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**Governor's Bill No. 1001**

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Referred to Committee on Commerce

Introduced by:

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***AN ACT CREATING THE FIRST FIVE PROGRAM.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2011*) (a) (1) The Department of  
2 Economic and Community Development shall establish a first five  
3 program to encourage business expansion and job creation. As part of  
4 said program, the department may provide substantial financial  
5 assistance to up to five eligible business development projects in each  
6 of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2012, and June 30, 2013.

7 (2) A business development project eligible for financial assistance  
8 under the first five program shall commit, in the manner prescribed by  
9 the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, to (1)  
10 create not less than two hundred new jobs within twenty-four months  
11 from the date such application is approved; or (2) invest not less than  
12 twenty-five million dollars and create not less than two hundred new  
13 jobs within five years from the date such application is approved.

14 (3) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development  
15 may give preference to a business development project that is a  
16 redevelopment project if the commissioner believes such project will  
17 create jobs sooner than the schedule set forth in subdivision (2) of this  
18 section.

19 (4) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development  
20 may, in awarding financial assistance to an eligible business  
21 development project, work with the Connecticut Development  
22 Authority and Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated, to secure  
23 financing for such project.

24 (5) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development  
25 shall certify to the Governor for his or her approval that a business  
26 development project applicant has satisfied all the eligibility criteria in  
27 the program. Financial assistance awarded through the first five  
28 program shall be with the written consent of the Governor.

29 (b) Financial assistance for the first five program for eligible  
30 business development projects shall be exempt from the provisions of  
31 subsection (c) of section 32-223 of the general statutes, section 32-462 of  
32 the general statutes and subsection (q) of section 32-9t of the general  
33 statutes for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2012, and June 30, 2013.

34 (c) The commissioner may take such action as the commissioner  
35 deems necessary or appropriate to enforce such obligation, including,  
36 but not limited to, establishing terms and conditions for the repayment  
37 of any financial assistance awarded pursuant to the provisions of this  
38 section.

39 (d) On or before January 1, 2012, on or before January 1, 2013, and  
40 on or before September 1, 2013, the Commissioner of Economic and  
41 Community Development shall report in accordance with the  
42 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes to the joint standing  
43 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
44 relating to commerce and finance, revenue and bonding on the projects

45 funded through the first five program, the number of jobs created and  
46 the impact on the economy of this state.

47 Sec. 2. Subdivision (1) of subsection (i) of section 32-9t of the general  
48 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
49 (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

50 (i) (1) There shall be allowed as a credit against the tax imposed  
51 under chapters 207 to 212a, inclusive, or section 38a-743, or a  
52 combination of said taxes, an amount equal to the following  
53 percentage of approved investments made by or on behalf of a  
54 taxpayer with respect to the following income years of the taxpayer:  
55 (A) With respect to the income year in which the investment in the  
56 eligible project was made and the two next succeeding income years,  
57 zero per cent; (B) with respect to the third full income year succeeding  
58 the year in which the investment in the eligible project was made and  
59 the three next succeeding income years, ten per cent; (C) with respect  
60 to the seventh full income year succeeding the year in which the  
61 investment in the eligible project was made and the next two  
62 succeeding years, twenty per cent. The sum of all tax credits granted  
63 pursuant to the provisions of this section shall not exceed one hundred  
64 million dollars with respect to a single eligible urban reinvestment  
65 project or a single eligible industrial site investment project approved  
66 by the commissioner. The sum of all tax credits granted pursuant to  
67 the provisions of this section shall not exceed [~~five hundred~~] seven  
68 hundred fifty million dollars.

69 Sec. 3. Subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of section 12-217ii of the  
70 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
71 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

72 (2) The total amount of credits granted to all taxpayers under this  
73 section and sections 12-217nn and 12-217oo shall not exceed [~~eleven~~]  
74 twenty million dollars in any one fiscal year.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	32-9t(i)(1)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	12-217ii(e)(2)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

*[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.]*