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**Committee Bill No. 6259**

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Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by:  
(PD)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE BOUNDARIES OF REGIONAL  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 32-741 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

3 (a) In order to coordinate, implement and promote responsible  
4 economic growth and activities in this state, any of the following  
5 entities may, after approval by the Commissioner of Economic and  
6 Community Development, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
7 Management and the Assistant Secretary of Economic Development of  
8 the United States Department of Commerce, either individually or in  
9 conjunction with one or more other such entities, establish a regional  
10 economic development district for the purposes of sections 8-35a, 16a-  
11 27, 32-1o and 32-742 to 32-745, inclusive: (1) A regional economic  
12 development commission formed under section 7-137; (2) any  
13 organization that has a strategy that would meet the requirements of  
14 section 32-742 and has been approved by the Assistant Secretary of  
15 Economic Development of the United States Department of  
16 Commerce; (3) a corporation exempt from federal income tax under

17 Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent  
18 corresponding internal revenue code of the United States, as amended  
19 from time to time; (4) another regional economic development  
20 commission or corporation formed under any other provision of the  
21 general statutes or any special act; or (5) a regional planning  
22 organization, as defined in section 4-124i. The entity or entities  
23 establishing a regional economic development district shall provide for  
24 a board of directors of the district. Not more than eight regional  
25 economic development districts shall be established pursuant to this  
26 subsection.

27 (b) The boundaries of such districts shall encompass one or more  
28 planning regions, designated or redesignated pursuant to section 16a-  
29 4a, or, to the extent practicable, be contiguous with boundaries of  
30 former county government regions. On or before October 1, 2016, the  
31 Department of Economic and Community Development, in  
32 consultation with the Office of Policy and Management, shall issue  
33 recommendations for the boundaries of such districts. Said department  
34 shall provide an opportunity for public participation prior to issuing  
35 such recommendations. Such recommendations shall provide for  
36 district boundaries that encompass one or more planning regions,  
37 designated or redesignated pursuant to section 16a-4a. Each regional  
38 economic development district established pursuant to this section  
39 shall comply with the distress requirement provisions of 13 CFR  
40 301.3(a)(1).

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2015	32-741

**Statement of Purpose:**

To encourage the alignment of state economic development district boundaries with the boundaries of one or more planning regions.

*[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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