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(As Amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A")

"AN ACT CONCERNING CLIMATE CHANGE."

1 Strike section 2 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu
2 thereof:

3 "Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2004*) (a) It shall be the goal of the
4 state to reduce emissions of greenhouse gas in order to make an
5 appropriate contribution to achieving the regional goals of reducing
6 emissions of greenhouse gas to those levels emitted in 1990, which
7 reduction to occur not later than January 1, 2010, and to levels ten per
8 cent below the 1990 levels not later than January 1, 2020. The
9 Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall consult with the
10 Conference of New England Governors and Eastern Canadian
11 Premiers to establish a date for the long-term regional goal of reducing
12 the emissions of greenhouse gas by seventy-five to eighty-five per cent

13 below 2001 levels. If the Conference of New England Governors and
14 Eastern Canadian Premiers has not established a date for such long-
15 term regional goal by January 1, 2007, the date for reaching such goal
16 shall be 2050.

17 (b) Not later than January 1, 2005, the Governor's Steering
18 Committee on Climate Change, established in November 2002, shall
19 develop a multisector, comprehensive climate change action plan, with
20 the opportunity for public comment, which plan shall contain the
21 policies and programs necessary to achieve the state's goals for the
22 reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by 2010 and 2020. Not later
23 than January 1, 2008, the steering committee shall develop an amended
24 climate change action plan, with the opportunity for public comment,
25 for achieving the state's contribution towards reaching the long-term
26 regional goal established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.
27 Both plans shall be submitted, in accordance with section 11-4a of the
28 general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General
29 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the environment.

30 (c) Not later than December 1, 2005, and biennially thereafter, the
31 Commissioner of Environmental Protection, in collaboration with the
32 commissioners of other state agencies and the steering committee, shall
33 (1) submit a report to the joint standing committee of the General
34 Assembly having cognizance of matters included in the report on the
35 progress made in achieving the goals established in subsection (a) of
36 this section, and (2) evaluate the appropriateness of the climate change
37 action plans developed pursuant to subsection (b) of this section in
38 achieving such goals. The commissioner shall not implement such plan
39 unless the committees of cognizance have approved the plan.
40 Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated shall conduct an analysis of the
41 costs and benefits of the recommendations made by the steering
42 committee in the plan."