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Referred to Committee on COMMERCE

Introduced by:

(CE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THE
RENOVATION OF HISTORIC MIXED-USE BUILDINGS IN THE STATE.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Economic and
2 Community Development shall conduct a study relating to economic
3 development issues affecting distressed municipalities and opportunity
4 zones in the state. Not later than February 1, 2022, the commissioner
5 shall submit a report on the results of such study to the joint standing
6 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
7 relating to commerce, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
8 of the general statutes.

9 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force to
10 study any impediments to the renovation of historic mixed-use
11 buildings located in distressed municipalities in the state. The task force
12 shall (1) examine any financing tools that may assist in the renovation
13 of such buildings and building safety codes that may be impediments
14 to the renovation of such buildings; and (2) consider whether the state
15 should implement a small real estate developer training program or a

16 capacity building program.

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

18 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

19 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

20 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
21 Representatives;

22 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

23 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
24 Representatives;

25 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

26 (7) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development,
27 or the commissioner's designee;

28 (8) The Commissioner of Housing, or the commissioner's designee;

29 (9) The Banking Commissioner, or the commissioner's designee;

30 (10) The Commissioner of Administrative Services, or the
31 commissioner's designee; and

32 (11) Three persons appointed by the Governor;

33 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
34 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
35 of the General Assembly.

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

39 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro
40 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from

41 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule
42 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty
43 days after the effective date of this section.

44 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
45 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce
46 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

47 (g) Not later than January 1, 2022, the task force shall submit a report
48 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of
49 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
50 commerce, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
51 general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it
52 submits such report or January 1, 2022, whichever is later.

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

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development to study economic development issues affecting distressed municipalities and opportunity zones in the state and establish a task force to study impediments to the renovation of historic mixed-use buildings in the state.

[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.]