



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 1319

January Session, 2001

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WATER PLANNING COUNCIL.

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

1 (a) The chairperson of the Public Utility Control Authority, or the
2 chairperson's designee, the Commissioner of Environmental
3 Protection, or the commissioner's designee, the Secretary of the Office
4 of Policy and Management, or the secretary's designee, and the
5 Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's designee, shall
6 convene a Water Planning Council to address issues involving the
7 water companies, water resources and state policies regarding the
8 future of the state's drinking water supply.

9 (b) The Water Planning Council shall conduct a study, in
10 consultation with representatives of water companies, municipalities,
11 agricultural groups, environmental groups and other water users, that
12 shall include, but not be limited to, the following issues: (1) The
13 financial viability, market structure, reliability of customer service and
14 managerial competence of water companies; (2) fair and reasonable
15 water rates; (3) protection and appropriate allocation of the state's
16 water resources; (4) the adequacy and quality of the state's drinking
17 water and land use by the water companies; (5) the status of current
18 withdrawals, projected withdrawals, river flows and the future needs
19 of water users; (6) methods for measurement and estimations of
20 natural flows in Connecticut waterways in order to determine
21 standards for streamflows that will protect the ecology of the state's

