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Public Act No. 05-191

AN ACT CONSOLIDATING DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORTS.

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

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) Not later than February 1, 2006, and annually thereafter, the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. Not later than thirty days after submission of the report to the Governor and the General Assembly, said commissioner shall post the report on the Department of Economic and Community Development's web site. Said report shall include, but not be limited to, the following information with regard to the activities of the Department of Economic and Community Development during the preceding state fiscal year:

(1) A brief description and assessment of the state's economy during such year, utilizing the most recent and reasonably available data, and including:

(A) Connecticut employment by industry;

(B) Connecticut and national average unemployment;

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(C) Connecticut gross state product, by industry;

(D) Connecticut productivity, by industry, compared to the national average;

(E) Connecticut manufacturing activity;

(F) Identification of economic and competitive conditions affecting Connecticut's industry sectors, problems resulting from these conditions and state efforts to address the problems; and

(G) Any other economic information that the commissioner deems appropriate.

(2) A statement of the department's economic and community development objectives, measures of program success and standards for granting financial and nonfinancial assistance under programs administered by the department.

(3) An analysis of the economic development portfolio of the department, including:

(A) A list of the names, addresses and locations of all recipients of the department's assistance;

(B) The following information concerning each recipient of such assistance: (i) Business activities, (ii) standard industrial classification codes or North American industrial classification codes, (iii) number of full-time jobs and part-time jobs at the time of application, (iv) number of actual full-time jobs and actual part-time jobs at application during the preceding state fiscal year, (v) whether the recipient is a minority or woman-owned business, (vi) a summary of the terms and conditions for the assistance, including the type and amount of state financial assistance, job creation or retention requirements and anticipated wage rates, (vii) the amount of investments from private

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and other nonstate sources that have been leveraged by the assistance, (viii) the extent to which employees of the recipient participate in health benefit plans offered by such recipient, (ix) the extent to which the recipient offers unique economic, social, cultural or aesthetic attributes to the municipality in which the recipient is located or to the state, and (x) the amount of state investment;

(C) A portfolio analysis, including (i) an analysis of the wages paid by recipients of financial assistance, (ii) the average portfolio wage, median portfolio wage, highest and lowest portfolio wage, (iii) portfolio wage data by industry, and (iv) portfolio wage data by municipality;

(D) An investment analysis, including (i) total portfolio value, (ii) total investment by industry, (iii) portfolio dollar per job average, (iv) portfolio leverage ratio, and (v) percentage of financial assistance which was provided to high performance work organizations in the preceding state fiscal year; and

(E) An analysis of the estimated economic effects of the department's economic development investments on the state's economy, including (i) contribution to gross state product for the total economic development portfolio and for any investment activity occurring in the preceding state fiscal year, (ii) direct and indirect employment created by the investments for the total portfolio and for any investment activity occurring in the preceding state fiscal year, (iii) productivity of recipients of financial assistance as a result of the department's investment occurring in the preceding state fiscal year, (iv) directly or indirectly increased property values in the municipalities in which the recipients of assistance are located, and (v) personal income.

(4) An analysis of the community development portfolio of the department, including:

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(A) A list of the names, addresses and locations of all recipients of the department's assistance;

(B) The following information concerning each recipient of such assistance: (i) Amount of state investment, (ii) a summary of the terms and conditions for the department's assistance, including the type and amount of state financial assistance, and (iii) the amount of investments from private and other nonstate sources that have been leveraged by such assistance;

(C) An investment analysis, including (i) total active portfolio value, (ii) total investments made in the preceding state fiscal year, (iii) total portfolio by municipality, (iv) total investments made in the preceding state fiscal year categorized by municipality, (v) total portfolio leverage ratio, and (vi) leverage ratio of the total investments made in the preceding state fiscal year; and

(D) An analysis of the estimated economic effects of the department's economic development investments on the state's economy, including (i) contribution to gross state product for the total portfolio and for any investment activity occurring in the preceding state fiscal year, (ii) direct and indirect employment created by the investments for the total portfolio and for any investment activity occurring in the preceding state fiscal year, (iii) productivity of recipients of financial assistance as a result of the department's investment occurring in the preceding state fiscal year, (iv) directly or indirectly increased property values in the municipalities in which the recipients are located, and (v) personal income.

