



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 121

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES TO REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS AND THE AUTHORITY TO PURSUE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES.

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

1 Section 1. Section 32-744 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development
4 [may] shall, within available appropriations, (1) provide economic
5 development services to regional economic development districts, and
6 (2) make priority regional grants to regional economic development
7 districts for municipal development projects and services and for
8 economic development and manufacturing assistance pursuant to
9 sections 8-186 to 8-200, inclusive, and sections 32-220 to 32-234,
10 inclusive.

11 Sec. 2. Subsection (d) of section 32-742 of the general statutes is
12 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
13 *passage*):

14 (d) [The board of directors of a regional economic development
15 district shall, annually, report to the commissioner and the secretary on
16 progress made in implementing the comprehensive economic
17 development strategy.] A new or revised strategy shall be developed

18 at least once every five years. The board shall submit each new or
19 revised strategy for review and approval in accordance with the same
20 procedure as for a strategy under subsections (b) and (c) of this section.

21 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The board of directors of a
22 regional economic development district shall have the authority to
23 implement any comprehensive economic development strategy
24 approved pursuant to section 32-742 of the general statutes, as
25 amended by this act. Such authority to implement shall include, but is
26 not limited to, (1) entering into necessary contracts with, or (2)
27 accepting grants or other financial assistance from, the state or any
28 political subdivision, agency or instrumentality thereof, any federal
29 agency or from any private corporation, copartnership, association or
30 individual in order to meet any objective or goal of such strategy.

31 (b) The board of directors of a regional economic development
32 district shall, annually, report to the commissioner and the secretary on
33 progress made in implementing the comprehensive economic
34 development strategy.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	32-744
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	32-742(d)
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section

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