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Committee Bill No. 5584

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Referred to Committee on COMMERCE

Introduced by:
(CE)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A SMALL BUSINESS
HOTLINE.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 32-9n of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2017*):

4 (b) Said Office of Small Business Affairs shall: (1) Administer at least
5 one regional office of the small business development center program
6 within the Department of Economic and Community Development; (2)
7 coordinate, with the director of the small business development center
8 program, the flow of information within the technical and
9 management assistance program within the Department of Economic
10 and Community Development; (3) encourage Connecticut Innovations,
11 Incorporated to grant loans to small businesses, particularly those
12 owned and operated by minorities and other socially or economically
13 disadvantaged individuals; (4) coordinate and serve as a liaison
14 between all federal, state, regional and municipal agencies and
15 programs affecting small business affairs; (5) administer any business
16 management training program established under section 32-352 or

17 section 32-355 as the Commissioner of Economic and Community
 18 Development may determine; (6) provide a single point of contact for
 19 small businesses seeking financial and technical assistance from the
 20 state and quasi-public agencies; (7) coordinate all state funded
 21 revolving loan funds used to assist small businesses; [and] (8)
 22 establish, in cooperation with the Commissioner of Economic and
 23 Community Development, and within available appropriations, an
 24 informational web page, that is updated by the department on not less
 25 than a quarterly basis, with a list and links to all small business
 26 resources available and post them in a conspicuous place on the
 27 department's web site; [. The office shall update this information on its
 28 web site on at least a quarterly basis.] and (9) establish and operate a
 29 state-wide small business hotline to provide prospective and existing
 30 small business owners with individualized information and guidance
 31 regarding business formation and development, networking resources
 32 and technical and financial assistance from the state and quasi-public
 33 agencies.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2017	32-9n(b)

Statement of Purpose:

To provide resources for small businesses to assist their sustainability and growth.

[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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