(5) A summary of the department's economic and community development marketing efforts in the preceding state fiscal year, a summary of the department's business recruitment strategies and activities in such year, and a summary of the department's efforts to assist small businesses and minority business enterprises in such year.

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(6) A summary of the department's international trade efforts in the preceding state fiscal year, and, to the extent possible, a summary of foreign direct investment that occurred in the state in such year.

(7) Identification of existing economic clusters, the formation of new economic clusters and the measures taken by the commissioner during the preceding state fiscal year to encourage the growth of economic clusters.

(8) (A) A summary of the department's brownfield related efforts and activities in the preceding state fiscal year, except for activity under the Special Contaminated Property Remediation and Insurance Fund program. Such efforts shall include, but not be limited to (i) total portfolio investment in brownfield remediation projects, (ii) total investment in brownfield remediation projects in the preceding state fiscal year, (iii) total number of brownfield remediation projects, (iv) total number of brownfield remediation projects in the preceding state fiscal year, (v) total of reclaimed and remediated acreage, (vi) total of reclaimed and remediated acreage in the preceding state fiscal year, (vii) leverage ratio for the total portfolio investment in brownfield remediation projects, and (viii) leverage ratio for the total portfolio investment in brownfield remediation projects in the preceding state fiscal year. Such summary shall include a list of such brownfield remediation projects and, for each such project, the name of the developer and the location by street address and municipality; and

(B) A summary of the department's efforts with regard to the Special Contaminated Property Remediation and Insurance Fund, including, but not limited to, (i) the number of applications received in the preceding state fiscal year, (ii) the number and amounts of loans made in such year, (iii) the names of the applicants for such loans, (iv) the average time period between submission of application and the decision to grant or deny the loan, (v) a list of the applications approved and the applications denied and the reasons for such

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denials, and (vi) for each project, the location by street address and municipality.

(9) The following concerning enterprise zones designated under section 32-70 of the general statutes:

(A) A statement of the current goals for enterprise zones;

(B) A statement of the current performance standards to measure the progress of municipalities that have enterprise zones in attaining the goals for such zones;

(C) A report from each municipality that has an enterprise zone, which evaluates the progress of the municipality in meeting the performance standards established under subsection (a) of section 32-70a of the general statutes; and

(D) An assessment of the performance of each enterprise zone based on information collected under subparagraph (C) of this subdivision.

(10) With regard to the department's housing development related functions and activities:

(A) A brief description and assessment of the state's housing market during the preceding state fiscal year, utilizing the most recent and reasonably available data, and including, but not be limited to, (i) a brief description of the significant characteristics of such market, including supply, demand and condition and cost of housing, and (ii) any other information that the commissioner deems appropriate;

(B) An analysis of the progress of the public and private sector toward meeting housing needs in the state, using building permit data from the United States Census Bureau and demolition data from Connecticut municipalities;

(C) A list of municipalities that meet the affordable housing criteria

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set forth in subsection (k) of section 8-30g of the general statutes, as amended by this act, pursuant to regulations that the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall adopt pursuant to the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes. For the purpose of determining the percentage required by subsection (k) of said section 8-30g, the commissioner shall use as the denominator the number of dwelling units in the municipality, as reported in the most recent United States decennial census;

(D) A statement of the department's housing development objectives, measures of program success and standards for granting financial and nonfinancial assistance under programs administered by said commissioner.

(11) A presentation of the state funded housing development portfolio of the department, including:

(A) A list of the names, addresses and locations of all recipients of such assistance; and

(B) For each such recipient, (i) a summary of the terms and conditions for the assistance, including the type and amount of state financial assistance, (ii) the amount of investments from private and other non-state sources that have been leveraged by the assistance, (iii) the number of new units to be created and the number of units to be preserved at the time of the application, and (iv) the number of actual new units created and number of units preserved.

