



**Substitute Senate Bill No. 619**

**Public Act No. 13-19**

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMMISSION ON CONNECTICUT'S FUTURE.***

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

Section 1. Section 32-245 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) There is created a [Connecticut Commission on Business Opportunity, Defense Diversification and Industrial Policy] Commission on Connecticut's Future which shall be within the Department of Economic and Community Development for administrative purposes only.

(b) The commission shall consist of the following members: The Commissioners of Economic and Community Development, Education and Higher Education and the Labor Commissioner or their designees; the chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce, [and exportation,] or their designees; the president of the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering, or his designee; the president of the Connecticut Business and Industries Association or his designee; the president of the Connecticut AFL-CIO or his designee; two members recommended by the president of the Connecticut AFL-

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CIO representing manufacturing unions, appointed by the Governor; one member representing a large manufacturing concern and one member representing a financial institution, appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate; one member representing a large business that is heavily dependent on prime defense contracts or subcontracts and one member representing a small business that is heavily dependent on prime defense contracts or subcontracts appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives; one member representing a small manufacturing concern appointed by the majority leader of the Senate; one member representing a [large service-related business] peace organization appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives; one member representing [a small service-related business] an environmental organization appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; and one member representing an educational institution appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, the terms of all members who are not serving ex-officio who are serving on June 30, 2013, shall expire on said date. The members who are not serving ex-officio shall serve for a term of two years, commencing July 1, [1990] 2013, and biennially thereafter, and until their successors have been duly qualified. The Governor shall appoint a chairperson for the commission from its membership. The chairperson shall call a meeting of the commission not later than October 1, 2013, and at such other times as the chairperson deems necessary.

(c) The commission shall [develop a plan for] prepare a report concerning the economic renewal of Connecticut [. The plan] that shall include strategies for (1) the restoration and growth of manufacturing in the state, with the objective of ending the loss of manufacturing jobs and causing an increase in such jobs within five years following [development of the plan] preparation of the report; (2) the retention and expansion of the state's economic base industries; (3) the

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coordination of economic development policy with capital investment in both public and private sectors; [and (4) the need for regional approaches to economic development in the state] (4) the alignment of the state's educational institutions with its manufacturing base; and (5) the diversification or conversion of defense-related industries with an emphasis on encouraging environmentally-sustainable and civilian product manufacturing. On or before December 1, 2014, the commission shall submit such report to the Governor and, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce.

(d) In addition to the [development of a plan] preparation of a report for economic renewal as required under subsection (c) of this section, the commission shall: (1) Advise the General Assembly and the Department of Economic and Community Development on issues relating to (A) the diversification or conversion of defense-related industries, (B) planning for and development of the state's manufacturing base; (C) creation and implementation of an industrial policy for the state; and (D) the creation of a business climate in the state conducive to long-term planning and capital investment; (2) evaluate legislation which concerns the state's economy and the overall competitiveness thereof, the manufacturing and industrial sectors of the state's economy and businesses that are heavily dependent on prime defense contracts or subcontracts; (3) prepare and review the implementation of short-term and long-term strategies to assist businesses that are heavily dependent on prime defense contracts or subcontracts in modifying defense industry technology production capacity into nondefense related applications with an emphasis on environmentally-sustainable and civilian product manufacturing; (4) provide a forum that encourages public involvement to address and communicate business issues, including small business issues, to the public and private sectors; (5) foster opportunities for the development

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of partnerships between government and private enterprise in areas that significantly affect the state's economy; and (6) stimulate and review public and private assistance and initiatives to improve the competitiveness of Connecticut's economy.

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