



# House of Representatives

**File No. 929**

General Assembly

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**(Reprint of File No. 337)**

Substitute House Bill No. 6588  
As Amended by House Amendment  
Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner  
May 8, 2009

**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.

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

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 10 \$	FY 11 \$
UConn	GF - None	None	None

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The requirements of the bill can be fulfilled by the University of Connecticut with existing resources.

House "A" (LCO 6062) eliminated the requirement that the Center for Land Use Education develop curriculum and therefore eliminated the cost of \$75,000 to \$150,000 associated with such development.

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**OLR Bill Analysis****sHB 6588 (as amended by House "A")\*****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.

\*House Amendment "A" eliminates provisions that require the center, within available appropriations, to (1) establish a curriculum for the courses and certification programs and (2) report on the curriculum to the Planning and Development Committee by January 1, 2011.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 19 Nay 0 (03/11/2009)

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 14    Nay 5    (04/14/2009)

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 38    Nay 13    (04/27/2009)