(12) An analysis of the state funded housing development portfolio of the department, including:

(A) An investment analysis, including the (i) total active portfolio value, (ii) total investment made in the preceding state fiscal year, (iii) portfolio dollar per new unit created, (iv) estimated dollars per new unit created for projects receiving an assistance award in the preceding

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state fiscal year, (v) portfolio dollars per unit preserved, (vi) estimated dollar per unit preserved for projects receiving an assistance award in the preceding state fiscal year, (vii) portfolio leverage ratio, and (viii) leverage ratio for housing development investments made in the preceding state fiscal year; and

(B) A production and preservation analysis, including the (i) total number of units created, itemized by municipality for the total portfolio and projects receiving an assistance award in the preceding state fiscal year, (ii) total number of elderly units created for the total portfolio and for projects receiving an assistance award in the preceding state fiscal year, (iii) total number of family units created for the total portfolio and for projects receiving an assistance award in the preceding state fiscal year, (iv) total number of units preserved, itemized by municipality for the total portfolio and projects receiving an assistance award in the preceding state fiscal year, (v) total number of elderly units preserved for the total portfolio and for projects receiving an assistance award in the preceding state fiscal year, (vi) total number of family units preserved for the total portfolio and for projects receiving an assistance award in the preceding state fiscal year, (vii) an analysis by income group, of households served by the department's housing construction, substantial rehabilitation, purchase and rental assistance programs, for each housing development, if applicable, and for each program, including number of households served under each program by race and data for all households, and (viii) a summary of the department's efforts in promoting fair housing choice and racial and economic integration including data on the racial composition of the occupants and persons on the waiting list of each housing project that is assisted under any housing program established by the general statutes or a special act or that is supervised by the department, provided no information shall be required to be disclosed by any occupant or person on a waiting list for the preparation of such summary. As used in this subparagraph, "elderly

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units" means dwelling units for which occupancy is restricted by age, and "family units" means dwelling units for which occupancy is not restricted by age.

(13) An economic impact analysis of the department's housing development efforts and activities, including, but not limited to:

(A) The contribution of such efforts and activities to the gross state product;

(B) The direct and indirect employment created by the investments for the total housing development portfolio and for any investment activity for such portfolio occurring in the preceding state fiscal year; and

(C) Personal income in the state.

(14) With regard to the department's energy conservation loan program:

(A) The number of loans or deferred loans made during the preceding fiscal year under each component of such program and the total amount of the loans or deferred loans made during such fiscal year under each such component;

(B) A description of each step of the loan or deferred loan application and review process;

(C) The location of each loan or deferred loan application intake site for such program;

(D) The average period for the processing of loan or deferred loan applications during such fiscal year; and

(E) The total administrative expenses of such program for such fiscal year.

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(15) A summary of the total social and economic impact of the department's efforts and activities in the areas of economic, community and housing development and an assessment of the department's performance in terms of meeting its stated goals and objectives.

Sec. 2. Subsection (k) of section 8-30g of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

(k) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) to (j), inclusive, of this section, the affordable housing appeals procedure established under this section shall not be available if the real property which is the subject of the application is located in a municipality in which at least ten per cent of all dwelling units in the municipality are (1) assisted housing, or (2) currently financed by Connecticut Housing Finance Authority mortgages, or (3) subject to binding recorded deeds containing covenants or restrictions which require that such dwelling units be sold or rented at, or below, prices which will preserve the units as housing for which persons and families pay thirty per cent or less of income, where such income is less than or equal to eighty per cent of the median income, or (4) mobile manufactured homes located in mobile manufactured home parks or legally-approved accessory apartments, which homes or apartments are subject to binding recorded deeds containing covenants or restrictions which require that such dwelling units be sold or rented at, or below, prices which will preserve the units as housing for which, for a period of not less than ten years, persons and families pay thirty per cent or less of income, where such income is less than or equal to eighty per cent of the median income. [The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall, pursuant to regulations adopted under the provisions of chapter 54, promulgate a list of municipalities which satisfy the criteria contained in this subsection and shall update such

