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Senate Bill No. 547

Senate, April 1, 2008

The Committee on Commerce reported through SEN. LEBEAU of the 3rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING CONNECTICUT INNOVATIONS INCORPORATED.

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

1 Section 1. Section 32-40 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

3 (a) All applications for financial aid shall be forwarded, together
4 with an application fee prescribed by the corporation, to the executive
5 director of the corporation. Each such application shall be processed in
6 accordance with the written procedures adopted by the corporation
7 under subdivision (5) of subsection (d) of section 32-35. [The finance
8 committee of the corporation shall approve or deny each application
9 recommended by the executive director. If the finance committee
10 approves an application, such committee may authorize the
11 corporation to enter into an agreement or agreements on behalf of] For
12 any application approved pursuant to the written procedures adopted
13 by the corporation pursuant to subdivision (5) of subsection (d) of
14 section 32-35 the corporation [to] may provide financial aid to the

15 applicant. The applicant shall be promptly notified of such action by
16 the corporation.

17 (b) In making the decision as to approval or denial of an application,
18 the finance committee of the corporation shall give priority to those
19 applicants (1) whose businesses are defense-dependent, or are located
20 in municipalities which the Commissioner of Economic and
21 Community Development has declared have been severely impacted
22 by prime defense contract cutbacks pursuant to section 32-56, and (2)
23 whose proposed research and development activity, technology,
24 product or invention is to be used to convert all or a portion of the
25 applicant's business to non-defense-related industrial or commercial
26 activity, or to create a new non-defense-related industrial or
27 commercial business. For purposes of this section, a defense-
28 dependent business is any business that derives over fifty per cent of
29 its gross income, generated from operations within the state, from
30 prime defense contracts or from subcontracts entered into in
31 connection with prime defense contracts, a significant portion of
32 whose facilities and equipment are designed specifically for defense
33 production and cannot be converted to nondefense uses without
34 substantial investment.

35 (c) All financial and credit information and all trade secrets
36 contained in any application for financial aid submitted to the
37 corporation or obtained by the corporation concerning any applicant,
38 project, activity, technology, product or invention shall be exempt
39 from the provisions of subsection (a) of section 1-210 of the 2008
40 supplement to the general statutes.

41 Sec. 2. Section 32-47a of the general statutes is repealed and the
42 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

43 Not later than January first in each year, Connecticut Innovations,
44 Incorporated shall submit a business plan containing a summary of its
45 projected operations for the year to the joint standing committees of
46 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the
47 Department of Economic and Community Development,

48 appropriations and capital bonding. Not later than November first,
49 annually, the corporation shall submit a report to the Commissioner of
50 Economic and Community Development, the Auditors of Public
51 Accounts and said joint standing committees, which shall include the
52 following information with respect to new and outstanding financial
53 assistance provided by the corporation during the twelve-month
54 period ending on June thirtieth next preceding the date of the report
55 for each financial assistance program administered by the corporation:
56 (1) A list of the names, addresses and locations of all recipients of such
57 assistance, (2) for each such recipient: (A) The business activities, (B)
58 the Standard Industrial Classification Manual codes, (C) the gross
59 revenues during the recipient's most recent fiscal year, if the recipient
60 is an organization that makes such information public in the normal
61 course of business, except that the gross revenue information will be
62 provided for a recipient separately, using a system in which no
63 company is listed by name but each is given a separate identity in a
64 manner consistent with the provisions of subsection (c) of section 32-
65 40, as amended by this act, (D) the number of employees at the time of
66 application, (E) whether the recipient is a minority or woman-owned
67 business, (F) a summary of the terms and conditions for the assistance,
68 including the type and amount of state financial assistance, job
69 creation or retention requirements, and anticipated wage rates, and (G)
70 the amount of investments from private and other nonstate sources
71 that have been leveraged by the assistance, (3) the economic benefit
72 criteria used in determining which applications have been approved or
73 disapproved, and (4) for each recipient of assistance on or after July 1,
74 1991, a comparison between the number of jobs to be created, the
75 number of jobs to be retained and the average wage rates for each such
76 category of jobs, as projected in the recipient's application, versus the
77 actual number of jobs created, the actual number of jobs retained and
78 the average wage rates for each such category. The chairs of the joint
79 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
80 matters relating to finance, revenue and bonding and commerce and
81 the Governor may examine, in confidence, the detailed data, including
82 the specific revenue data for each identifiable business, submitted

83 pursuant to subdivisions (1) and (2) of this section. The report shall
 84 also indicate the actual number of full-time jobs and the actual number
 85 of part-time jobs in each such category and the benefit levels for each
 86 such subcategory. The November first report shall include a summary
 87 of the activities of the corporation, including all activities to assist
 88 small businesses and minority business enterprises, as defined in
 89 section 4a-60g, a complete operating and financial statement and
 90 recommendations for legislation to promote the purposes of the
 91 corporation. The corporation shall furnish such additional information
 92 upon the written request of any such committee at such times as the
 93 committee may request.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	32-40
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	32-47a

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 chamber thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill makes changes to the statutory reporting requirements and internal operating procedures of Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated, and has no fiscal impact.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 547*****AN ACT CONCERNING CONNECTICUT INNOVATIONS
INCORPORATED.*****SUMMARY:**

By law, Connecticut Innovations, Inc. (CII) must file an annual report concerning its financial assistance programs that includes certain information about companies receiving financial assistance from CII, including each company's gross revenue for its most recent fiscal year. This bill requires CII to report gross revenue only for companies that make the information public in the normal course of business, rather than requiring such information for every recipient. It also requires CII to report each company's gross revenue separately while concealing its name and identity, which it exempts from the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). The law already exempts from FOIA financial and credit information and trade secrets applicants submit.

The bill allows the governor and the chairpersons of the Finance, Revenue and Bonding and Commerce committees to examine the detailed report data in confidence, including the specific revenue data for each identifiable business included in the report

The bill also (1) eliminates the requirement that CII's finance committee act on each financial aid application the executive director recommends and (2) repeals CII's finance committee's authority to authorize contracts for the applications it approves. Instead, the bill specifies that applications must be approved according to the written procedures adopted by CII's board of directors.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage, except for the provision concerning CII's application approval process, which is effective July 1,

2008.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Commerce Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 22 Nay 0 (03/18/2008)