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Proposed Bill No. 5423

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Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION

Introduced by:

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***AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF PASSENGER TRAIN
AND GROUND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES IN EASTERN
CONNECTICUT.***

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

1 That section 13b-79p of the general statutes be amended to require
2 the Commissioner of Transportation to (1) conduct a feasibility study
3 and develop an operational plan to extend the Shore Line East rail line
4 to Rhode Island, establish a new branch line to be known as the Norwich
5 Branch Line with a plan to provide service to Massachusetts at a later
6 date, extend ground transportation systems in eastern Connecticut to
7 provide interconnection between such systems and establish new
8 passenger train stations in Groton and Stonington Borough, and (2)
9 submit the results of such study and plan to the joint standing
10 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
11 relating to transportation on or before January 1, 2022.

Statement of Purpose:

To improve transportation options, support economic development and transit-oriented development, relieve highway congestion, improve air quality, reduce the emission of greenhouse gases, demonstrate the value of the extended ground transportation and passenger commuter services in eastern Connecticut, and provide improved passenger train service between New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts.