



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 159**

LCO No. 1299



Referred to Committee on COMMERCE

Introduced by:  
(CE)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE  
FEASIBILITY OF DEVELOPING A MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION  
CENTER IN THE TOWNS OF STONINGTON AND GROTON.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force  
2 to study the feasibility of developing a multimodal transportation center  
3 in the towns of Stonington and Groton. Such study shall include, but  
4 need not be limited to, the following: (1) The establishment of a  
5 feasibility plan for multimodal transportation, taking into consideration  
6 the findings from studies that the towns of Stonington and Groton have  
7 previously completed; (2) an examination of transportation options that  
8 are currently available to ease traffic congestion, which may include, but  
9 need not be limited to, water taxis, parking areas, bike lanes, trolley  
10 services and related options; (3) an examination of cost estimates for the  
11 implementation or improvement of such options; (4) the identification  
12 of permits that may be required of the state, towns, the public or  
13 businesses to implement or improve such options; and (5) the  
14 development of alternatives to alleviate parking and traffic pressure in  
15 the Mystic area of the towns of Stonington and Groton, with a focus on

16 green transportation.

17 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

18 (1) A representative of the town of Stonington, who shall be  
19 appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

20 (2) A representative of the town of Groton, who shall be appointed  
21 by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

22 (3) The Commissioner of Transportation, or the commissioner's  
23 designee;

24 (4) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, or  
25 the commissioner's designee;

26 (5) A representative of the eastern regional district, established  
27 pursuant to section 10-397 of the general statutes, who shall be  
28 appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives;

29 (6) A representative of an organization that advocates for business  
30 and tourism in the greater Mystic area of the towns of Stonington and  
31 Groton, who shall be appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

32 (7) A representative of the local traffic authority of the town of  
33 Stonington, who shall be appointed by the minority leader of the House  
34 of Representatives;

35 (8) A representative of the local traffic authority of the town of  
36 Groton, who shall be appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

37 (9) Two representatives of different tourist attractions in the Mystic  
38 area of the towns of Stonington and Groton, one of whom shall be  
39 appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives and one of  
40 whom shall be appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;  
41 and

42 (10) A resident of Stonington or Groton, who shall be appointed by  
43 the Governor.

44 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),  
45 (2), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9) or (10) of subsection (b) of this section may be a  
46 member of the General Assembly.

47 (d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later  
48 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall  
49 be filled by the appointing authority.

50 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro  
51 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from  
52 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule  
53 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty  
54 days after the effective date of this section.

55 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
56 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce  
57 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

58 (g) Not later than January 1, 2025, the task force shall submit a report  
59 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committees  
60 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
61 commerce, transportation and the environment in accordance with the  
62 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall  
63 terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2025,  
64 whichever is later.

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

**Statement of Purpose:**

To establish a task force to study the feasibility of developing a multimodal transportation center in the towns of Stonington and Groton.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*