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## OLR Bill Analysis

### SB 229 (File 563, as amended by Senate "A" and "C")\*

#### ***AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF STYROFOAM TRAYS IN CONNECTICUT SCHOOLS.***

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill generally requires certain Connecticut schools to develop plans to eliminate the use of expanded polystyrene trays by July 1, 2021.

Specifically, by July 1, 2020, school districts, regional school districts, regional vocational-technical schools, and higher education constituent units (i.e., UConn, the state universities, regional community-technical colleges, and Charter Oak State College) must develop a plan for discontinuing the use of expanded polystyrene trays.

Under the bill, each plan must (1) require the district, school, or constituent unit to stop using such trays by July 1, 2021, and (2) prepare to end or amend any purchasing contract for such trays by July 1, 2020. However, a district, school, or constituent unit that stops using expanded polystyrene trays before July 1, 2020, does not have to develop a plan.

The bill defines "expanded polystyrene" as blown polystyrene and expanded and extruded foams that are thermoplastic petrochemical materials using a styrene monomer and processed by any number of techniques, including fusion of polymer spheres and injection, foam, or extrusion-blown molding.

\*Senate Amendment "A" (1) delays compliance dates; (2) replaces a purchasing contract prohibition with a requirement to plan ending or amending contracts by July 1, 2020; (3) extends the bill's requirements to regional vocational-technical schools; and (4) exempts a district or school from having to develop a plan if it stops using expanded

polystyrene trays before July 1, 2020.

\*Senate Amendment "C" extends the bill's requirements to higher education constituent units.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 20 Nay 8 (03/18/2019)