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Committee Bill No. 164

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Referred to Committee on Commerce

Introduced by:
(CE)

**AN ACT CONCERNING EVALUATION OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY THE
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
AND THE CONNECTICUT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 32-1i of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

3 (a) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development,
4 in consultation with the executive directors of the Connecticut
5 Development Authority and Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated
6 and the legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee,
7 shall, by July 1, 1995, develop improved objectives, measures of
8 program success and standards for granting of financial and
9 nonfinancial assistance under programs administered by said
10 commissioner, authority or corporation. Not later than October 1, 1995,
11 and annually thereafter, the commissioner and executive directors
12 shall prepare reports analyzing the performance of such programs
13 during the preceding fiscal year in accordance with such objectives,
14 measures and standards and submit the reports to the Connecticut

15 Economic Conference Board, established under section 32-4f, for its
16 review and comments.

17 (b) Not later than October 1, 2004, and annually thereafter, reports
18 prepared by the Commissioner of Economic and Community
19 Development and the executive director of the Connecticut
20 Development Authority pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall
21 include an analysis of the performance of programs administered by
22 said commissioner and executive director in accordance with the
23 following criteria, in addition to any objectives, measures of program
24 success and standards for granting of financial and nonfinancial
25 assistance developed in accordance with subsection (a) of this section:
26 (1) The extent to which recipients of assistance have (A) increased
27 property values in the municipalities in which the recipients are
28 located; (B) contributed to an increased state gross product; (C)
29 contributed to increased state productivity; (D) enhanced other state-
30 funded economic development projects; and (E) stopped or decreased
31 the loss of jobs from the state; (2) the extent to which employees of
32 recipients of assistance participate in health benefit plans offered by
33 such recipients; (3) the extent to which recipients of assistance offer
34 unique economic, social, cultural or aesthetic attributes to the
35 municipalities in which the recipients are located or to the state; and
36 (4) any other qualitative criteria for granting financial and nonfinancial
37 assistance that said commissioner or executive director deem
38 appropriate.

39 (c) The [board] Connecticut Economic Conference Board shall
40 submit the reports, with its comments and recommendations, to the
41 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance
42 of matters relating to the Department of Economic and Community
43 Development, appropriations and finance, revenue and bonding by
44 January first of the [following] year following receipt of the reports.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	October 1, 2003

Statement of Purpose:

To impose additional criteria for evaluating the effectiveness of economic development programs administered by the Department of Economic and Community Development and the Connecticut Development Authority.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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