



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 677**

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Substitute House Bill No. 5577

*House of Representatives, April 16, 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 CONVEYANCE OF A PARCEL OF LAND TO THE TOWN OF SOMERS.***

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

1 Section 1. Special act 24-13 is amended to read as follows (*Effective*  
2 *from passage*):

3 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, the  
4 Commissioner of Administrative Services, on behalf of the  
5 Commissioner of Correction, shall convey to the town of Somers a  
6 parcel of land located in the town of Somers, at a cost equal to [the fair  
7 market value of the property, as determined by the average of the  
8 appraisals of two independent appraisers selected by the commissioner,  
9 plus] the administrative costs of making such conveyance. Said parcel  
10 of land has an area of approximately 3 acres and is described as follows:  
11 Beginning at a point located on the westerly side of Bilton Road and at  
12 the northeasterly corner of land now or formerly of the State of  
13 Connecticut located at 264 Bilton Road, said point being the

14 northeasterly corner of the parcel described in this section; thence  
15 running S17°45'33"W a distance of 250.00 feet along the westerly street  
16 line of Bilton Road; thence running [S75°36'40"E] N75°36'40"W a  
17 distance of 468.90 feet; thence running N06°25'03"W a distance of 266.98  
18 feet; thence running S75°36'40"E a distance of [578.44] 561.03 feet along  
19 the southerly line of land now or formerly of Bushnell located at 166  
20 Bilton Road to the point and place of the beginning. The conveyance  
21 shall be subject to the approval of the State Properties Review Board.

22 (b) The town of Somers shall use said parcel of land for public safety  
23 purposes. If the town of Somers:

24 (1) Does not use said parcel for said purposes;

25 (2) Does not retain ownership of all of said parcel; or

26 (3) Leases all or any portion of said parcel,

27 the parcel shall revert to the state of Connecticut.

28 ~~[(b)]~~ (c) The Commissioner of Correction shall retain an easement for  
29 purposes of a fire department staging area on said parcel of land.

30 ~~[(c)]~~ (d) The State Properties Review Board shall complete its review  
31 of the conveyance of said parcel of land not later than thirty days after  
32 it receives a proposed agreement from the Department of [Correction]  
33 Administrative Services. The land shall remain under the care and  
34 control of [said department] the Commissioner of Correction until a  
35 conveyance is made in accordance with the provisions of this section.  
36 The State Treasurer shall execute and deliver any deed or instrument  
37 necessary for a conveyance under this section, which deed or instrument  
38 shall include provisions to carry out the purposes of [subsection (b)]  
39 subsections (b) and (c) of this section. The Commissioner of [Correction]  
40 Administrative Services shall have the sole responsibility for all other  
41 incidents of such conveyance.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	SA 24-13

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

In Subsec. (a), an opening bracket was moved from before ", at a cost" to before "the fair market", and "for" was deleted, for consistency with standard drafting conventions.

**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 General Fund	GF - Precludes revenue gain	See Below	See Below
Correction, Dept.; Department of Administrative Services	GF - Gain of Asset	Potential	Potential

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:**

Municipalities	Effect	FY 27 \$	FY 28 \$
Somers	Savings	See Below	See Below
Somers	Loss of Asset	Potential	Potential

**Explanation**

The bill modifies a conveyance approved in special act 24-13 by removing the requirement that the town of Somers pay the fair market value of the asset, which precludes a revenue gain to the General Fund and reduces the cost to the town of Somers in the amount of the fair market value of the property (most recently valued at approximately \$12,600).

Additionally, the bill adds a requirement that the asset would revert to state control if the recipient does not use the land for specified purposes, which results in a potential loss of asset to the town of Somers and potential gain of asset for the state.

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

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Government Oversight Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 12    Nay 0    (04/06/2026)