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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 meet not less than  
5 twice a year to undertake the advisory board's powers and duties  
6 pursuant to this section. The advisory board shall be an independent  
7 body within the Department of Administrative Services for  
8 administrative purposes only. The advisory board shall consist of the  
9 following members, who shall have experience working in private  
10 sector businesses or in state agencies: (A) One appointed by the  
11 Governor; (B) one appointed by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
12 Management; (C) one appointed by the Treasurer; and (D) one  
13 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