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Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by:
(PD)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A STATE-WIDE GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM TASK FORCE.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
2 to study the need for and feasibility of establishing a centralized, state-
3 wide geographic information system, which shall include, but need not
4 be limited to, (1) a base mapping program to acquire, create and provide
5 a framework of foundational base map layers, including aerial imagery,
6 planimetric features and elevation, (2) data standards to be utilized by
7 all data creators so that data layers may be aggregated across geographic
8 boundaries within the state, (3) the collection, creation and maintenance
9 of authoritative data layers, and (4) a central data repository where
10 authoritative data layers may be accessed by and distributed to
11 interested parties in accordance with the applicable provisions of the
12 state data plan created pursuant to section 4-67p of the general statutes.
13 Such study shall include, but need not be limited to, (A) an evaluation
14 of existing geographic information system expertise and repositories
15 within the state, including, but not limited to, expertise and repositories
16 within state agencies, colleges and universities, regional councils of

17 governments, public utilities services and municipalities, (B) an
18 examination of geographic information system centers, policies and
19 resources in other New England states, including, but not limited to,
20 issues of structure, staffing and funding, and (C) recommendations for
21 the creation, operation, staffing and funding of a centralized, state-wide
22 geographic information system center.

23 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

24 (1) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the
25 secretary's designee;

26 (2) One appointed by the Commissioner of Energy and
27 Environmental Protection, who shall have expertise in geographic
28 information systems;

29 (3) One appointed by the Commissioner of Transportation, who shall
30 have expertise in geographic information systems;

31 (4) One appointed by the Commissioner of Emergency Services and
32 Public Protection, who shall have expertise in geographic information
33 systems;

34 (5) One appointed by the Commissioner of Public Health, who shall
35 have expertise in geographic information systems;

36 (6) Two appointed by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
37 Management, who shall be designated by the Connecticut Association
38 of Councils of Governments and have expertise in geographic
39 information systems, aerial imagery acquisition and the provision of
40 geographic information systems information to municipalities;

41 (7) Two appointed by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
42 Management, who shall be designated by the Connecticut Conference
43 of Municipalities, be members of the Connecticut GIS Network and
44 have expertise in geographic information systems and municipal
45 government;

46 (8) One appointed by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
47 Management, who shall be designated by the president of The
48 University of Connecticut and have expertise in the state's geospatial
49 information, including, but not limited to, state-wide aerial imagery and
50 elevation;

51 (9) One appointed by the chairperson of the Public Utilities
52 Regulatory Authority, who shall have expertise in public utilities
53 services; and

54 (10) Two appointed by the chairpersons of the joint standing
55 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
56 relating to planning and development, who shall have expertise in
57 mapping applications for private sector businesses.

58 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
59 (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8) or (9) of subsection (b) of this section may be
60 a member of the General Assembly.

61 (d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later
62 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall
63 be filled by the appointing authority.

64 (e) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management or the
65 secretary's designee shall be the chairperson of the task force. Such
66 chairperson shall schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall
67 be held not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

68 (f) The task force may designate subcommittees to carry out its
69 functions.

70 (g) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
71 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to planning
72 and development shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

73 (h) Not later than January 1, 2021, the task force shall submit a report
74 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of
75 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to planning

76 and development, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of
77 the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it
78 submits such report or January 1, 2021, whichever is later.

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| 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 establish a task force to study the need for and feasibility of establishing a centralized, state-wide geographic information system.

[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.]