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"AN ACT CONCERNING RESPONSIBLE GROWTH."

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

3 "Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) There is established a Responsible
4 Growth Task Force. The task force shall be comprised of the following
5 members: (1) The Commissioners of Agriculture, Economic and
6 Community Development, Environmental Protection, Public Health
7 and Transportation and the executive directors of the Connecticut
8 Housing Finance Authority, Connecticut Development Authority,
9 Connecticut Innovations, Inc. and Commission on Culture and
10 Tourism and the president of the Office of Workforce Competitiveness,
11 or their respective designees, (2) one member representing the

12 Connecticut Conference of Municipalities, (3) one member
13 representing the Connecticut Council of Small Towns, and (4) six
14 members appointed as follows: One each by the speaker of the House
15 of Representatives, the president pro tempore of the Senate, the
16 majority leader of the Senate, the majority leader of the House of
17 Representatives, the minority leader of the Senate and the minority
18 leader of the House of Representatives. The Secretary of the Office of
19 Policy and Management, or the secretary's designee, shall be a member
20 and the chairperson of the task force.

21 (b) The task force shall identify responsible growth criteria to help
22 guide the state's future investment decisions, study land use laws,
23 policies and programs, including laws, policies and programs
24 concerning the transfer of development rights.

25 (c) Not later than February 15, 2008, the task force shall submit a
26 report containing its recommendations to the Governor. The task force
27 shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or February 15,
28 2008, whichever is earlier.

29 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 16a-31 of the general statutes is
30 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
31 *1, 2007*):

32 (a) The following actions when undertaken by any state agency,
33 with state or federal funds, shall be consistent with the plan:

34 (1) The acquisition of real property when the acquisition costs are in
35 excess of [one] two hundred thousand dollars;

36 (2) The development or improvement of real property when the
37 development costs are in excess of [one] two hundred thousand
38 dollars;

39 (3) The acquisition of public transportation equipment or facilities
40 when the acquisition costs are in excess of [one] two hundred
41 thousand dollars; and

42 (4) The authorization of each state grant, any application for which
43 is not pending on July 1, 1991, for an amount in excess of [one] two
44 hundred thousand dollars, for the acquisition or development or
45 improvement of real property or for the acquisition of public
46 transportation equipment or facilities.

47 Sec. 3. Section 8-23 of the general statutes is repealed and the
48 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2010*):

49 (a) (1) At least once every ten years, the commission shall prepare or
50 amend and shall adopt a plan of conservation and development for the
51 municipality. Following adoption, the commission shall regularly
52 review and maintain such plan. The commission may adopt such
53 geographical, functional or other amendments to the plan or parts of
54 the plan, in accordance with the provisions of this section, as it deems
55 necessary. The commission may, at any time, prepare, amend and
56 adopt plans for the redevelopment and improvement of districts or
57 neighborhoods which, in its judgment, contain special problems or
58 opportunities or show a trend toward lower land values.

59 (2) If a plan is not amended decennially, the chief elected official of
60 the municipality shall submit a letter to the Secretary of the Office of
61 Policy and Management and the Commissioners of Transportation,
62 Environmental Protection and Economic and Community
63 Development that explains why such plan was not amended. A copy
64 of such letter shall be included in each application by the municipality
65 for discretionary funding submitted to any state agency.

66 (b) Until the plan is amended in accordance with this subsection [, a
67 copy of such letter shall be included in each application by the
68 municipality for funding for the conservation or development of real
69 property submitted to said secretary or commissioners] the
70 municipality shall be ineligible for discretionary state funding unless
71 such prohibition is expressly waived by the secretary.

72 [(b)] (c) In the preparation of such plan, the commission may
73 appoint one or more special committees to develop and make

74 recommendations for the plan. The membership of any special
75 committee may include: Residents of the municipality and
76 representatives of local boards dealing with zoning, inland wetlands,
77 conservation, recreation, education, public works, finance,
78 redevelopment, general government and other municipal functions. In
79 performing its duties under this section, the commission or any special
80 committee may accept information from any source or solicit input
81 from any organization or individual. The commission or any special
82 committee may hold public informational meetings or organize other
83 activities to inform residents about the process of preparing the plan.

