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Referred to Committee on Commerce

Introduced by:
(CE)

AN ACT CONCERNING AN INTERIM REPORT ON ENTERPRISE ZONES.

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

1 Section 1. Section 32-70a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

3 (a) On or before October 1, 2006, the Commissioner of Economic and
4 Community Development shall establish goals for enterprise zones
5 designated under section 32-70. The commissioner shall review such
6 goals every five years and update them as necessary and appropriate.
7 Such goals shall include, but not be limited to, increasing private
8 investment, expanding the tax base, providing job training and job
9 creation for residents of enterprise zones and reducing property
10 abandonment and housing blight in enterprise zones.

11 (b) On or before October 1, 2006, the Commissioner of Economic
12 and Community Development shall establish performance standards
13 to measure the progress of municipalities with enterprise zones in
14 attaining the goals for enterprise zones established under subsection
15 (a) of this section. The commissioner shall review and update such

16 performance standards as appropriate and necessary.

17 (c) On or before January 1, 2009, said commissioner shall submit, in
18 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, an interim report to
19 the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
20 cognizance of matters relating to the Department of Economic and
21 Community Development. Such interim report shall include
22 information on the following:

23 (1) The goals established by the commissioner for each enterprise
24 zone and the method to be used to review such goals every five years,
25 as provided in subsection (a) of this section;

26 (2) The standards the commissioner shall use to determine if each
27 enterprise zone has met its goal;

28 (3) Information on the status of development of the format under
29 which businesses in enterprise zones are to submit data pursuant to
30 subsection (d) of this section;

31 (4) Information on the extent to which municipalities have begun to
32 evaluate the performance of enterprise zones, as required pursuant to
33 subsection (e) of this section, and information on assistance provided
34 by the Department of Economic and Community Development to
35 municipalities in performing such evaluation;

36 (5) Any preliminary findings about the progress of municipalities
37 with enterprise zones toward attaining goals established pursuant to
38 subsection (a) of this section; and

39 (6) Suggested changes or alternatives to the enterprise zone
40 program that may enable municipalities to achieve their goals more
41 efficiently.

42 ~~[(c)]~~ (d) On or before July 1, 2011, and every five years thereafter,
43 each business located within an enterprise zone shall electronically
44 submit, in a format determined by the commissioner, a report to the

- 45 municipality, which shall include, but not be limited to:
- 46 (1) The name of the business;
- 47 (2) The enterprise zone address of each business;
- 48 (3) The date on which the business was first certified;
- 49 (4) The number of full-time jobs the business had at the time of
50 application;
- 51 (5) The number of part-time jobs the business had at the time of
52 application;
- 53 (6) The number of full-time jobs of the business filled by residents of
54 the enterprise zone as of June thirtieth of each year since certification;
- 55 (7) The number of part-time jobs of the business filled by residents
56 of the enterprise zone as of June thirtieth of each year since
57 certification;
- 58 (8) The number of full-time jobs the business had as of June thirtieth
59 of each year since certification;
- 60 (9) The number of part-time jobs the business had as of June
61 thirtieth of each year since certification;
- 62 (10) The average annual wage paid by the business to its full-time
63 employees as of June thirtieth of each year since certification;
- 64 (11) The average annual wage paid by the business to its part-time
65 employees as of June thirtieth of each year since certification;
- 66 (12) The number of employees of the business eligible for health
67 benefits as of June thirtieth of each year since certification;
- 68 (13) The per cent of average employee contribution to the health
69 plan of the business as of June thirtieth of each year since certification;

70 (14) The amount invested by the business in job training as of June
71 thirtieth of each year since certification;

72 (15) The amount of square footage of the building or buildings
73 residing at the enterprise zone address at the time of application;

74 (16) The amount of square footage of the building or buildings
75 residing at the enterprise zone address as of June thirtieth of each year
76 since certification;

77 (17) The amount invested by the business or property owner in the
78 building or buildings residing at the enterprise zone address as of June
79 thirtieth of each year since certification;

80 (18) The amount invested in personal property, excluding
81 machinery and equipment used in the manufacture of goods, as of
82 June thirtieth of each year since certification;

83 (19) The amount invested in machinery and equipment used in the
84 manufacture of goods as of June thirtieth of each year since
85 certification;

86 (20) The amount of the personal property tax abatement awarded to
87 the business as of June thirtieth of each year since certification;

88 (21) The amount of the real property tax abatement awarded to the
89 business as of June thirtieth of each year since certification;

90 (22) The amount of personal property tax actually paid by the
91 business to the municipality as of June thirtieth of each year since
92 certification; and

93 (23) The amount of real property tax actually paid by the business to
94 the municipality as of June thirtieth of each year since certification.

95 [(d)] (e) On or before July 1, 2011, and every five years thereafter,
96 each municipality in which an enterprise zone is located shall
97 electronically submit, in a format determined by the commissioner, a

98 report to the commissioner evaluating the progress of the municipality
 99 in meeting the performance standards established under subsection (b)
 100 of this section. Each municipal report shall include, to the extent
 101 available, a list of all businesses certified within the municipality's
 102 enterprise zone, and the information provided by businesses under
 103 subsection [(c)] (d) of this section.

104 [(e)] (f) On or before February 1, 2011, the commissioner shall assess
 105 the performance of each enterprise zone. In making such assessment
 106 the commissioner shall consider the report submitted under subsection
 107 [(c)] (d) of this section by the municipality in which the enterprise zone
 108 is located and any other information [he] the commissioner deems
 109 relevant. The commissioner shall report the findings of said
 110 assessment and any recommendations for improvement in the
 111 performance of the enterprise zone in the Department of Economic and
 112 Community Development's annual report.

113 [(f)] (g) On or before January 1, 2013, the commissioner shall assess
 114 the performance of each enterprise zone and may recommend to the
 115 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance
 116 of all matters relating to the Department of Economic and Community
 117 Development, [the Connecticut Development Authority and
 118 Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated,] that the designation be
 119 removed if [he] the commissioner determines that the enterprise zone
 120 has not met performance standards established under subsection (b) of
 121 this section. Upon such recommendation, the General Assembly may
 122 remove the designation.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	32-70a

Statement of Purpose:
 To provide an interim report on the progress of municipalities in achieving the goals envisioned when enterprise zones were established.

[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.]