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The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through SEN. FLEXER of the 29th Dist. and SEN. MCLACHLAN, M. of the 24th Dist., Chairpersons of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR REVISIONS TO STATUTES CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT.

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 2-111 of the
2 2018 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following
3 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4 (1) Four members of the General Assembly, one of whom shall be
5 appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, one of
6 whom shall be appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate,
7 one of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the House of
8 Representatives, and one of [who] whom shall be appointed by the
9 minority leader of the Senate;

10 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 4-67x of the general statutes is
11 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*

12 *passage*):

13 (a) There shall be a Child Poverty and Prevention Council consisting
14 of the following members or their designees: The Secretary of the
15 Office of Policy and Management, the president pro tempore of the
16 Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives, the minority
17 leader of the Senate and the minority leader of the House of
18 Representatives, the Commissioners of Children and Families, Social
19 Services, Correction, Developmental Services, Mental Health and
20 Addiction Services, Transportation, Public Health, Education,
21 Housing, Agriculture and Economic and Community Development,
22 the Labor Commissioner, the Chief Court Administrator, the
23 chairperson of the Board of Regents for Higher Education, the Child
24 Advocate [] and the executive directors of the Office of Early
25 Childhood, [and] the Commission on Human Rights and
26 Opportunities and the [executive director of the] Commission on
27 Women, Children and Seniors. [or a designee.] The Secretary of the
28 Office of Policy and Management, or the secretary's designee, shall be
29 the chairperson of the council. The council shall (1) develop and
30 promote the implementation of a ten-year plan, to begin June 8, 2004,
31 to reduce the number of children living in poverty in the state by fifty
32 per cent, and (2) within available appropriations, establish prevention
33 goals and recommendations and measure prevention service outcomes
34 in accordance with this section in order to promote the health and
35 well-being of children and families.

36 Sec. 3. Subsection (b) of section 4-124bb of the general statutes is
37 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
38 *passage*):

39 (b) The Connecticut Career Ladder Advisory Committee shall be
40 comprised of the following thirteen members: (1) The Commissioners
41 of Education and Public Health and the president of the Connecticut
42 State Colleges and Universities, or their designees; (2) the Labor
43 Commissioner, or a designee; and (3) the following public members,
44 all of whom shall be selected by the Labor Commissioner, with

45 recommendation of the staff of the Office of Workforce
46 Competitiveness [L] and Commission on Women, Children and
47 Seniors, and all of whom shall be knowledgeable about issues relative
48 to career ladder programs or projected workforce shortage areas: (A)
49 One member with expertise in the development of the early childhood
50 education workforce; (B) one member with expertise in job training for
51 women; (C) one member with expertise in the development of the
52 health care workforce; (D) one member with expertise in labor market
53 analysis; (E) one member representing health care employers; (F) one
54 member representing early childhood education employers; and (G)
55 three members with expertise in workforce development programs.

56 Sec. 4. Subdivision (9) of subsection (c) of section 17b-28 of the 2018
57 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is
58 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

59 (9) A member of the Commission on Women, Children and Seniors,
60 designated by the executive director of said commission;

61 Sec. 5. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 21a-7 of the 2018
62 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is
63 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

64 (1) Each board or commission shall exercise its statutory functions,
65 including licensing, certification, registration, accreditation of schools
66 and the rendering of findings, orders and adjudications. With the
67 exception of the Liquor Control Commission, any exercise of such
68 functions by such a board or commission that is adverse to a party
69 shall be a proposed final decision and subject to approval,
70 modification or rejection by the commissioner.

71 Sec. 6. Subsection (b) of section 21a-7 of the 2018 supplement to the
72 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
73 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

74 (b) With the exception of the Liquor Control Commission, each
75 board or commission within the Department of Consumer Protection

76 under section 21a-6 that makes a proposed final decision that is
77 adverse to a party as described in subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of
78 this section, shall submit such proposed final decision to the
79 Commissioner of Consumer Protection. Not later than thirty calendar
80 days after receipt of any such proposed decision, the Commissioner of
81 Consumer Protection shall notify such board or commission that the
82 commissioner shall render the final decision concerning such matter.
83 Not later than thirty days after receipt of any such proposed final
84 decision, the commissioner shall approve, modify or reject the
85 proposed final decision or remand the proposed final decision for
86 further review or for the taking of additional evidence. The
87 commissioner shall notify the board or commission in writing of the
88 commissioner's decision and include in such notification the rationale
89 for such decision. The decision of the commissioner shall be the final
90 decision in accordance with section 4-180 for purposes of
91 reconsideration in accordance with section 4-181a or appeal to the
92 Superior Court in accordance with section 4-183.

93 Sec. 7. Subsection (c) of section 28-5 of the general statutes is
94 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
95 *passage*):

96 (c) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection
97 shall, within available appropriations and in consultation with the
98 Commissioners of Social Services, Public Health, Children and
99 Families, Mental Health and Addiction Services and Education, and
100 the Commission on Women, Children and Seniors, update and amend
101 the state civil preparedness plan and program established pursuant to
102 subsection (b) of this section to address the needs of children during
103 natural disasters, man-made disasters and acts of terrorism. The plan
104 may also be amended in consultation with parents, local emergency
105 services and child care providers. The amended plan shall include, but
106 not be limited to, a requirement that all schools and licensed and
107 regulated child care services, as defined in section 19a-77, have written
108 multihazard disaster response plans that address (1) the evacuation
109 and removal of children to a safe location, (2) notification of parents in

110 the event of a disaster or act of terrorism, (3) reunification of parents
111 with their children, and (4) care for children with special needs during
112 a disaster or act of terrorism.

113 Sec. 8. Section 46a-131 of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*
114 *from passage*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	2-111(b)(1)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	4-67x(a)
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	4-124bb(b)
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	17b-28(c)(9)
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	21a-7(a)(1)
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	21a-7(b)
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	28-5(c)
Sec. 8	<i>from passage</i>	Repealer section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Sec. 3, "all of" was added for consistency.

GAE Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill, which makes technical changes to statutes concerning government administration, has no fiscal impact.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 255*****AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR REVISIONS TO STATUTES CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT.*****SUMMARY**

This bill makes technical changes to statutes concerning government administration. Among other things, it removes a redundant “designee” reference from the membership list of the Child Poverty and Prevention Council and repeals an obsolete statute regarding the now-defunct Commission on Children (§7). For consistency, it also adds the word “final,” to references to proposed final decisions by certain boards or commissions within the Department of Consumer Protection.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND***Related Bill***

sHB 5268, reported favorably by the Government Administration and Elections Committee, makes similar technical changes to government administration statutes.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 16 Nay 0 (03/09/2018)