84 [(c)] (d) In preparing such plan, the commission or any special
85 committee shall consider the following: (1) The community
86 development action plan of the municipality, if any, (2) the need for
87 affordable housing, (3) the need for protection of existing and potential
88 public surface and ground drinking water supplies, (4) the use of
89 cluster development and other development patterns to the extent
90 consistent with soil types, terrain and infrastructure capacity within
91 the municipality, (5) the state plan of conservation and development
92 adopted pursuant to chapter 297, (6) the regional plan of development
93 adopted pursuant to section 8-35a, (7) physical, social, economic and
94 governmental conditions and trends, (8) the needs of the municipality
95 including, but not limited to, human resources, education, health,
96 housing, recreation, social services, public utilities, public protection,
97 transportation and circulation and cultural and interpersonal
98 communications, (9) the objectives of energy-efficient patterns of
99 development, the use of solar and other renewable forms of energy
100 and energy conservation, and (10) protection and preservation of
101 agriculture.

102 [(d)] (e) (1) Such plan of conservation and development shall (A) be
103 a statement of policies, goals and standards for the physical and
104 economic development of the municipality, (B) provide for a system of
105 principal thoroughfares, parkways, bridges, streets, sidewalks,
106 multipurpose trails and other public ways as appropriate, (C) be
107 designed to promote, with the greatest efficiency and economy, the

108 coordinated development of the municipality and the general welfare
109 and prosperity of its people and identify areas where it is feasible and
110 prudent (i) to have compact, transit accessible, pedestrian-oriented
111 mixed use development patterns and land reuse, and (ii) to promote
112 such development patterns and land reuse, (D) recommend the most
113 desirable use of land within the municipality for residential,
114 recreational, commercial, industrial, conservation and other purposes
115 and include a map showing such proposed land uses, (E) recommend
116 the most desirable density of population in the several parts of the
117 municipality, (F) note any inconsistencies with the following growth
118 management principles: (i) Redevelopment and revitalization of
119 commercial centers and areas of mixed land uses with existing or
120 planned physical infrastructure; (ii) expansion of housing
121 opportunities and design choices to accommodate a variety of
122 household types and needs; (iii) concentration of development around
123 transportation nodes and along major transportation corridors to
124 support the viability of transportation options and land reuse; (iv)
125 conservation and restoration of the natural environment, cultural and
126 historical resources and existing farmlands; (v) protection of
127 environmental assets critical to public health and safety; and (vi)
128 integration of planning across all levels of government to address
129 issues on a local, regional and state-wide basis, (G) make provision for
130 the development of housing opportunities, including opportunities for
131 multifamily dwellings, consistent with soil types, terrain and
132 infrastructure capacity, for all residents of the municipality and the
133 planning region in which the municipality is located, as designated by
134 the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management under section
135 16a-4a, (H) promote housing choice and economic diversity in
136 housing, including housing for both low and moderate income
137 households, and encourage the development of housing which will
138 meet the housing needs identified in the housing plan prepared
139 pursuant to section 8-37t and in the housing component and the other
140 components of the state plan of conservation and development
141 prepared pursuant to chapter 297. In preparing such plan the
142 commission shall consider focusing development and revitalization in

143 areas with existing or planned physical infrastructure.

144 (2) For any municipality that is contiguous to Long Island Sound,
145 such plan shall be (A) consistent with the municipal coastal program
146 requirements of sections 22a-101 to 22a-104, inclusive, (B) made with
147 reasonable consideration for restoration and protection of the
148 ecosystem and habitat of Long Island Sound, and (C) designed to
149 reduce hypoxia, pathogens, toxic contaminants and floatable debris in
150 Long Island Sound.

