



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 495

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House Bill No. 5771

House of Representatives, April 15, 2002

The Committee on Appropriations reported through REP. DYSON of the 94th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW HAVEN PORT AUTHORITY.

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

1 Section 1. Section 7-329b of the general statutes, as amended by
2 section 7 of public act 01-143, is repealed and the following is
3 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4 As used in sections 7-329a to 7-329u, inclusive:

5 (1) "District" means a port district established pursuant to section 7-
6 329a, or if any such district is terminated, the entity accorded the
7 powers and duties of sections 7-329a to 7-329u, inclusive;

8 (2) "Project" means the acquisition, purchase, construction,
9 reconstruction, improvement or extension of a port facility;

10 (3) "Port authority" means the Bridgeport Port Authority, [and] the
11 New London Port Authority and the New Haven Port Authority

12 created pursuant to sections 7-329a to 7-329u, inclusive, or if [either]
 13 any such port authority is terminated, then the successor entity of such
 14 port authority accorded the powers and duties of said sections 7-329a
 15 to 7-329u, inclusive; and

16 (4) "Port facilities" means (A) wharves, docks, piers, vessels, air or
 17 bus terminals, railroad tracks or terminals, cold storage and
 18 refrigerating plants, warehouses, elevators, freight-handling
 19 machinery and such equipment as is used in the handling of freight,
 20 passengers and vessels, vehicles, and the establishment and operation
 21 of a port and any other works, vessels, vehicles, rolling stock,
 22 properties, buildings, structures or other facilities necessary or
 23 desirable for commerce and industry or waterfront development
 24 within a district or in connection with the development and operation
 25 of port facilities, or (B) manufacturing and industrial facilities,
 26 recreational and entertainment facilities, residential facilities or other
 27 commercial facilities necessary for commerce and industry or
 28 waterfront development within a district, and (C) located within or
 29 benefiting the district.

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| This act shall take effect as follows: | |
| Section 1 | <i>from passage</i> |

APP *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact:

| Effect | Municipalities | FY 03 \$ | FY 04 \$ |
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| Revenue Gain | New Haven, Various | Potential Significant | Potential Significant |

Explanation

This bill could result in a significant revenue gain to the City of New Haven and surrounding municipalities from 1) increasing the growth and development of the port of New Haven and 2) making the port eligible for federal and private funds. The bill allows the City of New Haven to create a port authority. The authority would consist of five to seven members appointed by the mayor of New Haven and would manage the operation and development of the port district. The port authority would be eligible to apply for federal funds for port development and security purposes. It would also have the ability of financing land acquisition and development through the issuance of revenue bonds, separate from the City of New Haven.

OFA Bill Analysis

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PORT AUTHORITY.****SUMMARY:**

This bill authorizes New Haven to create a port authority. Under current law, any town can create a port district by a vote of its legislative body, but only Bridgeport and New London are authorized to create port authorities. By law, authorities manage the affairs of the port district. The city's chief executive officer appoints between five and seven members to form the authority board.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon Passage

COMMENT

It should be noted that SB 464, File # 132 also establishes a New Haven Port Authority. That bill is effective on October 1, 2002, while this bill is effective upon passage.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 49 Nay 0