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list not less than annually. For the purpose of determining the percentage required by this subsection, the commissioner shall use as the denominator the number of dwelling units in the municipality, as reported in the most recent United States decennial census.] The municipalities meeting the criteria set forth in this subsection shall be listed in the report submitted under section 1 of this act. As used in this subsection, "accessory apartment" means a separate living unit that (A) is attached to the main living unit of a house, which house has the external appearance of a single-family residence, (B) has a full kitchen, (C) has a square footage that is not more than thirty per cent of the total square footage of the house, (D) has an internal doorway connecting to the main living unit of the house, (E) is not billed separately from such main living unit for utilities, and (F) complies with the building code and health and safety regulations.

Sec. 3. Section 8-37s of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall monitor the progress of the public and private sector toward meeting housing needs and shall collect and annually publish data on housing production in the state. [Such data shall be submitted to the Governor, General Assembly and the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management on or before March first of each year.] In order to ensure a steady flow of information for the purposes of this section, all municipalities shall submit to the commissioner a copy of the monthly federal Bureau of the Census report on building permits issued and public construction filed at the same time as such report is filed with the federal Bureau of the Census.

Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 8-37bb of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

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(a) On or before December 31, 1991, and annually thereafter, each housing agency, except the Department of Economic and Community Development, shall submit to the General Assembly a report, for the year ending the preceding September thirtieth, which analyzes by income group, households served by its housing construction, substantial rehabilitation, purchase and rental assistance programs. Each report submitted after December 31, 1991, shall analyze the households served under each program by race. The analysis shall provide information by housing development, if applicable, and by program. Each analysis shall include data for all households (1) entering an agency program during the year ending the preceding September thirtieth, and (2) in occupancy or receiving the benefits of an agency rental program the preceding September thirtieth. The report of the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority shall also identify, by census tract, the number of households served in each program and the total amount of financial assistance provided to such households. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to preclude a housing agency from reporting additional information on programs it administers. Each report submitted under this section shall also analyze the efforts, and the results of such efforts, of each agency in promoting fair housing choice and racial and economic integration. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to require an occupant or applicant to disclose his race on an application or survey form. [The Department of Economic and Community Development shall be deemed to have complied with the requirements of this section upon submission by said department of the long-range state housing plan and annual update in accordance with section 8-37t, provided such plan and annual update contain the information required to be reported by this section.]

Sec. 5. Section 16a-40b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

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(a) The commissioner, acting on behalf of the state, may, with respect to loans for which funds have been authorized by the State Bond Commission prior to July 1, 1992, in his discretion make low-cost loans or deferred loans to residents of this state for the purchase and installation in residential structures of insulation, alternative energy devices, energy conservation materials and replacement furnaces and boilers, approved in accordance with regulations to be adopted by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management. In the purchase and installation of insulation in new residential structures, only that insulation which exceeds the requirements of the State Building Code shall be eligible for such loans or deferred loans. The commissioner may also make low-cost loans or deferred loans to persons in the state residing in dwellings constructed not later than December 31, 1979, and for which the primary source of heating since such date has been electricity, for the purchase of a secondary heating system using a source of heat other than electricity or for the conversion of a primary electric heating system to a system using a source of heat other than electricity.

(b) Except as provided under subsection (c) of this section, any such loan or deferred loan shall be available only for a residential structure containing not more than four dwelling units, shall be not less than four hundred dollars and not more than six thousand dollars per structure and, with respect to any application received on or after November 29, 1979, shall be made only to an applicant who submits evidence, satisfactory to the commissioner, that the adjusted gross income of the household member or members who contribute to the support of his household was not in excess of one hundred fifty per cent of the median area income by household size. In the case of a deferred loan, the contract shall require that payments on interest are due immediately but that payments on principal may be made at a later time. Repayment of all loans made under this subsection shall be subject to a rate of interest to be determined in accordance with

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subsection (t) of section 3-20 and such terms and conditions as the commissioner may establish. The State Bond Commission shall establish a range of rates of interest payable on all loans under this subsection and shall apply the range to applicants in accordance with a formula which reflects their income. Such range shall be not less than zero per cent for any applicant in the lowest income class and not more than one per cent above the rate of interest borne by the general obligation bonds of the state last issued prior to the most recent date such range was established for any applicant for whom the adjusted gross income of the household member or members who contribute to the support of his household was at least one hundred fifteen per cent of the median area income by household size.

