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Committee Bill No. 251

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Referred to Committee on Housing

Introduced by:
(HSG)

AN ACT CONCERNING HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN ENTERPRISE ZONES.

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

1 Section 1. Section 32-70e of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):

3 (a) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development
4 shall establish a program of financial assistance for job development
5 and creation, neighborhood revitalization and the promotion of
6 business stability and development within enterprise zones designated
7 under section 32-70.

8 (b) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development
9 shall solicit applications from community development organizations
10 located within an enterprise zone for the operation of such program.
11 Applicants shall indicate a strategy to achieve neighborhood economic
12 development in the enterprise zone.

13 (c) The commissioner shall enter into a contract with and provide
14 grants, within available funds, to qualified community development

15 organizations to implement the program established under this section
16 and section 32-70f. The grant may be used to pay the cost of activities
17 that (1) assist in the expansion, retention and development of small
18 businesses located within enterprise zones that have trained and
19 employed or will train and employ, as part of their workforce,
20 residents of an enterprise zone, (2) build or rehabilitate decent [or
21 affordable] rental or owner-occupied housing located in an enterprise
22 zone for persons of low and moderate income, or (3) assist
23 organizations in job-training and career development training for
24 existing or projected job opportunities. The community development
25 organization may use such grant to provide grants, loans or deferred
26 loans to eligible applicants.

27 (d) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development
28 shall adopt regulations in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54
29 to implement the provisions of this section. Such regulations shall
30 provide criteria for eligible applicants and eligible activities.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2009	32-70e

Statement of Purpose:

To provide flexibility in housing eligible for funds for financial assistance for neighborhood development in enterprise zones.

[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.]

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