



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 599

February Session, 2002

**AN ACT CONCERNING A BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON
PROPERTY TAX BURDENS AND SMART GROWTH INCENTIVES.**

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a Blue
2 Ribbon Commission on Property Tax Burdens and Smart Growth
3 Incentives (1) to evaluate the extent to which there is an unequal local
4 property tax burden in this state, (2) to conduct a comprehensive study
5 of alternatives to the current system of property taxation, and (3) to
6 evaluate incentives for smart growth. On or before January 1, 2003,
7 said commission shall make a preliminary report to the General
8 Assembly regarding any findings or recommendations it may have.
9 Said commission shall make a final report with any such findings or
10 recommendations on or before January 1, 2004. Such reports shall be
11 filed in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
12 statutes.

13 (b) Said commission shall have twenty members as follows: (1) Six
14 members appointed one each by the president pro tempore of the
15 Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives, the majority
16 leader of the Senate, the majority leader of the House of
17 Representatives, the minority leader of the Senate and the minority
18 leader of the House of Representatives, (2) five members appointed by
19 the Governor, (3) the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
20 Management, (4) four members appointed by the Connecticut

21 Conference of Municipalities, (5) two members appointed by the
22 Council of Small Towns, (6) one member appointed by the Connecticut
23 Business and Industry Association, and (7) one member appointed by
24 the American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial
25 Organizations. All appointments to the commission shall be made
26 before July 1, 2002.

27 (c) The chairperson and vice-chairperson of the commission shall be
28 jointly designated by the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities and
29 the Council of Small Towns. The first meeting of the commission shall
30 be held on or before July 1, 2002.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
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FIN *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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