



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 173

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**AN ACT CONCERNING ACTION PLANS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 32-1o of the 2010 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective from passage*):

4 (a) On or before July 1, 2009, and every five years thereafter, the
5 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, within
6 available appropriations, shall prepare an economic strategic plan for
7 the state in consultation with the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
8 Management, the Commissioners of Environmental Protection and
9 Transportation, the Labor Commissioner, the executive directors of the
10 Connecticut Housing Finance Authority, the Connecticut Development
11 Authority, the Connecticut Innovations, Inc., the Commission on
12 Culture and Tourism and the Connecticut Health and Educational
13 Facilities Authority, and the president of the Office of Workforce
14 Competitiveness, or their respective designees, and any other agencies
15 the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development deems
16 appropriate.

17 (b) In developing the plan, the Commissioner of Economic and
18 Community Development shall:

19 (1) Ensure that the plan is consistent with (A) the text and locational
20 guide map of the state plan of conservation and development, adopted
21 pursuant to chapter 297, (B) the long-range state housing plan,
22 adopted pursuant to section 8-37t, and (C) the transportation strategy
23 adopted pursuant to section 13b-57g;

24 (2) Consult regional councils of governments, regional planning
25 organizations, regional economic development agencies, interested
26 state and local officials, entities involved in economic and community
27 development, stakeholders and business, economic, labor, community
28 and housing organizations;

29 (3) Consider (A) regional economic, community and housing
30 development plans, and (B) applicable state and local workforce
31 investment strategies;

32 (4) Assess and evaluate the economic development challenges and
33 opportunities of the state and against the economic development
34 competitiveness of other states and regions; and

35 (5) Host regional forums to provide for public involvement in the
36 planning process.

37 (c) The strategic plan required under this section shall include, but
38 not be limited to, the following:

39 (1) A review and evaluation of the economy of the state. Such
40 review and evaluation shall include, but not be limited to, a sectoral
41 analysis, housing market and housing affordability analysis, labor
42 market and labor quality analysis, demographic analysis and include
43 historic trend analysis and projections;

44 (2) A review and analysis of factors, issues and forces that impact or
45 impede economic development and responsible growth in Connecticut
46 and its constituent regions. Such factors, issues or forces shall include,
47 but not be limited to, transportation, including, but not limited to,
48 commuter transit, rail and barge freight, technology transfer,

49 brownfield remediation and development, health care delivery and
50 costs, early education, primary education, secondary and
51 postsecondary education systems and student performance, business
52 regulation, labor force quality and sustainability, social services costs
53 and delivery systems, affordable and workforce housing cost and
54 availability, land use policy, emergency preparedness, taxation,
55 availability of capital and energy costs and supply;

56 (3) Identification and analysis of economic clusters that are growing
57 or declining within the state;

58 (4) An analysis of targeted industry sectors in the state that (A)
59 identifies those industry sectors that are of current or future
60 importance to the growth of the state's economy and to its global
61 competitive position, (B) identifies what those industry sectors need
62 for continued growth, and (C) identifies, those industry sectors current
63 and potential impediments to growth;

64 (5) A review and evaluation of the economic development structure
65 in the state, including, but not limited to, (A) a review and analysis of
66 the past and current economic, community and housing development
67 structures, budgets and policies, efforts and responsibilities of its
68 constituent parts in Connecticut; and (B) an analysis of the
69 performance of the current economic, community and housing
70 development structure, and its individual constituent parts, in meeting
71 its statutory obligations, responsibilities and mandates and their
72 impact on economic development and responsible growth in
73 Connecticut;

74 (6) Establishment and articulation of a vision for Connecticut that
75 identifies where the state should be in five, ten, fifteen and twenty
76 years;

77 (7) Establishment of clear and measurable goals and objectives for
78 the state and regions, to meet the short and long-term goals established
79 under this section and provide clear steps and strategies to achieve
80 said goals and objectives, including, but not limited to, the following:

81 (A) The promotion of economic development and opportunity, (B) the
82 fostering of effective transportation access and choice including the use
83 of airports and ports for economic development, (C) enhancement and
84 protection of the environment, (D) maximization of the effective
85 development and use of the workforce consistent with applicable state
86 or local workforce investment strategy, (E) promotion of the use of
87 technology in economic development, including access to high-speed
88 telecommunications, and (F) the balance of resources through sound
89 management of physical development;

90 (8) Prioritization of goals and objectives established under this
91 section;

92 (9) Establishment of relevant measures that clearly identify and
93 quantify (A) whether a goal and objective is being met at the state,
94 regional, local and private sector level, and (B) cause and effect
95 relationships, and provides a clear and replicable measurement
96 methodology;

97 (10) Recommendations on how the state can best achieve goals
98 under the strategic plan and provide cost estimates for implementation
99 of the plan and the projected return on investment for those areas;

100 (11) A review and evaluation of the operation and efficacy of the
101 urban jobs program established pursuant to sections 32-9i to 32-9l,
102 inclusive, enterprise zones established pursuant to section 32-70,
103 railroad depot zones established pursuant to section 32-75a, qualified
104 manufacturing plants designated pursuant to section 32-75c,
105 entertainment districts established pursuant to section 32-76 and
106 enterprise corridor zones established pursuant to section 32-80. The
107 review and evaluation of enterprise zones shall include an analysis of
108 enterprise zones that have been expanded to include an area in a
109 contiguous municipality or in which there are base or plant closures;
110 and

111 (12) Any other responsible growth information that the
112 commissioner deems appropriate.

113 (d) On or before July 1, 2009, and every five years thereafter, the
114 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall
115 submit an economic development strategic plan for the state to the
116 Governor for approval. The Governor shall review and approve or
117 disapprove such plan not more than sixty days after submission. The
118 plan shall be effective upon approval by the Governor or sixty days
119 after the date of submission.

120 (e) Upon approval, the commissioner shall submit the economic
121 development strategic plan to the joint standing committees of the
122 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce,
123 planning and development, appropriations and the budgets of state
124 agencies and finance, revenue and bonding. Not later than thirty days
125 after such submission, the commissioner shall post the plan on the web
126 site of the Department of Economic and Community Development.

127 (f) The commissioner, from time to time, may revise and update the
128 strategic plan upon approval of the Governor. The commissioner shall
129 post any such revisions on the web site of the Department of Economic
130 and Community Development.

131 (g) (1) On or before July 1, 2010, and annually thereafter, the
132 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, within
133 available appropriations, shall prepare a one-year action plan based
134 upon the strategic plan required pursuant to subsection (a) of this
135 section, which shall rank the goals and objectives to be achieved
136 during the succeeding year and the agency or organization responsible
137 for achieving each goal or objective.

138 (2) On or before July 1, 2010, and annually thereafter, the
139 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall
140 submit the one-year action plan to the Governor for approval. The
141 Governor shall review and approve, suggest amendments to, or
142 disapprove such plan not more than forty-five days after submission.
143 The plan shall be effective upon approval by the Governor or, if the
144 Governor takes no action, forty-five days after the date of submission.

145 (3) Upon approval, the commissioner shall submit the one-year
146 action plan, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the
147 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance
148 of matters relating to commerce, planning and development,
149 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies and finance, revenue
150 and bonding. Not later than thirty days after such submission, the
151 commissioner shall post said plan on the web site of the Department of
152 Economic and Community Development.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>from passage</i> | 32-1o |

CE *Joint Favorable Subst.*