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Referred to Committee on Planning and Development

Introduced by:
(PD)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT POLICIES PLAN.

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

1 Section 1. Section 16a-27 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) The secretary, after consultation with all appropriate state,
4 regional and local agencies and other appropriate persons, shall, prior
5 to March 1, [2009] 2010, complete a revision of the existing plan and
6 enlarge it to include, but not be limited to, policies relating to
7 transportation, energy and air. Any revision made after May 15, 1991,
8 shall identify the major transportation proposals, including proposals
9 for mass transit, contained in the master transportation plan prepared
10 pursuant to section 13b-15. Any revision made after July 1, 1995, shall
11 take into consideration the conservation and development of
12 greenways that have been designated by municipalities and shall
13 recommend that state agencies coordinate their efforts to support the
14 development of a state-wide greenways system. The Commissioner of
15 Environmental Protection shall identify state-owned land for inclusion
16 in the plan as potential components of a state greenways system.

17 (b) Any revision made after August 20, 2003, shall take into account
18 (1) economic and community development needs and patterns of
19 commerce, and (2) linkages of affordable housing objectives and land
20 use objectives with transportation systems.

21 (c) Any revision made after March 1, 2006, shall (1) take into
22 consideration risks associated with natural hazards, including, but not
23 limited to, flooding, high winds and wildfires; (2) identify the potential
24 impacts of natural hazards on infrastructure and property; and (3)
25 make recommendations for the siting of future infrastructure and
26 property development to minimize the use of areas prone to natural
27 hazards, including, but not limited to, flooding, high winds and
28 wildfires.

29 (d) Any revision made after July 1, 2005, shall describe the progress
30 towards achievement of the goals and objectives established in the
31 previously adopted state plan of conservation and development and
32 shall identify (1) areas where it is prudent and feasible (A) to have
33 compact, transit accessible, pedestrian-oriented mixed-use
34 development patterns and land reuse, and (B) to promote such
35 development patterns and land reuse, (2) priority funding areas
36 designated under section 16a-35c, and (3) corridor management areas
37 on either side of a limited access highway or a rail line. In designating
38 corridor management areas, the secretary shall make
39 recommendations that (A) promote land use and transportation
40 options to reduce the growth of traffic congestion; (B) connect
41 infrastructure and other development decisions; (C) promote
42 development that minimizes the cost of new infrastructure facilities
43 and maximizes the use of existing infrastructure facilities; and (D)
44 increase intermunicipal and regional cooperation.

45 (e) Any revision made after October 1, 2008, shall (1) for each policy
46 recommended (A) assign a priority; (B) estimate funding for
47 implementation and identify potential funding sources; (C) identify
48 each entity responsible for implementation; and (D) establish a

49 schedule for implementation; and (2) for each growth management
50 principle, determine three benchmarks to measure progress in
51 implementation of the principles, one of which shall be a financial
52 benchmark.

53 (f) Thereafter on or before March first in each revision year the
54 secretary shall complete a revision of the plan of conservation and
55 development.

56 Sec. 2. Section 16a-28 of the general statutes is repealed and the
57 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

58 (a) The secretary shall present a draft of the revised plan of
59 conservation and development for preliminary review to the
60 continuing legislative committee on state planning and development
61 prior to September first in [2008] 2009 and prior to September first in
62 each prerevision year thereafter.

63 (b) After December first in [1985] 2009 and after December first in
64 each prerevision year thereafter the secretary shall proceed with such
65 further revisions of the draft of the revised plan of conservation and
66 development as he deems appropriate. The secretary shall, by
67 whatever means he deems advisable, publish said plan and
68 disseminate it to the public on or before March first in revision years.
69 The secretary shall post the plan on the Internet web site of the state.

70 (c) [Within] Not later than five months [of] after publication of said
71 revised plan the secretary shall hold public hearings, in cooperation
72 with regional planning agencies, to solicit comments on said plan.

73 Sec. 3. Section 16a-29 of the general statutes is repealed and the
74 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

75 The secretary shall consider the comments received at the public
76 hearings and shall make any necessary or desirable revisions to said
77 plan and within three months of completion of the public hearings
78 submit the plan to the continuing legislative committee on state

79 planning and development, for its approval, revision or disapproval,
80 in whole or in part. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the
81 secretary shall submit the state Conservation and Development
82 Policies Plan, [2004-2009] 2011-2016, to said committee on or before
83 December 1, [2004] 2010.

84 Sec. 4. Section 16a-32a of the general statutes is repealed and the
85 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

86 The Office of Policy and Management shall amend the state plan of
87 conservation and development adopted pursuant to this chapter to
88 include therein a goal for reducing carbon dioxide emissions within
89 this state [. Said office, in consultation with the Department of
90 Environmental Protection, shall submit a report to the General
91 Assembly on or before the thirtieth day following May 22, 1995, on or
92 before May 1, 1996, and annually thereafter, which details the net
93 amount of carbon dioxide emitted annually within this state.
94 Subsequent to the May 1, 2000, submittal, said report shall be
95 submitted every three years with the first such report due May 1, 2003]
96 in accordance with the agreement of the state concerning the Climate
97 Change Action Plan adopted by the Conference of New England
98 Governors and Canadian Premiers.

99 Sec. 5. Subsection (b) of section 8-23 of the general statutes, as
100 amended by section 3 of public act 07-239, section 4 of public act 07-5
101 of the June special session and section 17 of public act 08-182, is
102 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
103 *1, 2010*):

104 (b) [Until the plan is amended in accordance with this subsection
105 the municipality] On and after the first day of July following the
106 adoption of the state conservation and development policies plan 2011-
107 2012, in accordance with section 16a-30, a municipality that fails to
108 comply with the requirements of subsection (s) of this section shall be
109 ineligible for discretionary state funding unless such prohibition is
110 expressly waived by the secretary.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>from passage</i> | 16a-27 |
| Sec. 2 | <i>from passage</i> | 16a-28 |
| Sec. 3 | <i>from passage</i> | 16a-29 |
| Sec. 4 | <i>from passage</i> | 16a-32a |
| Sec. 5 | <i>July 1, 2010</i> | 8-23(b) |

Statement of Purpose:

To delay the time for submission of the next State Conservation and Development Policies Plan for one year to allow for the capture and analysis of critical data and to require future revisions to such plan to include a goal for reducing carbon dioxide emissions in Connecticut.

[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.]