



PA 24-33—sHB 5300

Commerce Committee

AN ACT CONCERNING THE INVEST CT FUND PROGRAM

SUMMARY: This act allows the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) commissioner, from October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2026, to make certain additional businesses eligible for investments under the Invest CT Fund Program. By law, program participants qualify for tax credits, which apply to their insurance premiums and surplus lines broker taxes, by investing in eligible businesses through state-certified Invest CT funds. Under existing law, an “eligible business” has the following:

1. its “principal business operations” in Connecticut (i.e., at least 80% of its employees reside in the state or at least 80% of its payroll is paid to people living in the state);
2. fewer than 250 employees at the time of the investment; and
3. no more than \$10 million in net income in the previous year.

The act additionally allows program applicants, during the above two-year timeframe, to request that the DECD commissioner consider a business without principal business operations in Connecticut as an eligible business. The commissioner may approve the request if he determines that it would significantly advance the program’s objectives. An applicant must apply to the commissioner as he prescribes and meet other program requirements (e.g., submit a business plan describing the amount of capital to be invested in an eligible business and the number of jobs expected to be created or retained because of the investment).

The act requires the DECD commissioner to report to the Commerce Committee by January 1, 2026 (covering October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2025), and January 1, 2027 (covering October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2026). The reports must include a list of applicants whose requests were approved by the commissioner under the act’s authority and an analysis of the benefit to and impact on the state from these approvals.

The act also makes conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2024