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**"AN ACT CONCERNING ZERO-CARBON EMISSIONS."**

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

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The state hereby declares  
4 a climate crisis to demonstrate the urgency for enacting meaningful  
5 climate legislation and to support increased efforts to secure federal  
6 funds to respond to such crisis. Such crisis threatens the resilience of  
7 communities in the state, regardless of zip code, multiple aspects of the  
8 state's natural resources and infrastructure assets, the state's economy  
9 and the quality of life for younger generations of state residents.  
10 Accordingly, the state recognizes the urgency to significantly and  
11 rapidly decrease greenhouse gas emissions and increase community  
12 coping capacities to handle the impacts of climate change. The state  
13 recognizes the need and urgency to mitigate climate impacts and  
14 prepare for and manage disaster risk from climate change. Such  
15 declaration shall not authorize the Governor to utilize the provisions of  
16 this subsection to operate the government of the state through executive

17 order.

18 (b) Not later than December 15, 2023, the Commissioner of Energy  
19 and Environmental Protection shall, within available appropriations,  
20 produce a comprehensive Connecticut Decarbonization Roadmap. Such  
21 roadmap shall identify those regulations, policies and programs  
22 necessary to ensure the state achieves the emissions reduction targets  
23 set forth in section 22a-200a of the general statutes, including, but not  
24 limited to, identifying: (1) Interim and sector-specific targets to assist in  
25 the planning process, which the commissioner shall review every five  
26 years and update as needed to meet such emissions reductions targets,  
27 (2) available federal funds to assist local businesses, schools and  
28 municipalities in reducing carbon emissions, (3) the estimated carbon  
29 emissions reductions of proposed policies, including the proportion of  
30 the total necessary reductions that each recommended policy achieves,  
31 (4) a timeline for implementation of recommended actions, (5) each  
32 entity with responsibility for implementing the policy, and (6) the  
33 estimated net value of the benefits of implementing the proposed  
34 policies, including, but not limited to, the energy cost savings and  
35 economic benefits.

36 (c) The Connecticut Decarbonization Roadmap shall ensure relevant  
37 timelines and deadlines of the Global Warming Solutions Act are met  
38 by the state and it shall assist in developing tangible actions to meet the  
39 emissions reduction requirements set forth in section 22a-200a of the  
40 general statutes. Such roadmap may include any information and  
41 recommendations from existing planning materials, such as the  
42 Governor's Council on Climate Change reports, the state's  
43 Comprehensive Energy Strategy, the state's Greenhouse Gas Emissions  
44 Inventory Report and the state's Integrated Resources Plan that is  
45 relevant to the state achieving such emission reduction targets.

46 (d) Upon completion of such Connecticut Decarbonization Roadmap,  
47 the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall submit  
48 such roadmap to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
49 having cognizance of matters relating to the environment. Such

50 roadmap shall not be implemented unless it receives the approval of  
51 both chambers of the General Assembly.

52 (e) In developing the Connecticut Decarbonization Roadmap, the  
53 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall convene  
54 stakeholder meetings of potentially impacted parties, including, but not  
55 limited to, representatives of the following entities: (1) Utilities and  
56 municipal utilities, (2) commercial and industrial heating and cooling  
57 companies, (3) residential heating and cooling companies, (4) industrial  
58 and manufacturing companies, (5) natural gas distribution and service  
59 companies, (6) transportation and home-heating fuels services and  
60 companies, (7) rail service companies, (8) trucking companies, (9) bus  
61 transportation services and companies, (10) air transportation  
62 providers, (11) natural and working lands organizations, (12)  
63 commercial and residential builders, (13) realtors, (14) state-wide  
64 business organizations, (15) schools and places of higher education, (16)  
65 municipalities, (17) environmental groups, (18) solid waste and  
66 recycling providers, (19) waste-to-energy facilities, (20) nuclear  
67 generating facilities, and (21) residents of the state."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section