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Referred to Committee on COMMERCE

Introduced by:
(CE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID FROM
CONNECTICUT INNOVATIONS, INCORPORATED.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 32-40 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

3 (a) All applications for financial aid shall be forwarded, together
4 with an application fee prescribed by the corporation, to the chief
5 executive officer of the corporation. Each such application shall be
6 processed in accordance with the written procedures adopted by the
7 corporation under subdivision (5) of subsection (d) of section 32-35.
8 The board of directors or a duly constituted committee thereof shall
9 approve or deny each application recommended by the chief executive
10 officer. If the board of directors or any such committee approves an
11 application, the board or such committee may authorize the
12 corporation to enter into an agreement or agreements on behalf of the
13 corporation to provide financial aid to the applicant. The applicant
14 shall be promptly notified of such action by the corporation.

15 (b) In making the decision as to approval or denial of an application,
16 the board or any committee of the board shall give priority to those
17 applicants (1) whose businesses are defense-dependent, or are located
18 in municipalities which the Commissioner of Economic and
19 Community Development has declared have been severely impacted
20 by prime defense contract cutbacks pursuant to section 32-56, and (2)
21 whose proposed research and development activity, technology,
22 product or invention is to be used to convert all or a portion of the
23 applicant's business to non-defense-related industrial or commercial
24 activity, or to create a new non-defense-related industrial or
25 commercial business. For purposes of this section, a defense-
26 dependent business is any business that derives over fifty per cent of
27 its gross income, generated from operations within the state, from
28 prime defense contracts or from subcontracts entered into in
29 connection with prime defense contracts, a significant portion of
30 whose facilities and equipment are designed specifically for defense
31 production and cannot be converted to nondefense uses without
32 substantial investment.

33 (c) All financial and credit information and all trade secrets
34 contained in any application for financial aid submitted to the
35 corporation or obtained by the corporation concerning any applicant,
36 project, activity, technology, product or invention shall be exempt
37 from the provisions of subsection (a) of section 1-210.

38 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this
39 section, the board of directors may delegate to staff of the corporation
40 the authority to approve any application for financial aid filed
41 pursuant to this section for not more than three hundred thousand
42 dollars, provided such application is processed in accordance with the
43 written procedures adopted by the corporation under subdivision (5)
44 of subsection (d) of section 32-35.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	32-40

Statement of Purpose:

To allow staff of Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated to approve financial aid transactions in amounts up to three hundred thousand dollars in order to expedite the financial aid process for smaller transactions and allow the board of directors to focus on larger, more material transactions.

[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.]