



General Assembly

**Amendment**

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To: Senate Bill No. **1502**

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**"AN ACT IMPLEMENTING PROVISIONS OF THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2017 CONCERNING GENERAL GOVERNMENT, EDUCATION AND HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 601. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a  
4 Commission on Economic Competitiveness to analyze the implications  
5 of state tax policy on state business and industry and to develop  
6 policies that promote economic growth. In addition, the commission  
7 shall: (1) Examine and report on the implications of the tax revisions  
8 set forth in public act 15-244, as amended by senate bill 1502 of the  
9 June 2015 special session, on state business and industry; (2) examine

10 the needs of large and small state businesses and industries as relates  
11 to their ability to maintain economic competitiveness; and (3) offer  
12 legislative recommendations that promote the growth and prosperity  
13 of state business and industry, including, but not limited to,  
14 recommendations relating to state tax policy.

15 (b) The commission shall consist of the following members:

16 (1) Three appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,  
17 one of whom shall be an executive at a publicly traded corporation;

18 (2) Three appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one  
19 of whom shall be an attorney;

20 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
21 Representatives, who shall be a member of an employee advocacy  
22 group;

23 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be  
24 an economist;

25 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
26 Representatives, who shall be a representative of a major corporation  
27 that has its headquarters in the state;

28 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be  
29 the owner of a small business based in the state;

30 (7) The Commissioner of Revenue Services, or the commissioner's  
31 designee;

32 (8) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development,  
33 or the commissioner's designee; and

34 (9) A representative of the Connecticut Business and Industry  
35 Association, who shall be appointed by the president of said  
36 association.

37 (c) Any member of the commission appointed under subdivision  
 38 (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a  
 39 member of the General Assembly.

40 (d) All appointments to the commission shall be made no later than  
 41 August 1, 2015. Appointments shall be for two-year terms. Any  
 42 vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority.

43 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president  
 44 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the  
 45 commission from among the members of the commission. Such  
 46 chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of the commission, which  
 47 shall be held not later than sixty days after the effective date of this  
 48 section. Thereafter, the commission shall meet at such times as deemed  
 49 necessary by the chairpersons or a majority of commission members.

50 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
 51 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to finance  
 52 shall serve as administrative staff of the commission.

53 (g) Not later than January 1, 2016, the commission shall submit a  
 54 report on its findings and recommendations based on the examination  
 55 conducted pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section  
 56 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having  
 57 cognizance of matters relating to finance and commerce, in accordance  
 58 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. Not later  
 59 than January 1, 2017, and annually thereafter, the commission shall  
 60 submit a report on its activities to the joint standing committees of the  
 61 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to finance  
 62 and commerce, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of  
 63 the general statutes."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 601	<i>from passage</i>	New section