



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5923**

*January Session, 2003*

**AN ACT CONCERNING TELECOMMUNICATIONS COVERAGE PLANS.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) On or before October 1,  
2 2004, and annually thereafter, the chief elected official of each  
3 municipality shall file, annually, with the Connecticut Siting Council,  
4 electronically or otherwise, a report containing the location, type and  
5 height of each existing and proposed telecommunications tower in  
6 such municipality.

7 (b) On or after January 1, 2006, each municipality may develop a  
8 municipal telecommunications coverage plan. Such plan shall consider  
9 the information provided to the municipality pursuant to subsection  
10 (a) of section 2 of this act, and shall include the mapping of all existing  
11 telecommunications towers, radio frequency propagation modeling of  
12 existing coverage, hypothetical coverage from alternative sites and  
13 identification of sensitive areas for restrictive use. The plan may  
14 delineate one or more areas of the municipality within which  
15 applications for the siting of telecommunications towers that meet pre-  
16 established criteria shall receive expedited consideration. Such plan  
17 shall be consistent with (1) 47 USC 332(c)(7), as amended, and any  
18 regulations adopted pursuant to said 47 USC 332(c)(7), (2) the Code of  
19 Federal Regulations Title 47, Part 22, as amended, (3) tower sharing

20 provisions of section 16-50aa of the general statutes, and (4) the state-  
21 wide telecommunications coverage plan adopted by the Connecticut  
22 Siting Council pursuant to subsection (a) of section 2 of this act. At the  
23 request of a municipality, the Connecticut Siting Council shall provide  
24 technical assistance to the municipality in preparing a plan under this  
25 subsection.

26       Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) (a) On or before January 1, 2005, the  
27 Connecticut Siting Council shall develop, maintain and update  
28 monthly a state-wide telecommunications coverage data base that  
29 includes the location, type and height of all telecommunications towers  
30 in the state, as well as those towers specified in subdivision (6) of  
31 subsection (a) of section 16-50i of the general statutes. Such data base  
32 shall be available for inspection by the public in hard copy and shall be  
33 accessible electronically by means of the Internet or other media  
34 systems available to the public. Upon request of a municipality, the  
35 council shall supply any information contained in the data base to the  
36 municipality in preparing a plan under subsection (b) of section 1 of  
37 this act.

38       (b) On or before September 1, 2005, the Connecticut Siting Council  
39 shall develop a plan for state-wide telecommunications coverage and  
40 annually shall review and revise such plan as necessary. The plan shall  
41 be consistent with the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, as  
42 amended, and with the tower sharing provisions of section 16-50aa of  
43 the general statutes. The plan shall contain information on population  
44 growth in the state and an analysis of existing and projected demands  
45 for telecommunications coverage. On or before November 1, 2005, the  
46 Connecticut Siting Council shall supply all information contained in  
47 such plan that concerns any municipality and any abutting or  
48 adjoining municipalities, to a municipality upon request under section  
49 8-2 of the general statutes or any special act regulating the siting of  
50 telecommunications towers.

This act shall take effect as follows:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>

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*Joint Favorable Subst. C/R*

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