



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 605**

LCO No. 2285



Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION

Introduced by:

SEN. SOMERS, 18th Dist.

REP. CARNEY, 23rd Dist.

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT PORT AUTHORITY.***

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

1 That (1) subsection (b) of section 15-31a of the general statutes, with  
2 regards to appointments to the Board of Directors of the Connecticut  
3 Port Authority, be amended to require the Governor to appoint one  
4 member who represents a port located in the city of New Haven, New  
5 London or Bridgeport and one member who represents a small port in  
6 the state; (2) section 15-13c of the general statutes be amended to place  
7 the Connecticut Pilot Commission within the Department of  
8 Transportation, instead of the Connecticut Port Authority, for  
9 administrative purposes only, and to make the department liable for  
10 any issues that arise; (3) require that an employee of the Department of  
11 Transportation who is assigned to work at the Connecticut Port  
12 Authority continue to be compensated from the department's budget;  
13 and (4) chapter 263 of the general statutes be amended to require the  
14 Connecticut Port Authority to develop a plan for the transparent  
15 distribution of grants under the Small Harbor Improvement Projects

- 16 Program and ensure that such grants are equitably administered.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To appoint new members to the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Port Authority, place the Connecticut Pilot Commission within the Department of Transportation for administrative purposes only, require an employee of the Department of Transportation who is assigned to the Connecticut Port Authority be compensated from the department's budget and require the Connecticut Port Authority to develop a plan for the transparent and equitable distribution of grants under the Small Harbor Improvement Projects Program.