



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 548

February Session, 2008

* SB00548CE 031808 *

AN ACT CONCERNING AN INTERIM REPORT ON ENTERPRISE ZONES AND A REVIEW OF VARIOUS TYPES OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 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 Section 32-70a of the general statutes is repealed and the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 that is certified to
44 receive enterprise zone benefits shall electronically submit, in a format
45 determined by the commissioner, a report to the municipality, which
46 shall include, but not be limited to:

47 (1) The name of the certified business receiving enterprise zone

48 benefits;

49 (2) The enterprise zone address of each certified business receiving
50 enterprise zone benefits;

51 (3) The date on which the certified business was first certified;

52 (4) The number of full-time jobs the certified business had at the
53 time of application;

54 (5) The number of part-time jobs the certified business had at the
55 time of application;

56 (6) The number of full-time jobs of the certified business filled by
57 residents of the enterprise zone as of June thirtieth of each year since
58 certification;

59 (7) The number of part-time jobs of the certified business filled by
60 residents of the enterprise zone as of June thirtieth of each year since
61 certification;

62 (8) The number of full-time jobs the certified business had as of June
63 thirtieth of each year since certification;

64 (9) The number of part-time jobs the certified business had as of
65 June thirtieth of each year since certification;

66 (10) The average annual wage paid by the certified business to its
67 full-time employees as of June thirtieth of each year since certification;

68 (11) The average annual wage paid by the certified business to its
69 part-time employees as of June thirtieth of each year since certification;

70 (12) The number of employees of the certified business eligible for
71 health benefits as of June thirtieth of each year since certification;

72 (13) The per cent of average employee contribution to the health
73 plan of the certified business as of June thirtieth of each year since
74 certification;

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

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

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

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

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

88 (19) The amount invested in machinery and equipment used in the
89 manufacture of goods as of June thirtieth of each year since
90 certification;

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

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

95 (22) The amount of personal property tax actually paid by the
96 certified business to the municipality as of June thirtieth of each year
97 since certification; and

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

101 [(d)] (e) On or before July 1, 2011, and every five years thereafter,
102 each municipality in which an enterprise zone is located shall

103 electronically submit, in a format determined by the commissioner, a
104 report to the commissioner evaluating the progress of the municipality
105 in meeting the performance standards established under subsection (b)
106 of this section. Each municipal report shall include, to the extent
107 available, a list of all businesses certified within the municipality's
108 enterprise zone, and the information provided by businesses under
109 subsection [(c)] (d) of this section.

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

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

129 Sec. 2. Subsection (c) of section 32-1o of the 2008 supplement to the
130 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
131 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

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

134 (1) A review and evaluation of the economy of the state. Such

135 review and evaluation shall include, but not be limited to, a sectoral
136 analysis, housing market and housing affordability analysis, labor
137 market and labor quality analysis, demographic analysis and include
138 historic trend analysis and projections;

139 (2) A review and analysis of factors, issues and forces that impact or
140 impede economic development and responsible growth in Connecticut
141 and its constituent regions. Such factors, issues or forces shall include,
142 but not be limited to, transportation, including, but not limited to,
143 commuter transit, rail and barge freight, technology transfer,
144 brownfield remediation and development, health care delivery and
145 costs, early education, primary education, secondary and
146 postsecondary education systems and student performance, business
147 regulation, labor force quality and sustainability, social services costs
148 and delivery systems, affordable and workforce housing cost and
149 availability, land use policy, emergency preparedness, taxation,
150 availability of capital and energy costs and supply;

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

153 (4) An analysis of targeted industry sectors in the state that (A)
154 identifies those industry sectors that are of current or future
155 importance to the growth of the state's economy and to its global
156 competitive position, (B) identifies what those industry sectors need
157 for continued growth, and (C) identifies, those industry sectors current
158 and potential impediments to growth;

159 (5) A review and evaluation of the economic development structure
160 in the state, including, but not limited to, (A) a review and analysis of
161 the past and current economic, community and housing development
162 structures, budgets and policies, efforts and responsibilities of its
163 constituent parts in Connecticut; and (B) an analysis of the
164 performance of the current economic, community and housing
165 development structure, and its individual constituent parts, in meeting
166 its statutory obligations, responsibilities and mandates and their

167 impact on economic development and responsible growth in
168 Connecticut;

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

172 (7) Establishment of clear and measurable goals and objectives for
173 the state and regions, to meet the short and long-term goals established
174 under this section and provide clear steps and strategies to achieve
175 said goals and objectives, including, but not limited to, the following:
176 (A) The promotion of economic development and opportunity, (B) the
177 fostering of effective transportation access and choice including the use
178 of airports and ports for economic development, (C) enhancement and
179 protection of the environment, (D) maximization of the effective
180 development and use of the workforce consistent with applicable state
181 or local workforce investment strategy, (E) promotion of the use of
182 technology in economic development, including access to high-speed
183 telecommunications, and (F) the balance of resources through sound
184 management of physical development;

185 (8) Prioritization of goals and objectives established under this
186 section;

187 (9) Establishment of relevant measures that clearly identify and
188 quantify (A) whether a goal and objective is being met at the state,
189 regional, local and private sector level, and (B) cause and effect
190 relationships, and provides a clear and replicable measurement
191 methodology;

192 (10) Recommendations on how the state can best achieve goals
193 under the strategic plan and provide cost estimates for implementation
194 of the plan and the projected return on investment for those areas;
195 [and]

196 (11) A review and evaluation of the operation and efficacy of the
197 urban jobs program established pursuant to sections 32-9i to 32-9l,

198 inclusive, enterprise zones, contiguous municipality zones, defense
199 plant zones and manufacturing plant zones established pursuant to
200 section 32-70, railroad depot zones established pursuant to section 32-
201 75a, qualified manufacturing plants designated pursuant to section 32-
202 75c, entertainment districts established pursuant to section 32-76 and
203 enterprise corridor zones established pursuant to section 32-80; and

204 [(11)] (12) Any other responsible growth information that the
205 commissioner deems appropriate.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	32-70a
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	32-1o(c)

CE *Joint Favorable Subst.*