151 [(e)] (f) Such plan may show the commission's and any special
152 committee's recommendation for (1) conservation and preservation of
153 traprock and other ridgelines, (2) airports, parks, playgrounds and
154 other public grounds, (3) the general location, relocation and
155 improvement of schools and other public buildings, (4) the general
156 location and extent of public utilities and terminals, whether publicly
157 or privately owned, for water, sewerage, light, power, transit and other
158 purposes, (5) the extent and location of public housing projects, (6)
159 programs for the implementation of the plan, including (A) a schedule,
160 (B) a budget for public capital projects, (C) a program for enactment
161 and enforcement of zoning and subdivision controls, building and
162 housing codes and safety regulations, (D) plans for implementation of
163 affordable housing, (E) plans for open space acquisition and
164 greenways protection and development, and (F) plans for corridor
165 management areas along limited access highways or rail lines,
166 designated under section 16a-27, (7) proposed priority funding areas,
167 and (8) any other recommendations as will, in the commission's or any
168 special committee's judgment, be beneficial to the municipality. The
169 plan may include any necessary and related maps, explanatory
170 material, photographs, charts or other pertinent data and information
171 relative to the past, present and future trends of the municipality.

172 [(f)] (g) (1) A plan of conservation and development or any part
173 thereof or amendment thereto prepared by the commission or any
174 special committee shall be reviewed, and may be amended, by the
175 commission prior to scheduling at least one public hearing on

176 adoption.

177 (2) At least sixty-five days prior to the public hearing on adoption,
178 the commission shall submit a copy of such plan or part thereof or
179 amendment thereto for review and comment to the legislative body or,
180 in the case of a municipality for which the legislative body of the
181 municipality is a town meeting or representative town meeting, to the
182 board of selectmen. The legislative body or board of selectmen, as the
183 case may be, may hold one or more public hearings on the plan and
184 shall endorse or reject such entire plan or part thereof or amendment
185 and may submit comments and recommended changes to the
186 commission. The commission may render a decision on the plan
187 without the report of such body or board.

188 (3) At least thirty-five days prior to the public hearing on adoption,
189 the commission shall post the plan on the Internet web site of the
190 municipality, if any.

191 (4) At least sixty-five days prior to the public hearing on adoption,
192 the commission shall submit a copy of such plan or part thereof or
193 amendment thereto to the regional planning agency for review and
194 comment. The regional planning agency shall submit an advisory
195 report along with its comments to the commission at or before the
196 hearing. Such comments shall include a finding on the consistency of
197 the plan with (A) the regional plan of development, adopted under
198 section 8-35a, (B) the state plan of conservation and development,
199 adopted pursuant to chapter 297, and (C) the plans of conservation
200 and development of other municipalities in the area of operation of the
201 regional planning agency. The commission may render a decision on
202 the plan without the report of the regional planning agency.

203 (5) At least thirty-five days prior to the public hearing on adoption,
204 the commission shall file in the office of the town clerk a copy of such
205 plan or part thereof or amendment thereto but, in the case of a district
206 commission, such commission shall file such information in the offices
207 of both the district clerk and the town clerk.

208 (6) The commission shall cause to be published in a newspaper
209 having a general circulation in the municipality, at least twice at
210 intervals of not less than two days, the first not more than fifteen days,
211 or less than ten days, and the last not less than two days prior to the
212 date of each such hearing, notice of the time and place of any such
213 public hearing. Such notice shall make reference to the filing of such
214 draft plan in the office of the town clerk, or both the district clerk and
215 the town clerk, as the case may be.

216 ~~[(g)]~~ (h) (1) After completion of the public hearing, the commission
217 may revise the plan and may adopt the plan or any part thereof or
218 amendment thereto by a single resolution or may, by successive
219 resolutions, adopt parts of the plan and amendments thereto.

220 (2) Any plan, section of a plan or recommendation in the plan that is
221 not endorsed in the report of the legislative body or, in the case of a
222 municipality for which the legislative body is a town meeting or
223 representative town meeting, by the board of selectmen, of the
224 municipality may only be adopted by the commission by a vote of not
225 less than two-thirds of all the members of the commission.

