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Substitute Senate Bill No. 1039

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The Committee on Commerce reported through SEN. HARTLEY of the 15th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING BLOCKCHAIN AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES.

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

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section:
- 2 (1) "Blockchain technology" means distributed ledger technology that
3 uses a distributed, decentralized, shared and replicated ledger that may
4 be public or private, permissioned or permissionless and that may
5 include the use of electronic currencies or electronic tokens as a medium
6 of electronic exchange; and
- 7 (2) "Distributed ledger technology" means any database that is
8 consensually shared and synchronized across multiple sites, institutions
9 or geographies allowing for public witnesses to such transactions and
10 may include supporting infrastructure, including blockchain
11 technology.
- 12 (b) On or before October 1, 2021, the Department of Administrative

13 Services shall develop and issue a request for information for the
14 incorporation of blockchain technology to make a state administrative
15 function more efficient or cost-effective.

16 (c) Not later than January 1, 2022, the Commissioner of
17 Administrative Services shall evaluate the responses to the request for
18 information and submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of
19 section 11-4a of the general statutes, identifying department functions
20 that may be made more efficient or cost-effective by blockchain
21 technology to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
22 having cognizance of matters relating to commerce and government
23 administration.

24 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) On or before January 1, 2022, the
25 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, in
26 consultation with AdvanceCT, shall develop a plan to support the state's
27 remote work economy, including, but not limited to, the promotion of
28 existing remote work workspaces and incentives for the creation of new
29 remote work workspaces in the state, including in central business
30 district locations, underutilized office space and unoccupied shopping
31 malls. Not later than January 1, 2022, the commissioner shall submit, in
32 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
33 such plan to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
34 having cognizance of matters relating to commerce.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

CE *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 22 \$	FY 23 \$
Department of Administrative Services	GF - Cost	Minimal	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

On or before October 1, 2021, the Department of Administrative Services shall develop and issue a request for information for the incorporation of blockchain technology to facilitate cost-effective efficiencies in state services. This will result in a minimal cost.

Not later than January 1, 2022, the Commissioner of Administrative Services shall evaluate the responses to the request for information and submit a report, identifying department functions that may be made more efficient or cost-effective by blockchain technology to the commerce and government administration committees.

On or before January 1, 2022, the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, in consultation with AdvanceCT, shall develop a plan to support the state's remote work economy. Not later than January 1, 2022, the commissioner shall submit such a plan to the commerce committee.

The Out Years

The fiscal impact identified above would only be reflected in FY 22.



OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Commerce Committee

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Yea 23 Nay 0 (03/22/2021)