(c) The commissioner shall establish a program under which he shall make funds deposited in the Energy Conservation Loan Fund available for low-cost loans or deferred loans under subsection (a) of this section for residential structures containing more than four dwelling units, or for contracts guaranteeing payment of loans or deferred loans provided by private institutions for such structures for the purposes specified under subsection (a) of this section. Any such loan or deferred loan shall be an amount equaling not more than one thousand dollars multiplied by the number of dwelling units in such structure, provided no such loan or deferred loan shall exceed thirty thousand dollars. If the applicant seeks a loan or deferred loan for a structure containing more than thirty dwelling units, he shall include in his application a commitment to make comparable energy improvements of benefit to all dwelling units in the structure in addition to the thirty units which are eligible for the loan or deferred loan. Applications for contracts of guarantee shall be limited to structures containing not more than thirty dwelling units and the amount of the guarantee shall be not more than fifteen hundred dollars for each dwelling unit benefiting from the loan or deferred loan. There shall not be an income eligibility limitation for applicants for such

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loans, deferred loans or guarantees, but the commissioner shall give preference to applications for loans, deferred loans or guarantees for such structures which are occupied by persons of low or moderate income. Repayment of such loans or deferred loans shall be subject to such rates of interest, terms and conditions as the commissioner shall establish. The state shall have a lien on each property for which a loan, deferred loan or guarantee has been made under this section to ensure compliance with such terms and conditions.

(d) With respect to such loans made on or after July 1, 1981, all repayments of principal shall be paid to the State Treasurer for deposit in the Housing Repayment and Revolving Loan Fund. The interest applicable to any such loans made shall be paid to the State Treasurer for deposit in the General Fund. After the close of each fiscal year, commencing with the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1992, and prior to the date of the calculation required under subsection (f) of this section and subsection (f) of section 32-317, the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall cause any balance of loan repayments under this section remaining in said fund to be transferred to the energy conservation revolving loan account created pursuant to section 32-316.

(e) The commissioner shall adopt regulations in accordance with chapter 54, (1) concerning qualifications for such loans or deferred loans, requirements and limitations as to adjustments of terms and conditions of repayment and any additional requirements deemed necessary to carry out the provisions of this section and to assure that those tax-exempt bonds and notes used to fund such loans or deferred loans qualify for exemption from federal income taxation, (2) providing for the maximum feasible availability of such loans or deferred loans for dwelling units owned or occupied by persons of low and moderate income, (3) establishing procedures to inform such persons of the availability of such loans or deferred loans and to

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encourage and assist them to apply for such loans or deferred loans, and (4) providing that (A) the interest payments received from the recipients of loans or deferred loans made on and after July 1, 1982, less the expenses incurred by the commissioner in the implementation of the program of loans, deferred loans and loan guarantees under this section, and (B) the payments received from electric and gas companies under subsection (f) of this section shall be applied to reimburse the General Fund for interest on the outstanding bonds and notes used to fund such loans or deferred loans made on or after July 1, 1982.

(f) Not later than August first, annually, the commissioner shall calculate the difference between (1) the weighted average of the percentage rates of interest payable on all subsidized loans made (A) after July 1, 1982, from the Energy Conservation Loan Fund, (B) from the Home Heating System Loan Fund established under section 16a-40k, and (C) from the Housing Repayment and Revolving Loan Fund pursuant to this section, and (2) the average of the percentage rates of interest on any bonds and notes issued pursuant to section 3-20, which have been dedicated to the energy conservation loan program and used to fund such loans, and multiply such difference by the outstanding amount of all such loans, or such lesser amount as may be required under Section 103(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States, as from time to time amended. The product of such difference and such applicable amount shall not exceed six per cent of the sum of the outstanding principal amount at the end of each fiscal year of all loans or deferred loans made (A) on or after July 1, 1982, from the Energy Conservation Loan Fund, (B) from the Home Heating System Loan Fund established under section 16a-40k, and (C) from the Housing Repayment and Revolving Loan Fund pursuant to this section, and the balance remaining in the Energy Conservation Loan Fund and the balance of energy conservation loan repayments in the

