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**"AN ACT REVISING CERTAIN LAWS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION."**

1 Strike section 22 in its entirety and renumber the remaining sections
2 and internal references accordingly

3 Strike section 26 in its entirety and renumber the remaining sections
4 and internal references accordingly

5 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
6 internal references accordingly:

7 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2004*) (a) There shall be a
8 Connecticut Airport and Deep Water Port Authority which shall
9 consist of the following members: (1) The Commissioners of
10 Transportation, Economic and Community Development and
11 Environmental Protection, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
12 Management and the chairman of the Transportation Strategy Board,
13 established pursuant to section 13b-57e of the general statutes, as
14 amended, or their respective designees; (2) four members appointed

15 by the Governor; and (3) one member each appointed by the president
16 pro tempore of the Senate, the speaker of the House of
17 Representatives, the majority leader of the Senate, the minority leader
18 of the Senate, the majority leader of the House of Representatives and
19 the minority leader of the House of Representatives. All appointed
20 members shall serve for terms coterminous with their appointing
21 authority and until their successor is appointed and has qualified.
22 Vacancies on said authority shall be filled for the remainder of the
23 term in the same manner as original appointments.

24 (b) Appointed members of the authority shall be qualified by
25 experience or training and shall include members of the public and (1)
26 a member or employee of a local port authority; (2) a member of an
27 airport authority board of directors; (3) a Connecticut port operator; (4)
28 an operator of a marine passenger service; (5) an operator of a marine
29 passenger service; (6) a working member of an airport labor union; and
30 (7) a working member of a port labor union.

31 (c) The chairperson shall be selected by the Governor from among
32 the appointed members of the authority. The members shall annually
33 elect one of their members as secretary. The authority may elect such
34 other officers as it deems proper. Members shall receive no
35 compensation but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred
36 in the performance of their duties.

37 (d) The authority shall: (1) Advise the Commissioner of
38 Transportation, the Governor and the General Assembly concerning
39 the state's policy and operations concerning Bradley International
40 Airport and the port and harbor facilities in Bridgeport, New Haven
41 and New London; (2) develop and recommend to the Governor and
42 the General Assembly a maritime policy for the state; (3) develop and
43 recommend to the Governor and the General Assembly an airport
44 policy for the state; (4) support the development of Connecticut's
45 maritime commerce and industries, including its deep water ports; (5)
46 support the development of air freight and passenger service in the
47 state; (6) recommend investments and actions, including dredging,

48 required in order to preserve and enhance maritime commerce and
49 industries; (7) conduct studies and present recommendations
50 concerning maritime and airport related issues; (8) support the
51 development of Connecticut's ports, including identifying new
52 opportunities for the ports, analyzing the potential for and
53 encouraging private investment in the ports and recommending
54 policies which support port operations; (9) devise strategies to meet
55 the critical transportation infrastructure needs of the state's businesses,
56 residents and visitors; and (10) work to provide the highest quality,
57 most efficient transportation and port commerce facilities and services
58 in order to strengthen the economic competitiveness of the state and
59 spur economic development.

60 (e) At least once each year, the authority shall hold a public hearing
61 for the purpose of evaluating the adequacy of the state's maritime and
62 airport policies, facilities and support for maritime and airport
63 commerce and industry.

64 (f) On or before January first, annually, the authority shall submit, in
65 writing, to the Commissioner of Transportation, the Governor and the
66 Transportation Strategy Board (1) a list of projects which, if undertaken
67 by the state, would support the state's maritime and airport policies
68 and encourage maritime and airport commerce and industry; (2)
69 recommendations for improvements to existing maritime policies,
70 programs and facilities; (3) recommendations for improvements to
71 existing airport programs and facilities; and (4) such other
72 recommendations as it considers appropriate. Copies of the report
73 shall be submitted to the General Assembly pursuant to section 11-4a
74 of the general statutes.

75 (g) The authority may, upon its own motion, undertake any studies
76 it deems necessary for the improvement of a balanced public
77 transportation system within the state, including the improvement of
78 such system for elderly and disabled users. The authority shall have
79 other powers and shall perform such other duties as the Commissioner
80 of Transportation, the Governor and the General Assembly may

81 delegate to it.

82 (h) No member of the authority who is otherwise a public officer or
83 employee shall suffer a forfeiture of his or her office or employment, or
84 any loss or diminution in the rights and privileges pertaining thereto,
85 by reason of such membership.

86 (i) A quorum of the authority for the purpose of transacting
87 business shall exist only when there is present, in person, a majority of
88 its voting membership. The affirmative vote of a majority of the
89 quorum shall be required for the adoption of a resolution or vote of the
90 authority.

91 (j) The authority shall have access through the Department of
92 Transportation to all records, reports, plans, schedules, operating rules
93 and other documents pertaining to airports and ports and navigable
94 waterways of Connecticut. This subsection shall not apply to any
95 plans, proposals, reports and other documents pertaining to current or
96 pending negotiations with employee bargaining units."