



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 6235

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Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by:
(PD)

**AN ACT CREATING A STATE-WIDE TASK FORCE TO ADDRESS
BLIGHT.**

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
2 to examine procedural problems with addressing blight at the
3 municipal level. Such task force shall create model blight ordinances
4 for municipalities to use as a guide and shall propose legislative
5 solutions to allow municipalities to more effectively address blight in
6 their communities.

7 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

8 (1) The chairs and ranking members of the joint standing committee
9 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
10 planning and development, or their designees;

11 (2) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
12 one of whom shall represent residential tenants;

13 (3) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one
14 of whom shall represent residential landlords;

15 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
16 Representatives, who shall represent the Connecticut Conference of
17 Municipalities;

18 (5) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall
19 represent the International Council of Shopping Centers;

20 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
21 Representatives, who shall represent the Connecticut Business and
22 Industry Association;

23 (7) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall
24 represent the Connecticut Council of Small Towns;

25 (8) One appointed by the chairs of the joint standing committee of
26 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
27 planning and development, who shall be a member of the General
28 Assembly who represents a municipality with a population of at least
29 one hundred thousand;

30 (9) The Chief State's Attorney, or his or her designee; and

31 (10) The president and chief executive officer of Connecticut Main
32 Street Center, or his or her designee.

33 (c) Any member of the task force designated or appointed under
34 subdivision (1), (2) or (3) of subsection (b) of this section may be a
35 member of the General Assembly.

36 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
37 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
38 filled by the appointing authority.

39 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
40 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force
41 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall
42 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not

43 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

44 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
45 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to planning
46 and development shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

47 (g) Not later than February 5, 2014, the task force shall submit a
48 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
49 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
50 relating to planning and development, in accordance with the
51 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall
52 terminate on the date that it submits such report or February 5, 2014,
53 whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To create a task force to (1) examine procedural problems with addressing blight at the municipal level, (2) create model blight ordinances, and (3) propose legislative solutions to allow municipalities to more effectively address blight in their communities.

[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.]

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