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To: Subst. House Bill No. 7032

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"AN ACT CONCERNING THE RETENTION OF STATE JOBS."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 32-9tt of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

5 (a) (1) The Commissioner of Economic and Community
6 Development may provide cost sharing or matching grant moneys,
7 with funds available through bond authorization pursuant to section
8 32-235, to assist and promote economic clusters representing
9 businesses that are new to exporting or organizations representing
10 such businesses. For purposes of this [section] subsection, "cost sharing
11 or matching grant moneys" means all contributions, including cash
12 and third party in-kind donations that are approved by the
13 commissioner.

14 [(b)] (2) Such cost sharing or matching grant moneys shall be
15 available to a group of businesses or the organization representing
16 such group, for the following purposes: [(1)] (A) Recruiting and
17 organizing of member businesses for the purpose of collaborating on
18 ways in which the member business may export their products and
19 services to other countries; [(2)] (B) researching and identifying the
20 foreign markets where there is a demand for their products and
21 services; [(3)] (C) designating agents for the purpose of accessing the
22 services of federal, state, local, private and nonprivate export service
23 providers; and [(4)] (D) identifying and contracting with foreign
24 representatives in the identified markets to promote and sell the
25 products and services of the member businesses.

26 [(c)] (3) A group receiving grants shall provide the commissioner
27 with information concerning goals, methodology, budget and program
28 results. Such information shall be provided in a form and manner
29 prescribed by the commissioner.

30 (b) The commissioner shall, in consultation with the Capital City
31 Economic Development Agency, develop a marketing plan to promote
32 and sponsor international events to be held in the city of Hartford. Not
33 later than January 1, 2008, such plan shall be submitted to the joint
34 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
35 matters relating to commerce.

36 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) (a) The Commissioner of
37 Economic and Community Development shall plan and implement
38 annual foreign recruitment missions to develop business recruitment
39 leads and to attract foreign investment into the state. Each such
40 mission shall be directed to a specific industry sector, including, but
41 not limited to, information technology, bioscience and biotechnology,
42 medical devices and tourism, and shall include state leaders, state
43 agencies and other private and public entities with an expertise in the
44 specific industry sector that is the focus of each mission. Each such
45 mission shall also focus on recruiting foreign site selection consultants
46 to consider Connecticut as a location for their American business

47 offices.

48 (b) The commissioner shall establish a recruitment and trade office
 49 overseas to (1) actively promote Connecticut as a destination state, and
 50 (2) to promote Connecticut's exports.

51 Sec. 3. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The sum of fifty thousand dollars is
 52 appropriated to the Department of Economic and Community
 53 Development, from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June
 54 30, 2008, for a grant to the Capital City Economic Development
 55 Authority to develop a marketing plan to promote and sponsor
 56 international events to be held in the city of Hartford, as provided in
 57 section 32-9tt of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

58 Sec. 4. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The sum of one million five hundred
 59 thousand dollars is appropriated to the Department of Economic and
 60 Community Development, from the General Fund, for the fiscal year
 61 ending June 30, 2008, for implementation of the foreign trade
 62 recruitment program established pursuant to section 2 of this act."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	32-9tt
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section