



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 6942**

LCO No. 4579



Referred to Committee on HOUSING

Introduced by:  
(HSG)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A RADON MITIGATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 8-446 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

3 (a) There is established an account to be known as the "Healthy  
4 Homes Fund" which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account within the  
5 General Fund. The account shall contain any moneys required by law to  
6 be deposited in the account. Moneys in the account shall be expended  
7 by the Department of Housing for the purposes of:

8 (1) Funding of not more than one million dollars, from remittances  
9 transferred pursuant to section 38a-331 for the period beginning January  
10 1, 2019, and ending December 31, 2019, shall be remitted to the  
11 Department of Economic and Community Development to be used for  
12 grants-in-aid to homeowners with homes located in the immediate  
13 vicinity of the West River in the Westville section of New Haven and  
14 Woodbridge for structurally damaged homes due to subsidence and to  
15 homeowners with homes abutting the Yale Golf Course in the Westville

16 section of New Haven for damage to such homes from water infiltration  
17 or structural damage due to subsidence, and, from remittances  
18 transferred pursuant to section 38a-331, for the period beginning May 1,  
19 2022, and ending April 30, 2023, funding not exceeding the actual cost  
20 of remediation or relocation shall be remitted to the Department of  
21 Housing to be used for grants-in-aid for the remediation of structurally  
22 deficient foundations in owner-occupied units or the relocation of any  
23 owner of any such unit of any condominium associations located in the  
24 town of Hamden;

25 (2) Funding a program, and any related administrative expense, to  
26 reduce health and safety hazards in residential dwellings in  
27 [Connecticut] this state, including, but not limited to, lead, radon and  
28 other contaminants or conditions, through removal, remediation,  
29 abatement and other appropriate methods. For purposes of this  
30 subdivision, "administrative expense" means any administrative or  
31 other cost or expense incurred by the Department of Housing in  
32 carrying out the provisions of this section, including, but not limited to,  
33 the hiring of necessary employees and entering into necessary contracts;  
34 and

35 (3) Funding of not more than one hundred seventy-five thousand  
36 dollars, from remittances transferred pursuant to section 38a-331 for the  
37 period beginning January 1, 2021, and ending December 31, 2021, shall  
38 be remitted to the captive insurance company established pursuant to  
39 section 38a-91vv, to be used for the research and development of the  
40 report described in section 4 of public act 21-120 and any related  
41 administrative expense. Such sum shall not be considered in calculating  
42 the total funds allocated or made available to the captive insurance  
43 company used for administrative or operational costs pursuant to  
44 section 38a-91vv;

45 (4) Funding a program, and any related administrative expense, to  
46 reduce health and safety hazards in residential dwellings in this state  
47 relating to radon, through removal, remediation, abatement and other

48 appropriate methods. Any program created pursuant to this  
49 subdivision shall be available to low-income households. For purposes  
50 of this subdivision, "administrative expense" means any administrative  
51 or other cost or expense incurred by the Department of Housing in  
52 carrying out the provisions of this section, including, but not limited to,  
53 the hiring of necessary employees and entering into necessary contracts  
54 and "low-income households" means a person or family with an annual  
55 income at or below eighty per cent of the median income.

56 (b) The Department of Housing shall notify the Department of Public  
57 Health not later than thirty days after the deposit of remittances in the  
58 Healthy Homes Fund pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of  
59 section 38a-331. Not later than thirty days after the deposit of  
60 remittances pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of section 38a-  
61 331, the Department of Public Health shall notify each municipal health  
62 department in the state annually regarding funds available pursuant to  
63 the Healthy Homes Fund established pursuant to subsection (a) of this  
64 section.

65 (c) Not later than January 1, 2020, and annually thereafter, the  
66 Commissioner of Housing shall report to the joint standing committees  
67 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
68 housing, planning and development and appropriations and the  
69 budgets of state agencies, in accordance with section 11-4a, regarding  
70 the status of the Healthy Homes Fund established pursuant to this  
71 section and all moneys deposited into and expended by the Department  
72 of Housing pursuant to said account. Any such report may be submitted  
73 electronically.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2025	8-446

***Statement of Purpose:***

To establish a radon mitigation assistance program for low-income households.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*