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Housing Repayment and Revolving Loan Fund. Not later than September first, annually, the Department of Public Utility Control shall allocate such product among each electric and gas company having at least seventy-five thousand customers, in accordance with a formula taking into account, without limitation, the average number of residential customers of each company. Not later than October first, annually, each such company shall pay its assessed amount to the commissioner. The commissioner shall pay to the State Treasurer for deposit in the General Fund all such payments from electric and gas companies, and shall adopt procedures to assure that such payments are not used for purposes other than those specifically provided in this section. The department shall include each company's payment as an operating expense of the company for the purposes of rate-making under section 16-19.

[(g) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall, not later than the seventh of January annually, submit a report to the General Assembly on the programs established under this section. Such report shall: (1) Indicate the number of loans or deferred loans made during the preceding fiscal year under each component of each such program and the total amount of the loans or deferred loans made during such fiscal year under each such component, (2) describe each step of the loan or deferred loan application and review process, (3) indicate the location of each loan or deferred loan application intake site for such programs, (4) indicate the average period for the processing of loan or deferred loan applications during such fiscal year and (5) indicate the total administrative expenses of such programs for such fiscal year.]

Sec. 6. Subsection (e) of section 22a-133u of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

(e) (1) There is established a Special Contaminated Property

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Remediation and Insurance Fund Advisory Board to review applications for loans from said fund under this section. The board shall consist of one member representing a municipality, appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives; one member representing a bank, appointed by the majority leader of the Senate; one member who has experience in the field of contaminated property remediation, appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives; one member representing a municipality, appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate; one member representing a bank, appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives; one member who has experience in the field of contaminated property remediation, appointed by the Governor; and one member representing a municipality, appointed by the minority leader of the Senate. The board shall annually elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.

(2) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, in consultation with said board shall establish criteria for (A) making disbursements under subsection (b) of this section which criteria shall include, but not be limited to, anticipated commercial value of the property, potential tax revenue to the relevant municipality, environmental or public health risk posed by the spill, potential community or economic development benefit to the relevant municipality, the status of any loans previously made under said subsection to the municipality and potential for restoration of an abandoned property, and (B) cancelling loans related to a property at which the borrower of the loan elects not to proceed with remediation. Such criteria shall further set forth the procedure for applying for a loan from the fund and the procedure to be used for evaluation of such an application. In approving any loan under said subsection to any person, firm or corporation, the board may consider the loan applicant's credit history and economic solvency, any plan of such applicant for business development, municipal support for the proposed use of the property and any existing indebtedness of such

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applicant to any entity. Upon application for any such loan, the board shall make a recommendation to the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development regarding such loan. [On or before February 1, 2003, and annually thereafter, said board and the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the environment regarding the number of applications received, and the number and amounts of loans made in the preceding year, the names of the applicants, the time period between submission of application and the decision to grant or deny the loan, which applications were approved and which applications were denied and the reasons for denial.] On or before February 1, 2003, the board shall recommend to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly whether the payments to the State Treasurer pursuant to section 12-63f are sufficient for the continued solvency of the Special Contaminated Property Remediation and Insurance Fund and whether such payments should continue.

Sec. 7. Section 32-454 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

(a) Each awarding authority shall require each recipient of economic development financial assistance for a threshold project to report annually to the authority on its progress toward achieving the public policy objectives which they have agreed to under subsection (b) of section 32-453. The awarding authority shall provide a copy of such report (1) to the chief elected official of the municipality in which the project will be located, upon the request of such official, and (2) to any employee representatives of the business, upon the request of such representatives.

