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Referred to Committee on COMMERCE

Introduced by:
(CE)

AN ACT CONCERNING CHANGES TO THE STATE ECONOMIC STRATEGIC PLAN.

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

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 Section 32-1o of the general statutes is repealed and the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

3 (a) On or before July 1, [2009] 2015, and every [five] four years
4 thereafter, the Commissioner of Economic and Community
5 Development, within available appropriations, shall prepare an
6 economic development strategic plan for the state in consultation with
7 the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, the
8 Commissioners of Energy and Environmental Protection and
9 Transportation, the Labor Commissioner, the chairperson of the
10 Culture and Tourism Advisory Committee, the executive directors of
11 the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority, Connecticut Innovations,
12 Incorporated, and the Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities
13 Authority, or their respective designees, and any other agencies the
14 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development deems
15 appropriate.

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

18 (1) Ensure that the plan is consistent with (A) the text and locational
19 guide map of the state plan of conservation and development adopted
20 pursuant to chapter 297, and (B) the state's consolidated plan for
21 housing and community development prepared pursuant to section 8-
22 37t;

23 [(2) Consult regional councils of governments, regional planning
24 organizations, regional economic development agencies, interested
25 state and local officials, entities involved in economic and community
26 development, stakeholders and business, economic, labor, community
27 and housing organizations;

28 (3) Consider (A) regional economic, community and housing
29 development plans, and (B) applicable state and local workforce
30 investment strategies;]

31 [(4)] (2) Assess and evaluate the economic development challenges
32 and opportunities of the state and against the economic development
33 competitiveness of other states and regions; and

34 [(5)] (3) [Host regional forums to provide for public involvement in
35 the planning process] Provide for public input in the development of
36 the plan.

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

39 (1) A review and evaluation of the economy of the state; [. Such
40 review and evaluation shall include, but not be limited to, a sectoral
41 analysis, housing market and housing affordability analysis, labor
42 market and labor quality analysis, demographic analysis and historic
43 trend analysis and projections;]

44 (2) A review and analysis of factors, issues and forces that impact or

45 impede economic development and responsible growth in Connecticut
46 and its constituent regions; [. Such factors, issues or forces shall
47 include, but not be limited to, transportation, including, but not
48 limited to, commuter transit, rail and barge freight, technology
49 transfer, brownfield remediation and development, health care
50 delivery and costs, early education, primary education, secondary and
51 postsecondary education systems and student performance, business
52 regulation, labor force quality and sustainability, social services costs
53 and delivery systems, affordable and workforce housing cost and
54 availability, land use policy, emergency preparedness, taxation,
55 availability of capital and energy costs and supply;]

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

58 [(4)] (3) An analysis of targeted industry sectors in the state that (A)
59 identifies those industry sectors that are of current or future
60 importance to the growth of the state's economy and to its global
61 competitive position, (B) identifies what those industry sectors need
62 for continued growth, and (C) identifies those industry sectors' current
63 and potential impediments to growth;

64 [(5) A review and evaluation of the economic development structure
65 in the state, including, but not limited to, (A) a review and analysis of
66 the past and current economic, community and housing development
67 structures, budgets and policies, efforts and responsibilities of its
68 constituent parts in Connecticut, and (B) an analysis of the
69 performance of the current economic, community and housing
70 development structure, and its individual constituent parts, in meeting
71 its statutory obligations, responsibilities and mandates and their
72 impact on economic development and responsible growth in
73 Connecticut;]

74 [(6)] (4) Establishment and articulation of a vision for Connecticut
75 that identifies where the state should be in [five, ten, fifteen and

76 twenty years] the future;

77 [(7)] (5) Establishment of prioritized, clear and measurable goals and
78 objectives for the state and regions [, to meet the short and long-term
79 goals established under this section] and provide clear steps and
80 strategies to achieve said goals and objectives; [, including, but not
81 limited to, the following: (A) The promotion of economic development
82 and opportunity, (B) the fostering of effective transportation access
83 and choice including the use of airports and ports for economic
84 development, (C) enhancement and protection of the environment, (D)
85 maximization of the effective development and use of the workforce
86 consistent with applicable state or local workforce investment strategy,
87 (E) promotion of the use of technology in economic development,
88 including access to high-speed telecommunications, and (F) the
89 balance of resources through sound management of physical
90 development;]

91 [(8) Prioritization of goals and objectives established under this
92 section;]

93 [(9)] (6) Establishment of relevant measures that clearly identify and
94 quantify (A) whether a goal and objective is being met at the state,
95 regional, local and private sector level, and (B) cause and effect
96 relationships, and provide a clear and replicable measurement
97 methodology; and

98 [(10)] (7) Recommendations on how the state can best achieve goals
99 under the strategic plan and provide cost estimates for implementation
100 of the plan and the projected return on investment for those areas. [;]

101 [(11) A review and evaluation of the operation and efficacy of the
102 urban jobs program established pursuant to sections 32-9i to 32-9l,
103 inclusive, enterprise zones established pursuant to section 32-70,
104 railroad depot zones established pursuant to section 32-75a, qualified
105 manufacturing plants designated pursuant to section 32-75c,
106 entertainment districts established pursuant to section 32-76 and

107 enterprise corridor zones established pursuant to section 32-80. The
108 review and evaluation of enterprise zones shall include an analysis of
109 enterprise zones that have been expanded to include an area in a
110 contiguous municipality or in which there are base or plant closures;

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

114 (13) Any other responsible growth information that the
115 commissioner deems appropriate.]

116 (d) On or before July 1, [2009] 2015, and every [five] four years
117 thereafter, the Commissioner of Economic and Community
118 Development shall submit [an] the economic development strategic
119 plan for the state prepared pursuant to this section to the [Governor
120 for approval. The Governor shall review and approve or disapprove
121 such plan not more than sixty days after submission. The plan shall be
122 effective upon approval by the Governor or sixty days after the date of
123 submission.

124 (e) Upon approval, the commissioner shall submit the economic
125 development strategic plan to the] joint standing committees of the
126 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce,
127 planning and development, appropriations and the budgets of state
128 agencies and finance, revenue and bonding. Not later than thirty days
129 after such submission, the commissioner shall post the plan on the web
130 site of the Department of Economic and Community Development.

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

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

Statement of Purpose:

To streamline the state economic strategic plan in order to make it more customer-friendly, clear and focused.

[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.]