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Referred to Committee on Planning and Development

Introduced by:  
(PD)

**AN ACT RECONSTITUTING THE CONNECTICUT CAPITOL CENTER COMMISSION.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 4b-66a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

3 (a) There is established a Connecticut Capitol Center Commission.  
4 The commission shall consist of (1) the Secretary of the Office of Policy  
5 and Management, or the secretary's designee; [(2) the Commissioner of  
6 Public Works, or the commissioner's designee; (3) the Commissioner of  
7 Economic and Community Development, or the commissioner's  
8 designee; (4)] (2) the mayor of the city of Hartford, or the mayor's  
9 designee; (3) the executive director of the Connecticut Commission on  
10 Culture and Tourism, or the executive director's designee; [(5)] (4) one  
11 member appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;  
12 [(6)] (5) one member appointed by the president pro tempore of the  
13 Senate; [(7)] (6) one member appointed by the majority leader of the  
14 House of Representatives; [(8)] (7) one member appointed by the  
15 majority leader of the Senate; [(9)] (8) one member appointed by the  
16 minority leader of the House of Representatives; [(10)] (9) one member

17 appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; [(11) the chairperson of  
18 the Hartford Commission on the City Plan; (12)] (10) one member  
19 appointed by the mayor of the city of Hartford; [and (13) one member  
20 from the South Downtown Neighborhood Revitalization Committee]  
21 (11) one member from the Hartford Court of Common Council,  
22 selected by the majority leader of said council; and (12) two members  
23 from the board of directors of Hartford 2000, Inc., selected by the  
24 chairperson of said board.

25 (b) The [Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the  
26 secretary's designee] mayor of the city of Hartford, or the mayor's  
27 designee, shall serve as chairperson of the commission. [The  
28 chairperson shall schedule the first meeting of the commission which  
29 shall be held no later than sixty days after October 1, 2001.]

30 (c) The commission shall [review] revise the master plan established  
31 under section 4b-66, as amended by this act, for the development of the  
32 Connecticut Capitol Center in Hartford and [make recommendations  
33 in accordance with section 4b-66] shall submit such revised master  
34 plan, in accordance with section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees  
35 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
36 appropriations, government administration and finance not later than  
37 July 1, 2012.

38 Sec. 2. Section 4b-66 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
39 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

40 (a) There shall continue to be a master plan for the development of  
41 the Connecticut Capitol Center in Hartford within the following-  
42 described area to be known as the Capitol Center District: All of the  
43 land within the city of Hartford bounded by Bushnell Park, Wells  
44 Street, Main Street, Buckingham Street, Wadsworth Street to Cedar  
45 Street following the rear property lines of property fronting on  
46 Buckingham Street, Cedar Street, a line extended east from Grand  
47 Street, Grand Street, Oak Street, the parcel at the southwest corner of  
48 Russ Street and Oak Street, Russ Street, Broad Street, and the right-of-

49 way of the New Haven Railroad to Bushnell Park. The Capitol Center  
50 District shall, where feasible, be the location of the central offices, and  
51 their ancillary facilities, of the three branches of the state government.  
52 The district shall also contain those noncentral offices, and their  
53 ancillary facilities, which serve the Hartford area and which can  
54 feasibly fulfill their functions at this location, except that this shall not  
55 prohibit the construction or leasing by the state of courts and  
56 courthouses outside of the Capitol Center District. Nongovernmental  
57 uses, including, but not limited to, social, cultural, residential, and  
58 retail uses may be incorporated in the area as ancillary uses.

59 (b) The master plan shall include, but need not be limited to, the  
60 following: Land use, property acquisition, business and residential  
61 relocation, street system alignments and dimensions, internal  
62 circulation systems, parking facilities, utilities and services systems,  
63 landscaping, lighting and amenities, and building space use priorities,  
64 including programming, controls and restrictions, provided such  
65 master plan shall not provide for the acquisition of the property  
66 known as the Horace Bushnell Memorial without prior certification by  
67 the board of trustees of the Horace Bushnell Memorial Hall  
68 Corporation that the acquisition by the state of said property is in  
69 conformance with the plans of the corporation. As an integral part of  
70 the master plan, there shall be a capital improvements program, both  
71 short range and long range, indicating recommended scheduling of the  
72 various phases of construction and estimated costs therefor in order  
73 that the development of the Connecticut Capitol Center may be  
74 undertaken in an orderly and logical way and so that the needs of the  
75 central offices of state government can be met in a timely manner.

76 [(c) Not later than January 1, 2003, and every five years thereafter,  
77 the Connecticut Capitol Center Commission established pursuant to  
78 section 4b-66a shall (1) review the master plan, and (2) submit a report  
79 on its findings and proposed changes to the master plan to the  
80 Governor and to the joint standing committees of the General  
81 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations,  
82 government administration and finance, revenue and bonding.]

83 Sec. 3. Section 4b-68 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
84 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

85 The master plan shall serve as the guiding document in the  
86 development of the Capitol Center District, [and may be amended by  
87 the Commissioner of Public Works.]

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	4b-66a
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	4b-66
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	4b-68

**PD**      *Joint Favorable*

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