



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 87

LCO No. 848

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Referred to Committee on Commerce

Introduced by:

(CE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE FUNDING AND DUTIES OF THE
CONNECTICUT RURAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 32-710 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2006*):

3 (a) There is established the Connecticut Rural Development Council
4 in accordance with the Federal Farm Security and Rural Investment
5 Act of 2002, as amended from time to time.

6 (b) The Connecticut Rural Development Council shall be composed
7 of the requisite board and membership required under the Federal
8 Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, as amended from
9 time to time.

10 (c) The Connecticut Rural Development Council shall: [monitor,]

11 (1) Monitor, report and comment on policies and programs that
12 address or fail to address the following goals with respect to rural
13 areas: [(1)] (A) Coordination of state, federal, tribal and private sector
14 relationships to increase efficiency, eliminate duplication, identify gaps

15 and promote the interests of rural areas, and [(2)] (B) promotion of the
16 fiscal autonomy of rural municipalities;

17 (2) Facilitate beneficial partnerships for the state's rural residents by
18 coordinating agricultural interests with public health and educational
19 opportunities that lead to collaborative efforts and programs to
20 positively impact rural communities;

21 (3) Research government policies for rural areas;

22 (4) Assist community groups with state and federal grant
23 applications;

24 (5) Provide technical assistance to rural communities concerning
25 asset-based community development and collaboration; and

26 (6) Review potential funding opportunities for rural initiatives from
27 government, private sector and nonprofit sources.

28 (d) The Connecticut Rural Development Council may use such
29 funds as may be available from government, private sector and
30 nonprofit sources.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2006	32-710

Statement of Purpose:

To provide state funds for the Connecticut Rural Development Council.

[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.]