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Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by:
(PD)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT.

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

1 Section 1. Section 16a-25 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 As used in this chapter:

4 (1) "Process" means the procedure for adopting, amending, revising
5 and implementing a state plan of conservation and development;

6 (2) "Existing plan" means the plan promulgated by Executive Order
7 No. 28, September 27, 1974;

8 (3) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
9 Management;

10 (4) "Committee" means the continuing legislative committee on state
11 planning and development established pursuant to section 4-60d;

12 (5) "Adoption year" means the calendar year [which is no later than
13 five years subsequent to the year in which the plan was last adopted in

14 accordance with the process established in this chapter] in which the
15 General Assembly adopts the plan as the plan of conservation and
16 development for the state;

17 (6) "Revision year" means the calendar year immediately preceding
18 the expected adoption year;

19 (7) "Prerevision year" means the calendar year immediately
20 preceding the revision year;

21 (8) "State agency" means any state department, institution, board,
22 commission or official; and

23 (9) "Plan", when referring to the state plan for conservation and
24 development, means the text of such plan and any accompanying
25 locational guide map.

26 Sec. 2. Section 16a-27 of the general statutes is repealed and the
27 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

28 (a) The secretary, after consultation with all appropriate state,
29 regional and local agencies and other appropriate persons, shall, prior
30 to March 1, 2012, complete a revision of the existing plan and enlarge it
31 to include, but not be limited to, policies relating to transportation,
32 energy and air. Any revision made after July 1, 1995, shall take into
33 consideration the conservation and development of greenways that
34 have been designated by municipalities and shall recommend that state
35 agencies coordinate their efforts to support the development of a state-
36 wide greenways system. The Commissioner of Energy and
37 Environmental Protection shall identify state-owned land for inclusion
38 in the plan as potential components of a state greenways system.

39 (b) Any revision made after August 20, 2003, shall take into account
40 (1) economic and community development needs and patterns of
41 commerce, and (2) linkages of affordable housing objectives and land
42 use objectives with transportation systems.

43 (c) Any revision made after March 1, 2006, shall (1) take into

44 consideration risks associated with natural hazards, including, but not
45 limited to, flooding, high winds and wildfires; (2) identify the potential
46 impacts of natural hazards on infrastructure and property; and (3) make
47 recommendations for the siting of future infrastructure and property
48 development to minimize the use of areas prone to natural hazards,
49 including, but not limited to, flooding, high winds and wildfires.

50 (d) Any revision made after July 1, 2005, shall describe the progress
51 towards achievement of the goals and objectives established in the
52 previously adopted state plan of conservation and development and
53 shall identify (1) areas where it is prudent and feasible (A) to have
54 compact, transit accessible, pedestrian-oriented mixed-use
55 development patterns and land reuse, and (B) to promote such
56 development patterns and land reuse, (2) priority funding areas
57 designated under section 16a-35c, and (3) corridor management areas
58 on either side of a limited access highway or a rail line. In designating
59 corridor management areas, the secretary shall make recommendations
60 that (A) promote land use and transportation options to reduce the
61 growth of traffic congestion; (B) connect infrastructure and other
62 development decisions; (C) promote development that minimizes the
63 cost of new infrastructure facilities and maximizes the use of existing
64 infrastructure facilities; and (D) increase intermunicipal and regional
65 cooperation.

66 (e) Any revision made after October 1, 2008, shall (1) for each policy
67 recommended (A) assign a priority; (B) estimate funding for
68 implementation and identify potential funding sources; (C) identify
69 each entity responsible for implementation; and (D) establish a schedule
70 for implementation; and (2) for each growth management principle,
71 determine three benchmarks to measure progress in implementation of
72 the principles, one of which shall be a financial benchmark.

73 (f) Any revision made after October 1, 2009, shall take into
74 consideration the protection and preservation of Connecticut Heritage
75 Areas.

76 (g) Any revision made after December 1, 2011, shall take into
77 consideration (1) the state water supply and resource policies
78 established in sections 22a-380 and 25-33c, and (2) the list prepared by
79 the Commissioner of Public Health pursuant to section 25-33q.

80 (h) Any revision made after October 1, 2019, shall (1) take into
81 consideration risks associated with increased coastal flooding and
82 erosion, depending on site topography, as anticipated in the most recent
83 sea level change scenario updated pursuant to subsection (b) of section
84 25-68o, (2) identify the impacts of such increased flooding and erosion
85 on infrastructure and natural resources, (3) make recommendations for
86 the siting of future infrastructure and property development to
87 minimize the use of areas prone to such flooding and erosion, and (4)
88 take into consideration the state's greenhouse gas reduction goals
89 established pursuant to section 22a-200a.

90 (i) Any revision made after October 1, 2016, shall take into
91 consideration the need for technology infrastructure in the
92 municipality.

93 (j) Thereafter on or before March first in each revision year the
94 secretary shall complete a revision of the plan of conservation and
95 development, provided no revision year may be later than four years
96 subsequent to the year in which the plan was last adopted in accordance
97 with the process established in this chapter.

98 Sec. 3. Section 16a-30 of the general statutes is repealed and the
99 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

100 (a) (1) The continuing legislative committee on state planning and
101 development shall not later than forty-five days after the convening of
102 the next regularly scheduled session of the General Assembly conduct a
103 public hearing on the plan. Not later than forty-five days after
104 completion of such public hearing, the committee shall submit the plan
105 with its recommendation for approval or disapproval to the General
106 Assembly. The plan shall become effective when adopted by the General
107 Assembly as the plan of conservation and development for the state.

108 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, the plan entitled
109 "Conservation and Development Policies: The Plan for Connecticut,
110 2018-2023", when adopted by the General Assembly as the plan of
111 conservation and development for the state, shall become effective from
112 such adoption and shall remain in effect until December 31, 2024.

113 (b) In the event that the General Assembly disapproves the plan in
114 whole or in part the plan shall be deemed to be rejected and shall be
115 returned to the committee for appropriate action.

116 (c) Any project included in the first or second phase of UConn 2000,
117 as defined in subdivision (25) of section 10a-109c, shall constitute part
118 of the state plan of conservation and development approved by the
119 General Assembly.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	16a-25
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	16a-27
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	16a-30

Statement of Purpose:

To (1) amend the process timeline for the revision and adoption of the state plan of conservation and development, and (2) extend to 2024 the application of the plan intended to cover 2018 to 2023, inclusive.

[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.]