226 (3) Upon adoption by the commission, any plan or part thereof or
227 amendment thereto shall become effective at a time established by the
228 commission, provided notice thereof shall be published in a
229 newspaper having a general circulation in the municipality prior to
230 such effective date.

231 (4) Not more than thirty days after adoption, any plan or part
232 thereof or amendment thereto shall be posted on the Internet web site
233 of the municipality, if any, and shall be filed in the office of the town
234 clerk, except that, if it is a district plan or amendment, it shall be filed
235 in the offices of both the district and town clerks.

236 (5) Not more than sixty days after adoption of the plan, the
237 commission shall submit a copy of the plan to the Secretary of the
238 Office of Policy and Management and shall include with such copy a
239 description of any inconsistency between the plan adopted by the

240 commission and the state plan of conservation and development and
241 the reasons therefor.

242 [(h)] (i) Any owner or tenant, or authorized agent of such owner or
243 tenant, of real property or buildings thereon located in the
244 municipality may submit a proposal to the commission requesting a
245 change to the plan of conservation and development. Such proposal
246 shall be submitted in writing and on a form prescribed by the
247 commission. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of
248 section 8-7d, the commission shall review and may approve, modify
249 and approve or reject the proposal in accordance with the provisions of
250 subsection (f) of this section.

251 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) On or before July 1, 2009,
252 and every five years thereafter, the Commissioner of Economic and
253 Community Development, within available appropriations, shall
254 prepare an economic strategic plan for the state in consultation with
255 the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, the
256 Commissioners of Environmental Protection and Transportation, the
257 Labor Commissioner, the executive directors of the Connecticut
258 Housing Finance Authority, the Connecticut Development Authority,
259 the Connecticut Innovations, Inc., the Commission on Culture and
260 Tourism and the Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities
261 Authority, and the president of the Office of Workforce
262 Competitiveness, or their respective designees, and any other agencies
263 the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development deems
264 appropriate.

265 (b) In developing the plan, the Commissioner of Economic and
266 Community Development shall:

267 (1) Ensure that the plan is consistent with (A) the text and locational
268 guide map of the state plan of conservation and development, adopted
269 pursuant to chapter 297 of the general statutes, (B) the long-range state
270 housing plan, adopted pursuant to section 8-37t of the general statutes,
271 and (C) the transportation strategy adopted pursuant to section 13b-

272 57g of the general statutes;

273 (2) Consult regional councils of governments, regional planning
274 organizations, regional economic development agencies, interested
275 state and local officials, entities involved in economic and community
276 development, stakeholders and business, economic, labor, community
277 and housing organizations;

278 (3) Consider (A) regional economic, community and housing
279 development plans, and (B) applicable state and local workforce
280 investment strategies;

281 (4) Assess and evaluate the economic development challenges and
282 opportunities of the state and against the economic development
283 competitiveness of other states and regions; and

284 (5) Host regional forums to provide for public involvement in the
285 planning process.

286 (c) The strategic plan required under this section shall include, but
287 not be limited to, the following:

288 (1) A review and evaluation of the economy of the state. Such
289 review and evaluation shall include, but not be limited to, a sectoral
290 analysis, housing market and housing affordability analysis, labor
291 market and labor quality analysis, demographic analysis and include
292 historic trend analysis and projections;

293 (2) A review and analysis of factors, issues and forces that impact or
294 impede economic development and responsible growth in Connecticut
295 and its constituent regions. Such factors, issues or forces shall include,
296 but not be limited to, transportation, including, but not limited to,
297 commuter transit, rail and barge freight, technology transfer,
298 brownfield remediation and development, health care delivery and
299 costs, early education, primary education, secondary and post
300 secondary education systems and student performance, business
301 regulation, labor force quality and sustainability, social services costs

302 and delivery systems, affordable and workforce housing cost and
303 availability, land use policy, emergency preparedness, taxation,
304 availability of capital and energy costs and supply;

