



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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House Bill No. 5909

House of Representatives, April 11, 2005

The Committee on Commerce reported through REP. BERGER of the 73rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF ENTERPRISE ZONES.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Economic
2 and Community Development shall conduct a study of enterprise
3 zones established under chapter 585 of the general statutes. Said study
4 shall include, for each such enterprise zone, an analysis of (1) whether
5 the zone currently meets the criteria for the establishment of enterprise
6 zones under section 32-70 of the general statutes, (2) the economic
7 benefits provided by the enterprise zone, including, but not limited to,
8 job creation, business creation and expansion and neighborhood
9 revitalization, and (3) the effect of the enterprise zone on state and
10 municipal tax revenues. Not later than February 1, 2006, the
11 commissioner shall, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
12 of the general statutes, submit a report on the commissioner's findings
13 and conclusions to the joint standing committee of the General
14 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to economic
15 development. Said report shall include (A) findings concerning the

16 viability and effectiveness of the enterprise zone program, and (B) if
17 found viable and effective, recommendations for improving the
18 efficiency of the program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

CE *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 06 \$	FY 07 \$
Department of Economic & Community Development	GF - Cost	100,000	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: See Below

Explanation

The Department of Economic and Community Development will need additional resources to hire a consultant at an estimated cost of \$100,000 in order to conduct a study of enterprise zones and submit the report, within the required timeframe (Feb. 1, 2006), to the General Assembly. The information needed for the study is maintained by municipal assessor offices and the Department of Revenue Services. Each of the municipalities involved will have to be surveyed and/or audited.

It is anticipated that enterprise zone municipalities (Bridgeport, Bristol, East Hartford, Groton, Hartford, Hamden, Meriden, Middletown, New Britain, New Haven, New London, Norwalk, Norwich, Southington, Stamford, Waterbury and Windham) can provide the existing information within their budgetary resources.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Commerce Committee

Joint Favorable Report

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