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Raised Bill No. 7098

LCO No. 3750



Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION

Introduced by:
(TRA)

AN ACT CONCERNING COMMUTER RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of
2 Transportation shall implement the following commuter rail projects
3 and initiatives:

4 (1) Providing wireless Internet accessibility to commuters on the
5 New Haven Line, as defined in section 13b-79o of the general statutes;

6 (2) Expanding the Danbury branch of the New Haven Line to
7 include the town of New Milford;

8 (3) Developing a new commuter rail station in the town of
9 Newington and on New Park Avenue in the town of West Hartford;

10 (4) Adding a roof or canopy covering at the Talmadge Hill
11 commuter rail station in the town of New Canaan to protect
12 commuters from rain and snow;

13 (5) Adding a passing siding at the New Canaan commuter rail

14 station in the town of New Canaan;

15 (6) Expanding the northbound side of the parking lot and the train
16 platforms at the Stratford commuter rail station in the town of
17 Stratford; and

18 (7) Increasing the number of trains and frequency of service on the
19 Waterbury branch of the New Haven Line and expanding such branch
20 to include the towns of Seymour, Shelton and Derby.

21 Sec. 2. Section 13b-344a of the general statutes is repealed and the
22 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

23 No person shall cross railroad tracks at a designated railroad grade
24 crossing when warned by an automatic signal, crossing gates, flagman
25 or law enforcement officer of the approach of a railroad locomotive, a
26 railroad car or train or other equipment on the railroad tracks or when
27 otherwise warned of the approach of such [a] locomotive, car or train
28 or equipment. Violation of this section shall be an infraction.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	13b-344a

Statement of Purpose:

To (1) require the Commissioner of Transportation to implement various commuter rail projects and initiatives, and (2) prohibit a person from crossing railroad tracks when warned of the approach of equipment on such tracks.

[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.]