



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6466

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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 is an open air theater, shopping center or other
12 development generating large volumes of traffic, having an exit or
13 entrance on, or abutting or adjoining, any state highway or
14 substantially affecting state highway traffic within this state and that is
15 required to obtain a certificate from the State Traffic Commission
16 under section 14-311 of the general statutes.

17 (b) Each regional planning organization shall establish a voluntary
18 process for applicants to any state or local agency, department or
19 commission to request a preapplication review of proposed projects of

20 regional significance. Such process shall provide criteria and standards
21 for review which shall include a procedure to assure that all relevant
22 municipal, regional and state agencies provide the applicant with (1)
23 preliminary comment on the project, (2) summaries of the review
24 process of each agency, and (3) an opportunity for the applicant to
25 discuss the project with representatives of each agency at a meeting
26 convened by the regional planning organization. A state or local
27 agency, department or commission shall participate in a review of a
28 proposed project of regional significance upon request of a regional
29 planning organization. The regional planning organization shall
30 prepare a report of the comments of the agencies reviewing the
31 proposal and provide a copy of such report to the applicant and each
32 reviewing agency.

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

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

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