



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 5118**

LCO No. 439



Referred to Committee on COMMERCE

Introduced by:  
REP. BERGER, 73rd Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGIONAL DELIVERY OF SMALL  
BUSINESS EXPRESS FUNDS.**

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

- 1 That section 32-7g of the general statutes be amended to establish a
- 2 regionally administered component to the Small Business Express
- 3 program, which shall allow regional economic development agencies
- 4 to (1) review applications for financial assistance under said program,
- 5 (2) recommend the terms and conditions of proposed financial
- 6 assistance packages, and (3) forward such proposed financial
- 7 assistance packages to the Commissioner of Economic and Community
- 8 Development for approval or rejection. Twenty per cent of the funds
- 9 available under the Small Business Express program shall be reserved
- 10 for financial assistance to be awarded under the regionally
- 11 administered component.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require the Department of Economic and Community Development to integrate regional economic development agencies into the Small Business Express program to facilitate the regional delivery of Small Business Express funds.