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Referred to Committee on HOUSING

Introduced by:
(HSG)

AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC HOUSING GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES.

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

1 Section 1. Section 8-68f of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

3 Each housing authority [which receives] that owns and operates
4 housing under part II or part IV of this chapter or that receives or has
5 received financial assistance under any state housing program, and the
6 Connecticut Housing Finance Authority or its subsidiary when said
7 authority or subsidiary is the successor owner of housing previously
8 owned by a housing authority under part II or part VI of this chapter,
9 shall, for any such housing, [which it owns and operates,] (1) provide
10 each of its tenants with a written lease, (2) adopt a procedure for
11 hearing tenant complaints and grievances, (3) adopt procedures for
12 soliciting tenant comment on proposed changes in housing authority
13 policies and procedures, including changes to its lease and to its
14 admission and occupancy policies, and (4) encourage tenant
15 participation in the housing authority's operation of state housing

16 programs, including, where appropriate, the facilitation of tenant
17 participation in the management of housing projects. If such housing
18 authority or the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority or its
19 subsidiary operates both a federal and a state-assisted housing
20 program, it shall use the same procedure for hearing tenant grievances
21 in both programs. The Commissioner of Economic and Community
22 Development shall adopt regulations in accordance with the
23 provisions of chapter 54 to establish uniform minimum standards for
24 the requirements in this section. If such regulations have not been
25 adopted by February 1, 2014, the commissioner shall submit a report
26 on said date in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a to the
27 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance
28 of matters relating to housing. Such report shall detail the reasons why
29 such regulations have not been adopted.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	8-68f

Statement of Purpose:

To clarify the scope of section 8-68f of the general statutes and to ensure that the Department of Economic and Community Development promptly adopts the regulations required under said section.

[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.]