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**AN ACT CONCERNING A GREEN CHEMICAL INDUSTRY IN
CONNECTICUT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT'S ECONOMIC STRATEGIC PLAN.**

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) On or before January 1, 2013, the
2 Department of Economic and Community Development, in
3 consultation with the Department of Energy and Environmental
4 Protection, shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section
5 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the
6 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce
7 regarding recommendations to facilitate a green chemical industry in
8 Connecticut.

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 Section 32-1o of the general statutes is repealed and the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

11 (a) On or before [July 1, 2009] January 1, 2014, and every [five] four
12 years thereafter, the Commissioner of Economic and Community
13 Development, within available appropriations, shall prepare an
14 economic strategic plan for the state in consultation with [the Secretary

15 of the Office of Policy and Management, the Commissioners of Energy
16 and Environmental Protection and Transportation, the Labor
17 Commissioner, the chairperson of the Culture and Tourism Advisory
18 Committee, the executive directors of the Connecticut Housing
19 Finance Authority, the Connecticut Development Authority,
20 Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated, and the Connecticut Health
21 and Educational Facilities Authority, or their respective designees, and
22 any other agencies] any state agency the Commissioner of Economic
23 and Community Development deems appropriate.

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

26 (1) Ensure that the plan is consistent with (A) the text and locational
27 guide map of the state plan of conservation and development adopted
28 pursuant to chapter 297, and (B) the state's consolidated plan for
29 housing and community development prepared pursuant to section 8-
30 37t;

31 [(2) Consult regional councils of governments, regional planning
32 organizations, regional economic development agencies, interested
33 state and local officials, entities involved in economic and community
34 development, stakeholders and business, economic, labor, community
35 and housing organizations;

36 (3) Consider (A) regional economic, community and housing
37 development plans, and (B) applicable state and local workforce
38 investment strategies;]

39 [(4)] (2) Assess and evaluate the economic development challenges
40 and opportunities of the state and against the economic development
41 competitiveness of other states and regions; and

42 [(5) Host regional forums to provide for public involvement in the
43 planning process.]

44 (3) Provide opportunities for public input.

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

47 (1) A review and evaluation of the economy of the state; [. Such
48 review and evaluation shall include, but not be limited to, a sectoral
49 analysis, housing market and housing affordability analysis, labor
50 market and labor quality analysis, demographic analysis and historic
51 trend analysis and projections;]

52 (2) A review and analysis of factors, issues and forces that impact or
53 impede economic development and responsible growth in Connecticut
54 and its constituent regions; [. Such factors, issues or forces shall
55 include, but not be limited to, transportation, including, but not
56 limited to, commuter transit, rail and barge freight, technology
57 transfer, brownfield remediation and development, health care
58 delivery and costs, early education, primary education, secondary and
59 postsecondary education systems and student performance, business
60 regulation, labor force quality and sustainability, social services costs
61 and delivery systems, affordable and workforce housing cost and
62 availability, land use policy, emergency preparedness, taxation,
63 availability of capital and energy costs and supply;]

64 [(3) Identification and analysis of economic clusters that are growing
65 or declining within the state;]

66 [(4)] (3) An analysis of targeted industry sectors in the state that (A)
67 identifies those industry sectors that are of current or future
68 importance to the growth of the state's economy and to its global
69 competitive position, (B) identifies what those industry sectors need
70 for continued growth, and (C) identifies those industry sectors' current
71 and potential impediments to growth;

72 [(5) A review and evaluation of the economic development structure
73 in the state, including, but not limited to, (A) a review and analysis of
74 the past and current economic, community and housing development
75 structures, budgets and policies, efforts and responsibilities of its

76 constituent parts in Connecticut, and (B) an analysis of the
77 performance of the current economic, community and housing
78 development structure, and its individual constituent parts, in meeting
79 its statutory obligations, responsibilities and mandates and their
80 impact on economic development and responsible growth in
81 Connecticut;]

82 [(6)] (4) Establishment and articulation of a vision for Connecticut
83 that identifies where the state should be in [five, ten, fifteen and
84 twenty years] the future;

85 [(7)] (5) Establishment of clear and measurable goals and objectives
86 for the state and regions, to meet the short and long-term goals
87 established under this section and provide clear steps and strategies to
88 achieve said goals and objectives [, including, but not limited to, the
89 following: (A) The promotion of economic development and
90 opportunity, (B) the fostering of effective transportation access and
91 choice including the use of airports and ports for economic
92 development, (C) enhancement and protection of the environment, (D)
93 maximization of the effective development and use of the workforce
94 consistent with applicable state or local workforce investment strategy,
95 (E) promotion of the use of technology in economic development,
96 including access to high-speed telecommunications, and (F) the
97 balance of resources through sound management of physical
98 development] by priority;

99 [(8) Prioritization of goals and objectives established under this
100 section;]

101 [(9)] (6) Establishment of relevant measures that clearly identify and
102 quantify (A) whether a goal and objective is being met at the state,
103 regional, local and private sector level, and (B) cause and effect
104 relationships, and provide a clear and replicable measurement
105 methodology; and

106 [(10)] (7) Recommendations on how the state can best achieve goals

107 under the strategic plan and provide cost estimates for implementation
108 of the plan and the projected return on investment for those areas. [;]

109 [(11) A review and evaluation of the operation and efficacy of the
110 urban jobs program established pursuant to sections 32-9i to 32-9l,
111 inclusive, enterprise zones established pursuant to section 32-70,
112 railroad depot zones established pursuant to section 32-75a, qualified
113 manufacturing plants designated pursuant to section 32-75c,
114 entertainment districts established pursuant to section 32-76 and
115 enterprise corridor zones established pursuant to section 32-80. The
116 review and evaluation of enterprise zones shall include an analysis of
117 enterprise zones that have been expanded to include an area in a
118 contiguous municipality or in which there are base or plant closures;

119 (12) An assessment of program performance with regard to the
120 development, research and economic assistance matching grant
121 program established pursuant to section 32-345; and

122 (13) Any other responsible growth information that the
123 commissioner deems appropriate.]

124 (d) On or before [July 1, 2009] January 1, 2014, and every [five] four
125 years thereafter, the Commissioner of Economic and Community
126 Development shall submit an economic development strategic plan
127 [for the state to the Governor for approval. The Governor shall review
128 and approve or disapprove such plan not more than sixty days after
129 submission. The plan shall be effective upon approval by the Governor
130 or sixty days after the date of submission.

131 (e) Upon approval, the commissioner shall submit the economic
132 development strategic plan] to the joint standing committees of the
133 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce,
134 planning and development, appropriations and the budgets of state
135 agencies and finance, revenue and bonding. Not later than thirty days
136 after such submission, the commissioner shall post the plan on the web
137 site of the Department of Economic and Community Development.

138 [(f) The commissioner from time to time, may revise and update the
139 strategic plan upon approval of the Governor. The commissioner shall
140 post any such revisions on the web site of the Department of Economic
141 and Community Development.]

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

Statement of Purpose:

To require a report on how to facilitate a green chemical industry in this state and to change the requirements of the Department of Economic and Community Development's economic strategic plan.

[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.]