



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 1083

January Session, 2023



AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TRANSPORTATION CARBON BUDGET FOR THE STATE.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2023*) (a) Not later than July 1,
2 2030, and annually thereafter, the Commissioner of Transportation, in
3 consultation with the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
4 Protection, shall establish a transportation carbon budget for the state
5 that sets the maximum amount of greenhouse gas emissions permitted
6 from the transportation sector. The commissioners shall consider the
7 long-term emission reductions required by section 22a-200a of the
8 general statutes when establishing the transportation carbon budget.

9 (b) The Commissioner of Transportation shall adopt regulations, in
10 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to
11 ensure transportation projects undertaken by the Department of
12 Transportation, metropolitan planning organizations, as defined in 23
13 USC 134, as amended from time to time, and municipalities do not
14 exceed the maximum amount of greenhouse gas emissions established
15 in the transportation carbon budget for the state pursuant to
16 subsection (a) of this section. The regulations shall include, but need
17 not be limited to, (1) a definition of "transportation project" that
18 excludes transportation projects that are necessary for safety reasons or
19 maintenance, (2) the methodology to calculate the greenhouse gas

20 emissions expected from future transportation projects, (3) where such
21 projects are estimated to increase net greenhouse gas emissions, the
22 ways to offset such emissions by undertaking greenhouse gas
23 mitigation transportation projects that will reduce such emissions, and
24 (4) a description of such greenhouse gas mitigation transportation
25 projects, including, but not limited to, improving public
26 transportation, constructing bikeways, pedestrian walkways or other
27 multiuse trails or paths and installing electric vehicle charging
28 infrastructure. Not later than July 1, 2028, the commissioner shall
29 submit the regulations to the standing legislative regulation review
30 committee for consideration under section 4-170 of the general statutes.

31 (c) The Commissioner of Transportation, in consultation with the
32 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, shall
33 implement a public outreach plan to ensure sufficient public and
34 stakeholder engagement in the development of the transportation
35 carbon budget and the regulations required under subsection (b) of
36 this section.

37 (d) On or before January 1, 2025, and annually thereafter until
38 January 1, 2030, the Commissioner of Transportation shall submit, in
39 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
40 a report to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
41 having cognizance of matters relating to transportation and the
42 environment. Such report shall include, but need not be limited to, the
43 status of the development of the transportation carbon budget for the
44 state and the regulations required under subsection (b) of this section,
45 the level of collaboration among various stakeholders, and a
46 description and the results of any public outreach conducted pursuant
47 to subsection (c) of this section.

48 (e) On or before July 1, 2030, and annually thereafter, the
49 Commissioner of Transportation shall submit, in accordance with the
50 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing
51 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
52 relating to transportation and the environment, a copy of the

53 transportation carbon budget for the state and any recommendations
54 for legislation to implement such budget.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
---	--	--

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	New section
-----------	------------------------	-------------

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Subsec. (b), the first sentence was redrafted for clarity.

TRA *Joint Favorable Subst.*