305 (3) Identification and analysis of economic clusters that are growing
306 or declining within the state;

307 (4) An analysis of targeted industry sectors in the state that (A)
308 identifies those industry sectors that are of current or future
309 importance to the growth of the state's economy and to its global
310 competitive position, (B) identifies what those industry sectors need
311 for continued growth, and (C) identifies, those industry sectors current
312 and potential impediments to growth;

313 (5) A review and evaluation of the economic development structure
314 in the state, including, but not limited to, (A) a review and analysis of
315 the past and current economic, community and housing development
316 structures, budgets and policies, efforts and responsibilities of its
317 constituent parts in Connecticut; and

318 (B) An analysis of the performance of the current economic,
319 community and housing development structure, and its individual
320 constituent parts, in meeting its statutory obligations, responsibilities
321 and mandates and their impact on economic development and
322 responsible growth in Connecticut;

323 (6) Establishment and articulation of a vision for Connecticut that
324 identifies where the state should be in five, ten, fifteen and twenty
325 years;

326 (7) Establishment of clear and measurable goals and objectives for
327 the state and regions, to meet the short and long-term goals established
328 under this section and provide clear steps and strategies to achieve
329 said goals and objectives, including, but not limited to, the following:
330 (A) The promotion of economic development and opportunity, (B) the
331 fostering of effective transportation access and choice including the use
332 of airports and ports for economic development, (C) enhancement and

333 protection of the environment, (D) maximization of the effective
334 development and use of the workforce consistent with applicable state
335 or local workforce investment strategy, (E) promotion of the use of
336 technology in economic development, including access to high-speed
337 telecommunications, and (F) the balance of resources through sound
338 management of physical development;

339 (8) Prioritization of goals and objectives established under this
340 section;

341 (9) Establishment of relevant measures that clearly identify and
342 quantify (A) whether a goal and objective is being met at the state,
343 regional, local and private sector level, and (B) cause and effect
344 relationships, and provides a clear and replicable measurement
345 methodology;

346 (10) Recommendations on how the state can best achieve goals
347 under the strategic plan and provide cost estimates for implementation
348 of the plan and the projected return on investment for those areas; and

349 (11) Any other responsible growth information that the
350 commissioner deems appropriate.

351 (d) On or before July 1, 2009, and every five years thereafter, the
352 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall
353 submit an economic development strategic plan for the state to the
354 Governor for approval. The Governor shall review and approve or
355 disapprove such plan not more than sixty days after submission. The
356 plan shall be effective upon approval by the Governor or sixty days
357 after the date of submission.

358 (e) Upon approval, the commissioner shall submit the economic
359 development strategic plan to the joint standing committees of the
360 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce,
361 planning and development, appropriations and the budgets of state
362 agencies and finance, revenue and bonding. Not later than thirty days
363 after such submission, the commissioner shall post the plan on the web

364 site of the Department of Economic and Community Development.

365 (f) The commissioner from time to time, may revise and update the
366 strategic plan upon approval of the Governor. The commissioner shall
367 post any such revisions on the web site of the Department of Economic
368 and Community Development.

369 Sec. 5. Section 4-124d of the general statutes is repealed and the
370 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

371 The council shall consider such matters of a public nature common
372 to two or more members of the council as it deems appropriate,
373 including matters affecting transportation and the health, safety,
374 welfare, education and economic conditions of the area comprised by
375 its members. The council shall promote cooperative arrangements and
376 coordinate action among its members and make recommendations
377 therefor to the members and such other public agencies as exist or
378 perform functions within the region or regions.

