



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 6466**

LCO No. 3295

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Referred to Committee on Planning and Development

Introduced by:  
(PD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING PROJECTS OF REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2009*) (a) As used in this  
2 section:

3 (1) "Regional planning organization" means (A) a regional council of  
4 governments organized under the provisions of sections 4-124i to 4-  
5 124p, inclusive, of the general statutes, (B) a regional council of elected  
6 officials organized under the provisions of sections 4-124c to 4-124h,  
7 inclusive, of the general statutes, or (C) a regional planning agency  
8 organized under the provisions of chapter 127 of the general statutes;  
9 and

10 (2) "Proposed project of regional significance" means a proposed  
11 project that: (A) Involves development of more than fifty thousand  
12 square feet; (B) involves development of more than one hundred  
13 housing units; or (C) requires more than two hundred parking spaces.

14 (b) Each regional planning organization shall establish a voluntary  
15 process for applicants to any state or local agency, department or

16 commission to request a preapplication review of proposed projects of  
17 regional significance. Such process shall provide criteria and standards  
18 for review which shall include a procedure to assure that all relevant  
19 municipal, regional and state agencies provide the applicant with (1)  
20 preliminary comment on the project, (2) summaries of the review  
21 process of each agency, and (3) an opportunity for the applicant to  
22 discuss the project with representatives of each agency at a meeting  
23 convened by the regional planning organization. The regional  
24 planning organization shall prepare a report of the comments of the  
25 agencies reviewing the proposal and provide a copy of such report to  
26 the applicant and each reviewing agency.

27 (c) Information provided by or received by an applicant to a local,  
28 regional or state agency as part of a process established by a regional  
29 planning organization under this section shall not be subject to  
30 disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, as defined in section  
31 1-200 of the general statutes and shall not be considered by any  
32 relevant municipal, regional or state agency in subsequent  
33 deliberations on the project.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2009	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To authorize regional planning organizations to establish a voluntary preapplication review process for projects of regional significance.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*