



**Senate Bill No. 553**

**Public Act No. 08-89**

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD.***

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

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than October 1, 2008, the executive director of the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism shall establish a Sports Advisory Board within the commission that shall advise the executive director on the most effective ways to utilize state resources to promote, attract and market in-state professional and amateur sports and sporting events. Such board shall also advise the executive director on ways to coordinate the use of state-owned facilities in order to enhance sports-related tourism in the state and develop methods for the dissemination of information concerning in-state professional and amateur sports and sporting events to residents of the state and the northeast.

(b) Such advisory board shall consist of one member from each of the following entities: (1) The University of Connecticut's Athletic Department; (2) the Connecticut State University System's Athletic Department; (3) the XL Center; (4) Northland AEG; (5) the Traveler's Championship Golf Tournament; (6) the Pilot Pen Tennis Tournament; (7) the Special Olympics; (8) the Mohegan Sun Arena; (9) Foxwoods Resort Casino; (10) Lime Rock Park Race Track; (11) the Arena at Harbor Yard; (12) New Britain Stadium; (13) the Connecticut Marine

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Trades Association; (14) the Office of Policy and Management; (15) the Department of Economic and Community Development; (16) the Capital City Economic Development Authority; (17) the Nutmeg State Games; (18) the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference; (19) Fairfield University; (20) Quinnipiac University; (21) Sacred Heart University; (22) any other entity involved in sports or sporting events that the executive director deems appropriate; (23) the Connecticut State Golf Association; and (24) Dodd Stadium.

(c) The first meeting of the Sports Advisory Board shall convene not later than November 15, 2008, and the advisory board shall meet not less than once per calendar quarter thereafter. The advisory board shall provide any recommendations of the advisory board to the executive director not later than thirty days after any such meeting.

(d) The members of the advisory board may select a chairperson from among its membership who shall be responsible for the scheduling and conducting of any such meeting.

(e) The Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism shall provide staff support to the board.

(f) Not later than thirty days prior to each regular session of the General Assembly, the executive director of the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce that includes information on the status of the Sports Advisory Board's activities, the implementation of any recommendations of such advisory board and any legislative proposals related to such recommendations.

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