



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 337

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Substitute House Bill No. 6588

House of Representatives, March 30, 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 TRAINING FOR LOCAL LAND USE COMMISSIONERS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) For purposes of this
2 section "local land use commissioner" means a member of an agency
3 exercising the powers of (1) a zoning commission or zoning board of
4 appeals under chapter 124 of the general statutes or any special act, (2)
5 a planning commission under chapter 126 of the general statutes or
6 any special act, (3) a conservation commission under section 7-131a of
7 the general statutes, (4) a water pollution control authority under
8 chapter 103 of the general statutes, or (5) an inland wetlands agency
9 under sections 22a-42 to 22a-44, inclusive, of the general statutes.

10 (b) The Center for Land Use Education and Research at The
11 University of Connecticut shall be the lead agency for developing basic
12 land use courses and certification programs to educate local land use
13 commissioners on land use laws of the state and regulations adopted

14 thereunder, and may coordinate state agencies, schools of law and
 15 relevant professional associations for the purpose of providing such
 16 courses and certification programs. The Center for Land Use Education
 17 and Research shall, within available appropriations, establish a
 18 curriculum for such courses and certification programs and, on or
 19 before January 1, 2011, shall submit a report on such curriculum, in
 20 accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint
 21 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
 22 matters relating to planning and development.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>from passage</i> | New section |

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 | 75,000 to 150,000 | 75,000 to 150,000 |

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a cost to the University of Connecticut ranging from \$75,000 to \$150,000 for developing basic land use courses and certification programs to educate local land use commissioners on state land use laws and regulations. The program was previously funded within the Office of Policy and Management at a cost of \$150,000 per year.

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 TRAINING FOR LOCAL LAND USE COMMISSIONERS.

SUMMARY:

This bill designates the Center for Land Use Education and Research at UConn as the lead agency for developing basic land use courses and certification programs to educate local land use commissioners on state land use laws and regulations. Under the bill, the local land use commissioners are members exercising the power of zoning, planning, and conservation commissions, zoning board of appeals, water pollution control authorities, and inland wetlands agencies.

The bill allows the center to coordinate state agencies, law schools, and relevant professional associations to provide the courses and certification programs. The center must, within available appropriations, establish a curriculum for the courses and certification programs. By January 1, 2011, it must submit a report on the curriculum to the Planning and Development Committee.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 19 Nay 0 (03/11/2009)