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"AN ACT CONCERNING GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2021*) (a) There is established
4 within the Office of Policy and Management a Geographic Information
5 Systems Office. The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management
6 shall designate an employee of the Office of Policy and Management to
7 serve as Geographic Information Officer. Such employee shall have
8 extensive knowledge of the principles, practices, terminology and
9 trends in geographic information systems, spatial data, analysis and
10 related technology and experience in administration, project
11 management, policy development, coordination of services and
12 planning. Such employee shall (1) oversee the operations of the
13 Geographic Information Systems Office, (2) manage the staff of such
14 office, and (3) in conjunction with the Geographic Information Systems
15 Advisory Council created under section 2 of this act, establish goals for

16 such office within the scope of the powers and duties described in
17 subsection (b) of this section.

18 (b) The Geographic Information Officer shall be responsible for (1)
19 coordinating the collection, compilation and dissemination of
20 geographic information systems data across the state, including from
21 and to state agencies, regional councils of governments, municipalities
22 and other constituencies; (2) managing a geospatial data clearinghouse
23 for public access to such information through the online repository
24 described in subsection (i) of section 4-67p of the general statutes; (3)
25 supporting economic development efforts in the state through the
26 provision of such information; (4) providing training and outreach on
27 the use of such information; (5) administering the creation and
28 acquisition of geospatial data, including aerial imagery and elevation
29 and parcel information; (6) adopting geospatial data standards,
30 guidelines and procedures to ensure consistency and quality of such
31 data; and (7) performing technical data processing to aggregate and
32 organize existing data sets and create new data sets.

33 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2021*) (a) There is created a
34 Geographic Information Systems Advisory Council to consult with the
35 Geographic Information Officer, designated pursuant to section 1 of this
36 act, on matters relating to (1) the coordination, procurement, processing,
37 storage and distribution of free and public geographic information
38 systems data; and (2) the powers and duties described in section 4d-90
39 of the general statutes. In the course of such consultation, the advisory
40 council shall (A) develop (i) priorities regarding the performance of any
41 action described in subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection, and (ii) an
42 annual five-year plan for such performance, and (B) make
43 recommendations to the Geographic Information Officer concerning
44 such priorities and plan.

45 (b) The Geographic Information Systems Advisory Council shall
46 consist of the following members:

47 (1) The Geographic Information Officer, or the officer's designee, who

48 shall serve as chairperson of the advisory council;

49 (2) The Chief Data Officer, or the officer's designee;

50 (3) One representative of the Department of Energy and
51 Environmental Protection, who has expertise in geographic information
52 systems, appointed by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
53 Protection;

54 (4) One representative of the Department of Transportation, who has
55 expertise in geographic information systems, appointed by the
56 Commissioner of Transportation;

57 (5) One representative of the Department of Emergency Services and
58 Public Protection, who has expertise in geographic information systems,
59 appointed by the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public
60 Protection;

61 (6) One representative of the Department of Public Health, who has
62 expertise in geographic information systems, appointed by the
63 Commissioner of Public Health;

64 (7) Two representatives of different regional councils of
65 governments, who have expertise in geographic information systems,
66 including aerial imagery acquisition and the provision of geographic
67 information to municipalities, appointed by the chairperson of the
68 Connecticut Association of Councils of Governments;

69 (8) Two representatives of different municipal governments, who
70 have expertise in geographic information systems and are members of
71 the Connecticut GIS Network, appointed by the president of the
72 Connecticut Conference of Municipalities;

73 (9) One representative of The University of Connecticut, who has
74 experience in providing the state's geospatial information, including
75 state-wide aerial imagery and elevation, to various constituencies,
76 appointed by the president of The University of Connecticut;

77 (10) One representative of a public utility company, appointed by the
78 chairperson of the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority; and

79 (11) Two representatives from different private companies, neither of
80 which is a public utility company, who have expertise in mapping
81 applications for commercial purposes, one of whom is appointed jointly
82 by the chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General
83 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to planning and
84 development and the other of whom is appointed jointly by the ranking
85 members of such committee.

86 (c) All initial appointments to the advisory council shall be made not
87 later than January 1, 2022. Each member of the advisory council shall
88 serve for a term of two years and may serve until a successor is
89 appointed and has qualified, except that in the event of any vacancy the
90 appointing authority shall fill such vacancy for the unexpired portion of
91 such term.

92 (d) Not later than March 1, 2022, and biennially thereafter, the
93 Geographic Information Officer, or the officer's designee, as applicable,
94 shall convene a meeting of the advisory council. All other meetings of
95 the advisory council shall be as scheduled by said officer or designee.

96 Sec. 3. Section 2-79e of the general statutes is repealed and the
97 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

98 (a) There is established the Connecticut Data Analysis Technology
99 Advisory Board, which shall be part of the Legislative Department.

100 (b) The board shall consist of the following members: (1) Two
101 appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives; (2) two
102 appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate; (3) two appointed
103 by the minority leader of the House of Representatives; and (4) two
104 appointed by the minority leader of the Senate. All appointed members
105 shall have professional experience or academic qualifications in data
106 analysis, data management, data policy, geospatial information systems
107 or other related fields and may not be a member of the General

108 Assembly. Additional nonvoting ex-officio members shall include the
109 following officials, or their designees: The Commissioner of
110 Administrative Services, the executive director of the Freedom of
111 Information Commission, the Attorney General, the Chief Court
112 Administrator, the State Librarian, the Treasurer, the Secretary of the
113 State, the Comptroller, the Geographic Information Officer and the
114 Chief Data Officer. The Chief Data Officer shall serve as the nonvoting
115 chairperson of the board.

116 (c) All initial appointments to the board shall be made not later than
117 July 1, 2018. The terms of the appointed members shall be coterminous
118 with the terms of the appointing authority for each member. Any
119 vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority. Any vacancy
120 occurring other than by expiration of term shall be filled for the balance
121 of the unexpired term. A member of the board may serve more than one
122 term. The chairperson shall schedule the first meeting of the board,
123 which shall be held not later than August 1, 2018.

124 (d) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
125 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to government
126 administration shall serve as administrative staff of the board. Upon the
127 request of any voting member of the board and with the concurrence of
128 the chairperson of the board, or a vote of the board, the employees of
129 the Offices of Legislative Research and Fiscal Analysis shall provide
130 assistance to the board.

131 (e) The board shall have the following powers and duties: (1) To
132 advise the executive, legislative and judicial branches of government
133 and municipalities concerning data policy, including, but not limited to,
134 best practices in the public, private and academic sectors for data
135 analysis, management, storage, security, privacy and visualization and
136 the use of data to grow the economy; (2) to advise the Office of Policy
137 and Management regarding [the online repository] online repositories
138 for geospatial and other data, including those established under section
139 4-67p; (3) to issue reports and recommendations in accordance with
140 section 11-4a; (4) upon the request of at least two members of the board,

141 to request any agency data officer or agency head to appear before the
 142 board to answer questions; (5) to request from any executive
 143 department, board, commission or other agency of the state such
 144 assistance and data as necessary and available to carry out the purposes
 145 of this section; (6) to make recommendations to the legislative leaders
 146 and the directors of the offices of Fiscal Analysis and Legislative
 147 Research regarding data analysis skills and related expertise that the
 148 leaders and said offices may seek to cultivate among their staff through
 149 training or as a consideration when hiring staff; and (7) to establish
 150 bylaws to govern its procedures.

151 (f) The board shall meet at least twice a year and may meet at such
 152 other times as deemed necessary by the chairperson or a majority of the
 153 members of the board."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	2-79e