(b) Upon submitting each biannual report required under [section 32-1i,] subsection (c) of section 32-11a or section 32-47a, each awarding authority under said provisions shall transmit a report on each

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threshold project (1) to the chief elected official of each municipality in which the project is located, upon the request of such official, and (2) to any employee representatives of the business, upon the request of such representatives. Each report shall include a notice indicating that (A) the information in the report is also being submitted to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the Department of Economic and Community Development, appropriations and capital bonding, and (B) comments, including comments on employee and community participation in implementing the project, may be submitted to such committees.

Sec. 8. Section 32-479 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

Not later than July 1, 1996, the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, the Labor Commissioner, the Connecticut Development Authority and Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated shall jointly develop goals and objectives and quantifiable outcome measures related to the percentage of financial assistance which is being provided to high performance work organizations. The [Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, the] Labor Commissioner, the Connecticut Development Authority and Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated shall submit an annual report concerning such goals, objectives and measures to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor and public employees and the joint standing committee having cognizance of matters relating to commerce.

Sec. 9. Section 32-501 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

(a) The commissioner shall have jurisdiction over the coordination of trade development activities in the state. The commissioner shall initiate, conduct and coordinate the implementation of Department of

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Economic and Community Development programs to promote and assist Connecticut businesses with international trade. The commissioner shall be responsible for planning, developing and administering such programs and may adopt regulations in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 to carry out the purposes of sections 32-500 to 32-512, inclusive.

(b) The commissioner may give priority in such programs to promoting and assisting Connecticut businesses with regard to trade with African countries with whom the United States has diplomatic relations. [Not later than January 1, 1998, the commissioner may submit a report to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the Department of Economic and Community Development, concerning his progress in implementing the provisions of this subsection.]

Sec. 10. Subsection (a) of section 4-124z of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

(a) The Office of Workforce Competitiveness, the Labor Commissioner, the Commissioners of Economic and Community Development, Education and Social Services, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and the Chancellor of the regional community-technical colleges, in consultation with the superintendent of the vocational-technical school system and one member of industry representing each of the economic clusters identified by the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development pursuant to section [32-4g] 1 of this act shall (1) review, evaluate and, as necessary, recommend improvements for certification and degree programs offered by the vocational-technical school system and the community-technical college system to ensure that such programs meet the employment needs of business and industry, and (2) develop strategies to strengthen the linkage between skill standards for education and

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training and the employment needs of business and industry.

Sec. 11. Section 10a-12a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

There shall be a Technical Education Coordinating Council. The council shall consist of the following members: The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education and commerce, or their designees; the Commissioners of Higher Education and Economic and Community Development and the Labor Commissioner or their designees; the chief executive officers of each constituent unit of the state system of higher education, or their designees; the president of the Connecticut Conference of Independent Colleges; the superintendent of the vocational-technical school system; one member who is a teacher at a regional vocational-technical school designated by the exclusive representative of the vocational-technical school teachers' bargaining unit; two members who are parents of students enrolled in vocational-technical schools designated by the vocational-technical schools parents' association; one member representing each of the economic clusters identified pursuant to section [32-4g] 1 of this act designated by the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development; one member designated by the Connecticut Business and Industry Association; one member designated by the Manufacturing Assistance Council; and one member designated by the Connecticut Technology Council. The cochairperson of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education, or their designees, shall jointly convene a meeting of the council not later than October 1, 1998. The council shall meet at least six times a year to review and evaluate the coordinated delivery of technical and technological education to meet the employment needs of business and industry. The council shall also explore ways to: (1) Encourage students to pursue technical

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careers, including the development or expansion of alternative training methods that may improve the delivery and accessibility of vocational-technical training; (2) ensure a successful transition for students from the regional vocational-technical schools to post secondary education; and (3) improve public awareness regarding manufacturing careers. On or before January 1, 1999, and annually thereafter, the Commissioner of Education shall report, in accordance with section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education and commerce on the activities of the council in the prior year.

Sec. 12. Sections 32-1h, 32-1i, 32-1j and 32-4g of the general statutes are repealed. (*Effective October 1, 2005*)

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