	\$4,968,920	39.28%
Norwich	Teachers' Memorial Global Studies Magnet Middle School	New Construction	69,367,713	55,494,170	80.00%
Seymour	Bungay Middle School	New Construction	60,000,000	38,748,000	64.58%
Stamford	Julia Stark Elementary School	Alteration/ Energy Conservation	14,347,081	8,608,249	60.00%
Waterbury	Roberto Clemente International Dual Language School	Extension/ Alteration	38,755,850	30,589,992	78.93%
Westport	Long Lots Elementary School	New Construction	110,472,124	12,229,264	11.07%
Totals			305,592,768	150,638,595	

COMMITTEE ACTION

Education Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 44 Nay 1 (02/27/2026)