379 Sec. 6. Section 8-35a of the general statutes is repealed and the
380 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

381 (a) At least once every ten years, each regional planning agency
382 shall make a plan of development for its area of operation, showing its
383 recommendations for the general use of the area including land use,
384 housing, principal highways and freeways, bridges, airports, parks,
385 playgrounds, recreational areas, schools, public institutions, public
386 utilities, agriculture and such other matters as, in the opinion of the
387 agency, will be beneficial to the area. Any regional plan so developed
388 shall be based on studies of physical, social, economic and
389 governmental conditions and trends and shall be designed to promote
390 with the greatest efficiency and economy the coordinated development
391 of its area of operation and the general welfare and prosperity of its
392 people. Such plan may encourage energy-efficient patterns of
393 development, the use of solar and other renewable forms of energy,
394 and energy conservation. Such plan shall be designed to promote
395 abatement of the pollution of the waters and air of the region. The

396 regional plan shall identify areas where it is feasible and prudent (1) to
397 have compact, transit accessible, pedestrian-oriented mixed use
398 development patterns and land reuse, and (2) to promote such
399 development patterns and land reuse and shall note any
400 inconsistencies with the following growth management principles: (A)
401 Redevelopment and revitalization of regional centers and areas of
402 mixed land uses with existing or planned physical infrastructure; (B)
403 expansion of housing opportunities and design choices to
404 accommodate a variety of household types and needs; (C)
405 concentration of development around transportation nodes and along
406 major transportation corridors to support the viability of
407 transportation options and land reuse; (D) conservation and
408 restoration of the natural environment, cultural and historical
409 resources and traditional rural lands; (E) protection of environmental
410 assets critical to public health and safety; and (F) integration of
411 planning across all levels of government to address issues on a local,
412 regional and state-wide basis. The plan of each region contiguous to
413 Long Island Sound shall be designed to reduce hypoxia, pathogens,
414 toxic contaminants and floatable debris in Long Island Sound.

415 (b) Before adopting the regional plan of development or any part
416 thereof or amendment thereto the agency shall hold at least one public
417 hearing thereon, notice of the time, place and subject of which shall be
418 given in writing to the chief executive officer and planning
419 commission, where one exists, of each member town, city or borough.
420 Notice of the time, place and subject of such hearing shall be published
421 once in a newspaper having a substantial circulation in the region. At
422 least sixty-five days before the public hearing the regional planning
423 agency shall post the plan on the Internet web site of the agency, if
424 any, and submit the plan to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
425 Management for findings in the form of comments and
426 recommendations. Such findings shall include a review of the plan to
427 determine if the proposed regional plan of development is not
428 inconsistent with the state plan of conservation and development and
429 the state economic strategic plan. Such notices shall be given not more

430 than twenty days nor less than ten days before such hearing. The
431 regional planning agency shall note on the record any inconsistency
432 with the state plan of conservation and development and the reasons
433 for such inconsistency. Adoption of the plan or part thereof or
434 amendment thereto shall be made by the affirmative vote of not less
435 than a majority of the representatives on the agency. The plan shall be
436 posted on the Internet web site of the agency, if any, and a copy of the
437 plan or of any amendments thereto, signed by the chairman of the
438 agency, shall be transmitted to the chief executive officers, the town,
439 city or borough clerks, as the case may be, and to planning
440 commissions, if any, in member towns, cities or boroughs, and to the
441 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or his designee. The
442 regional planning agency shall notify the Secretary of the Office of
443 Policy and Management of any inconsistency with the state plan of
444 conservation and development and the reasons therefor.

445 (c) The regional planning agency shall revise the plan of
446 development not more than three years after July 1, 2005.

447 (d) The regional planning agency shall assist municipalities within
448 its region and state agencies and may assist other public and private
449 agencies in developing and carrying out any regional plan or plans of
450 such regional planning agency. The regional planning agency may
451 provide administrative, management, technical or planning assistance
452 to municipalities within its region and other public agencies under
453 such terms as it may determine, provided, prior to entering into an
454 agreement for assistance to any municipality or other public agency,
455 the regional planning agency shall have adopted a policy governing
456 such assistance. The regional planning agency may be compensated by
457 the municipality or other public agency with which an agreement for
458 assistance has been made for all or part of the cost of such assistance.

