



**AN ACT CONCERNING CONSOLIDATION OF TOURISM DISTRICTS.**

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Connecticut Tourism  
2 Council, established pursuant to section 32-301 of the general statutes,  
3 shall develop a plan, in consultation with the executive directors of  
4 each of the eleven tourism districts, established pursuant to subsection  
5 (a) of section 32-302 of the general statutes, to consolidate the eleven  
6 tourism districts.

7 (b) In developing the plan pursuant to subsection (a) of this section,  
8 the Connecticut Tourism Council shall consider: (1) The value of  
9 tourism to the economy of each new district; (2) the economic effect of  
10 consolidation on the communities in each new district created as a  
11 result of consolidation; (3) the ability of each new district to effectively  
12 market tourism within the district and in the state; and (4) any other  
13 matter it deems relevant. The plan shall include a strategy for  
14 completing the consolidation of tourism districts by July 1, 2003.

15 (c) Not later than June 1, 2003, the Connecticut Tourism Council  
16 shall report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to  
17 the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having  
18 cognizance of matters relating to commerce its plan for consolidation  
19 of tourism districts, including proposals for legislative and regulatory  
20 changes necessary to effect such plan.

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