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"AN ACT CONCERNING TEST BED TECHNOLOGIES."

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

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) (1) There is established a
4 test bed technologies advisory board, which shall, within available
5 appropriations, meet not less than twice a year to undertake the
6 advisory board's powers and duties pursuant to this section. The
7 advisory board shall be an independent body within the Office of Policy
8 and Management for administrative purposes only. The advisory board
9 shall consist of the following members, who shall have experience
10 working in private sector businesses or in state agencies: (A) One
11 appointed by the Governor; (B) one appointed by the Secretary of the
12 Office of Policy and Management; (C) one appointed by the Treasurer;
13 and (D) one appointed by the Comptroller.

14 (2) If, in the exercise of the advisory board's powers and duties
15 pursuant to this section, the advisory board finds that (A) the use of a
16 certain technology, product or process would promote operational cost

17 reduction, and (B) the use of such technology, product or process would
18 be feasible in the operations of a state agency and would not have any
19 detrimental effect on such operations, the advisory board shall
20 recommend such technology, product or process to be tested by a state
21 agency by using it in the operations of such agency on a trial basis. The
22 purpose of such test program shall be to validate the effectiveness of
23 such technology, product or process in reducing operational costs.

24 (b) (1) The commissioner of each state agency shall administer pilot
25 test programs at state agencies for the use of technologies, products or
26 processes that promote operational cost reduction. The purpose of such
27 test programs shall be to validate the effectiveness of such technologies,
28 products or processes in reducing operational costs.

29 (2) Applicants interested in participating in such a program shall
30 submit an application to the commissioner of the state agency that
31 administers such program. Such commissioner shall review such
32 application for completeness not later than thirty days after receipt of
33 such application. Not later than ninety days after receipt of such
34 application, such commissioner shall determine whether to file a request
35 to the advisory board for a recommendation to test any such technology,
36 product or process that is the subject of such application.

37 (c) Not later than thirty days after receipt of any request filed by the
38 commissioner of a state agency pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection
39 (b) of this section, the advisory board shall evaluate any technology,
40 product or process that is the subject of such request and make a
41 recommendation pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this
42 section.

43 (d) If the advisory board recommends a technology, product or
44 process to be tested by a state agency by using it in the operations of
45 such agency on a trial basis, such agency, notwithstanding the
46 requirements of chapter 58 of the general statutes, shall accept delivery
47 of such technology, product or process and undertake such a test
48 program. A state agency that is directed to test, or receives approval to

49 test, any such technology, product or process shall use it in the
50 operations of such agency on a trial basis for not less than thirty days
51 and not more than sixty days.

52 (e) Any costs associated with the acquisition and use of such
53 technology, product or process by the testing agency for the test period
54 shall be borne by the manufacturer, the marketer or any investor or
55 participant in such business. The acquisition of any technology, product
56 or process for purposes of the test program established pursuant to this
57 section shall not be deemed to be a purchase under the provisions of
58 state procurement law. The manufacturer, the marketer or any investor
59 or participant in such business shall maintain records related to such
60 test program, as required by the advisory board. All proprietary
61 information derived from such test program shall be exempt from the
62 provisions of subsection (a) of section 1-210 of the general statutes.

63 (f) No agency shall undertake such testing of any technology, product
64 or process unless the business manufacturing or marketing the
65 technology, product or process demonstrates that (1) the use of such
66 technology, product or process by the state agency will not adversely
67 affect safety, (2) the technology, product or process is presently available
68 for commercial sale and distribution or has potential for
69 commercialization not later than two years following the completion of
70 any test program by a state agency pursuant to this section, and (3) such
71 technology, product or process was not developed by a business that is
72 eligible to participate in the test program established pursuant to section
73 32-39e of the general statutes.

74 (g) If the commissioner of the state agency testing such technology,
75 product or process determines that the test program sufficiently
76 demonstrates that the technology, product or process promotes
77 operational cost reduction, such testing agency may request that the
78 Commissioner of Administrative Services (1) procure such technology
79 for use by any or all state agencies, and (2) make such procurement
80 pursuant to subsection (b) of section 4a-58 of the general statutes. If the
81 Commissioner of Administrative Services grants a request to procure

82 such technology for any state agency, the Commissioner of
 83 Administrative Services shall make information regarding such
 84 procurement available to all state agencies on the Internet web site of
 85 the Department of Administrative Services.

86 (h) The commissioner of a state agency may identify a technology,
 87 product or process that is procured, installed and tested by a
 88 municipality that promotes operational cost reduction. Such
 89 commissioner may file a request to the advisory board for a
 90 recommendation to test such technology, product or process. Not later
 91 than thirty days after receipt of such request, the advisory board shall
 92 evaluate the technology, product or process and make a
 93 recommendation pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this
 94 section. If the advisory board recommends such technology, product or
 95 process, such agency shall undertake a test program in accordance with
 96 the provisions of subsections (d) to (g), inclusive, of this section."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2023	New section