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Substitute House Bill No. 6469

House of Representatives, April 2, 2009

The Committee on Planning and Development reported through REP. SHARKEY of the 88th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING SMART GROWTH AND STATE PLANNING.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2009*) (a) The Connecticut
2 Center for Economic Analysis at The University of Connecticut, within
3 available appropriations, shall conduct a tax incidence study. The
4 study shall include an analysis of federal, state and local tax burdens of
5 state taxpayers with different income levels in each municipality and
6 an assessment of how changes in local and state taxes would affect
7 income levels.

8 (b) The center shall submit the study to the General Assembly, in
9 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
10 on or before July 1, 2010, and every two years thereafter.

11 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2009*) (a) As used in this section,
12 "build-out analysis" means an analysis showing the maximum extent
13 of development permitted in the state under current land use laws and

14 regulations.

15 (b) The Center for Land Use Education and Research at The
16 University of Connecticut, within available appropriations, shall
17 conduct a state-wide build-out analysis to develop strategies for land
18 use and to manage conservation and growth. Such analysis shall
19 include the development of informational materials that describe
20 initial mapping and source material requirements, geographic
21 information system methodology and local review procedures.

22 (c) The center shall submit the analysis to the General Assembly, in
23 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
24 on or before July 1, 2010, and every two years thereafter.

25 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2009*) (a) The Center for Land Use
26 Education and Research at The University of Connecticut, within
27 available appropriations, shall establish a program of state-wide
28 geographic system mapping that includes creation, maintenance and
29 dissemination of geographic information or imagery that may be used
30 to precisely identify certain locations or areas, or create maps or
31 information profiles in graphic or electronic form about particular
32 locations or areas. In establishing such program, the center shall
33 consult with municipalities, regional planning agencies, state agencies
34 and other users of geospatial information system technology. The
35 purpose of such mapping shall be to provide guidance or assistance to
36 municipal, regional and state officials in the areas of land use planning,
37 transportation, economic development, environmental, cultural and
38 natural resources management, the delivery of public services and
39 other areas, as necessary.

40 (b) The center shall submit a report of its activities under this
41 section, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
42 general statutes, to the General Assembly on or before July 1, 2010, and
43 every two years thereafter.

44 Sec. 4. Section 4d-90 of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*
45 *October 1, 2009*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2009</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2009</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2009</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2009</i>	Repealer section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In section 3(a), "program" replaced "capacity" for consistency with the intent of the bill.

PD *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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 House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 10 \$	FY 11 \$
UConn	GF - Cost	Significant	Significant

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The cost to the University of Connecticut's Center for Economic Analysis to study how federal, state, and local taxes affect taxpayers at different income levels in each municipality and how changes in state and local taxes could affect them (i.e., tax incidence) every two years is estimated to be \$150,000 per reporting period. This cost includes staff and data collection needs.

The cost to the University of Connecticut's Center for Land Use Education and Research to develop growth management and conservation strategies by biannually projecting how the state would look if it were completely developed under the current zoning and subdivision regulations (i.e., buildout analysis) is estimated to be \$5.85 million. This cost includes \$250,000 for staffing needs and \$5.6 million for data acquisition.

The cost of developing a statewide geographic mapping system is estimated to be \$300,000 to \$500,000 per year. These costs include staff, equipment and materials necessary to provide reports every two years as required in the bill.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING SMART GROWTH AND STATE PLANNING.

SUMMARY:

This bill requires two University of Connecticut entities to prepare, within available appropriations, analytical tools for land use policy analysis and planning. It directs the Center for Economic Analysis to study how federal, state, and local taxes affect taxpayers at different income levels in each municipality and how changes in state and local taxes could affect them (i.e., tax incidence). The center must do this every two years, starting on or before July 1, 2010, and report the results to the legislature.

The bill directs the Center for Land Use Education and Research to develop growth management and conservation strategies by biannually projecting how the state would look if it were completely developed under the current zoning and subdivision regulations (i.e., buildout analysis). In doing so the center must describe its sources and methods. It must conduct this analysis within available appropriations and submit the first analysis to the legislature by July 1, 2010.

Lastly, the bill also requires the land use center to establish a statewide geographic system mapping and provide biannual status reports to the legislature beginning July 1, 2010. The center must do this within available appropriations. The bill eliminates the 21-member Geospatial Information Systems Council the legislature created in 2005 to develop a system that is very similar to the one required under the bill. The council consists mostly of state officials and system users appointed by the governor and legislative leaders.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2009

STATEWIDE GEOGRAPHIC SYSTEM MAPPING

The bill specifies criteria for the statewide geographic system mapping. The system must create, maintain, and disseminate geographic imagery that allows someone to precisely identify certain locations or areas, create maps, or information profiles in graphic or electronic form about specific locations. The system must guide or help municipal, regional, and state users who work on land use, transportation, economic development, environmental protection, and cultural and natural resource management policy areas. It must also help them deliver public services.

In developing the system, the center must consult with municipalities, regional planning agencies, state agencies, and other potential users.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 15 Nay 4 (03/13/2009)