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**Amendment**

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To: Senate Bill No. 46

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Governor may proceed with  
4 plans for the reorganization of the Department of Transportation. In  
5 order to assist the Governor in efforts to reorganize the department,  
6 there is established a Transition Planning Committee comprised as  
7 follows: Nine members appointed by the Governor; two members  
8 appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, one of  
9 whom shall be a representative of a bargaining unit representing  
10 employees of the Department of Transportation; one member  
11 appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives; two  
12 members appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of  
13 whom shall be a representative of a bargaining unit representing  
14 employees of the Department of Transportation; one member  
15 appointed by the majority leader of the Senate; one member appointed

16 by the minority leader of the House of Representatives; one member  
17 appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; two members  
18 appointed jointly by the chairpersons of the joint standing committee  
19 on transportation, one of whom shall be a representative of a  
20 bargaining unit representing employees of the Department of  
21 Transportation; one member appointed jointly by the ranking  
22 members of said transportation committee; and one member  
23 appointed by the chairperson of the Transportation Strategy Board.  
24 The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, ex officio, or the  
25 secretary's designee, shall be a nonvoting member of said committee.  
26 Appointees should be persons with knowledge and experience  
27 concerning transportation policies and services. Appointments to the  
28 committee shall be made not later than July 15, 2008. Staff and  
29 necessary expenses of the committee shall be provided by the Office of  
30 Policy and Management, within existing budgetary resources. The  
31 chairperson of the committee shall be appointed by the Governor and  
32 shall convene the first meeting of the committee not later than August  
33 1, 2008.

34 (b) The Transition Planning Committee shall review the following  
35 issues:

36 (1) Development of mission statements and objectives that will  
37 elevate the role of mass transit in Connecticut's transportation system;

38 (2) Organizational models, including models used in other states;  
39 and the Transportation for Tomorrow: Report of the National Surface  
40 Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission;

41 (3) Analysis of core services that can be shared by all components of  
42 a reorganized transportation agency or multiple agency structure;

43 (4) Staffing, including talent assessment, potential reassignment of  
44 staff to support various transportation functions, staff training and  
45 retention;

46 (5) Resource allocation for various transportation functions such as

47 roads and bridges, mass transit and ports;

48 (6) Centralized strategic transportation planning;

49 (7) Coordinated use of information systems; and

50 (8) Development of efficient and cost-effective administrative  
51 structures.

52 The committee may make use of prior studies concerning the provision  
53 and use of transportation services conducted in Connecticut and other  
54 states.

55 (c) The Transition Planning Committee shall submit its findings and  
56 recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly in  
57 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes  
58 not later than January 7, 2009.

59 (d) The Governor may develop a final reorganization proposal,  
60 including proposed legislation and necessary funding to implement  
61 the proposal. The Governor may transmit the proposal to the General  
62 Assembly on the same day the Governor transmits a budget document  
63 for the biennium ending June 30, 2011, to the General Assembly in  
64 accordance with the provisions of section 4-71 of the general statutes."