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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:
(PS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF GAMBLING
IN CONNECTICUT.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions
2 of section 12-564 of the general statutes, not later than ninety days after
3 the effective date of this section, the Commissioner of Economic and
4 Community Development shall develop and issue a request for
5 proposals for independent research and professional services to (1)
6 perform a comprehensive analysis of the social and economic impacts
7 of all forms of gambling in the state, including, but not limited to,
8 casino gaming facilities located on Indian land, the sale of lottery
9 tickets by the Connecticut Lottery Corporation, wagering at off-track
10 betting facilities and charitable gaming, (2) determine the types of
11 gambling activity engaged in by the public and the desirability of
12 expanding or maintaining the amount of legalized gambling permitted
13 in the state, and (3) recommend a plan or model that (A) implements
14 any possible expansion of gambling in the state, including, but not
15 limited to, casino gaming facilities located on state land, sports betting,
16 fantasy contests or online lottery draw games, and (B) takes into

17 consideration (i) the impact to the procedures, compact and
18 agreements entered into between the state and the Mashantucket
19 Pequot Tribe and the state and the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of
20 Connecticut, and (ii) the expansion of gambling in the northeast region
21 of the United States. The independent research and professional
22 service provider shall have expertise in advising state legislatures on
23 issues related to gambling and the expansion of gambling. Such study
24 shall include, but need not be limited to, gaming expertise, legal
25 advice, strategic planning and regulatory, licensing and law
26 enforcement best practices related to gambling and the expansion of
27 gambling. Not later than January 1, 2019, the commissioner shall
28 submit the results of such study, in accordance with the provisions of
29 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of
30 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
31 safety and security.

32 (b) The Department of Consumer Protection and the Connecticut
33 Lottery Corporation shall provide any information and data needed by
34 the independent research and professional service provider to perform
35 the study, provided the information and data does not disclose the
36 identity of individuals.

37 (c) The Connecticut Lottery Corporation shall expend unclaimed
38 prize funds to pay the cost of such study.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development to issue a request for proposals for an independent research and professional service provider to perform a comprehensive study of all forms of gambling in the state and recommend a plan or model that implements any possible expansion of gambling in the state.

[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.]