459 Sec. 7. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) The Secretary of the Office of
460 Policy and Management shall, within available appropriations,
461 conduct a review of (1) regional tax-based revenue sharing programs,
462 and (2) the establishment of regional asset districts. The review under

463 subdivision (1) of this subsection shall include, but not be limited to, a
464 study of any available models of such revenue sharing programs, the
465 adaptations that may be needed in such programs for use in this state,
466 the effect on property taxes and on a town's grand list, and other
467 possible effects on both municipal and regional finances. The review
468 under subdivision (2) of this subsection shall include, but not be
469 limited to, a study of any available models of regional asset districts,
470 the adaptations that may be needed in such programs for use in this
471 state and other possible effects on both municipal and regional
472 finances.

473 (b) Not later than July 1, 2009, the secretary shall submit a report, in
474 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
475 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
476 cognizance of matters relating to planning and development, and
477 finance, revenue and bonding, with the results of the review
478 undertaken pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, and with
479 recommendations relating to the institution of revenue sharing
480 programs and establishment of regional asset districts.

481 Sec. 8. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) For purposes of this section,
482 (1) "regional council of governments" means any such council
483 organized under the provisions of sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive,
484 of the general statutes, (2) "regional council of elected officials" means
485 any such council organized under the provisions of sections 4-124c to
486 4-124h, inclusive, of the general statutes, and (3) "regional planning
487 agency" means an agency defined in chapter 127 of the general
488 statutes.

489 (b) There is established a regional performance incentive program
490 that shall be administered by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
491 Management. On or before December 1, 2007, and annually thereafter,
492 any regional planning agency, any regional council of elected officials,
493 any regional council of governments, or any combination thereof, may
494 submit to said secretary a proposal for joint provision of a service or
495 services that are currently provided by municipalities within the

496 region of such agency or council or contiguous thereto, but not
497 currently provided on a regional basis. The proposal shall include such
498 service or services which may increase the participating municipalities'
499 purchasing power or provide a cost savings initiative resulting in a
500 decrease in participating municipalities' expenses and lower property
501 taxes. A copy of said proposal shall be sent to the legislators
502 representing said participating municipalities.

503 (c) The proposal shall (1) describe at least one service currently
504 provided by a municipality or municipalities within the region of the
505 agency or council or contiguous thereto, but not currently provided on
506 a regional basis, (2) provide a description of how such service would
507 be delivered on a regional basis, including consideration of what entity
508 would be responsible for such service, and how the population would
509 continue to be served, (3) describe the amount and the manner in
510 which the service will achieve economies of scale and the amount and
511 manner in which each municipality will reduce its mill rate as a result
512 of the savings realized by changing the municipal service to a regional
513 service, (4) include a cost benefit analysis for the provision of such
514 service by the municipality and by the council or agency, (5) set out a
515 plan of implementation for such regional service, (6) estimate the
516 savings that will be realized by each municipality, and (7) any other
517 items requested by said secretary. Each proposal shall have attached to
518 it (A) a resolution by the legislative body of each municipality affected
519 by the proposal endorsing such proposal; and (B) certification by each
520 such municipality that there are no legal obstacles to provision of
521 services in the manner specified in the proposal including, but not
522 limited to, binding arbitration. The proposal shall be submitted on a
523 form prescribed by said secretary. Said secretary shall review all such
524 proposals, and award grants to those that the secretary determines best
525 meet the requirements of this subsection. In making such grants the
526 secretary shall give priority to proposals presented by regional
527 councils of government which include participation of at least fifty per
528 cent of the member municipalities of such council.

529 (d) Not later than February 1, 2008, and annually thereafter, the

530 secretary shall submit to the Governor and the joint standing
 531 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
 532 relating to finance, revenue and bonding a report on the grants
 533 provided pursuant to this section. Each such report shall include
 534 information on the amount of each grant, and the potential of each
 535 grant for leveraging other public and private investments."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	16a-31(a)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	8-23
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	4-124d
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	8-35a
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section