



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 7018

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TEST BED TECHNOLOGIES PROGRAM.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) (a) (1) There is established a
2 test bed technologies advisory board, which shall, within available
3 appropriations, meet not less than twice a year to undertake the
4 advisory board's powers and duties pursuant to this section. The
5 advisory board shall be an independent body within the Department of
6 Economic and Community Development for administrative purposes
7 only. The advisory board shall consist of the following members, who
8 shall have experience working in private sector businesses or in state
9 agencies: (A) One appointed by the Governor; (B) one appointed by the
10 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development; (C) one
11 appointed by the Treasurer; (D) one appointed by the Comptroller; and
12 (E) one appointed by the Commissioner of Administrative Services in
13 consultation with the chief executive officer of a nonprofit organization
14 that operates an applied technology demonstration and training center.

15 (2) If, in the exercise of the advisory board's powers and duties
16 pursuant to this section, the advisory board finds that (A) the use of a
17 certain technology, product or process would promote operational cost
18 reduction, and (B) the use of such technology, product or process would
19 be feasible in the operations of a state agency and would not have any

20 detrimental effect on such operations, the advisory board shall
21 recommend that such agency undertake a pilot test program during
22 which such agency shall use such technology, product or process in the
23 operations of such agency on a temporary basis. The purpose of such
24 pilot test program shall be to validate the effectiveness of such
25 technology, product or process in reducing operational costs.

26 (3) The advisory board shall not recommend a pilot test program by
27 a state agency for any such technology, product or process unless the
28 business that manufactures or markets the technology, product or
29 process demonstrates that (A) the use of such technology, product or
30 process by such agency will not adversely affect safety, (B) the
31 technology, product or process is presently available for commercial
32 sale and distribution or has potential for commercialization not later
33 than two years following the completion of such pilot test program by
34 such agency pursuant to this section, (C) such technology, product or
35 process was not developed by a business that is eligible to participate in
36 such pilot test program established pursuant to section 32-39e of the
37 general statutes, (D) such business maintains documentation
38 concerning any patent for such technology, product or process and any
39 related intellectual property, and (E) such business is certified as a small
40 contractor or a minority business enterprise by the Commissioner of
41 Administrative Services pursuant to section 4a-60g of the general
42 statutes.

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

48 (2) An applicant interested in participating in such a program shall
49 submit an application to the advisory board. The advisory board shall
50 prescribe the form and manner of such application. Each such
51 application shall include an assessment of the potential viability of a
52 pilot test program of such technology, product or process at such agency

53 conducted by an independent consulting firm or a market research firm
54 that specializes in market research for technologies, products or
55 processes similar to those specified in such application. Such consulting
56 or market research firm shall be a provider of services under the
57 Department of Administrative Services industry code of 6000 for
58 research and development services or the North American Industry
59 Classification System code of 541910 for marketing research and public
60 opinion polling.

61 (c) (1) Not later than thirty days after receipt of an application
62 pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of this section, the advisory
63 board shall evaluate any technology, product or process that is the
64 subject of such application and make a recommendation pursuant to
65 subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section.

66 (2) The advisory board shall not recommend or otherwise approve an
67 applicant to participate in more than one pilot test program established
68 pursuant to this section.

69 (d) If the advisory board recommends that a state agency undertake
70 a pilot test program, such agency, notwithstanding the requirements of
71 chapter 58 of the general statutes, shall accept delivery of such
72 technology, product or process and undertake such a pilot test program
73 during which such agency shall use such technology, product or process
74 in the operations of such agency on a temporary basis. The duration of
75 such pilot test program shall be not less than thirty days and not more
76 than sixty days.

77 (e) Any costs associated with the acquisition and use of such
78 technology, product or process by a state agency for a pilot test program
79 pursuant to this section shall be borne by the applicant. The acquisition
80 of any technology, product or process for a pilot test program pursuant
81 to this section shall not be deemed to be a purchase under the provisions
82 of state procurement law. The applicant shall maintain records related
83 to any such pilot test program, as required by the advisory board. All
84 proprietary information derived from such pilot test program shall be

85 exempt from the provisions of subsection (a) of section 1-210 of the
86 general statutes.

87 (f) If the commissioner of the state agency that tested such
88 technology, product or process determines that the pilot test program
89 sufficiently demonstrates that the technology, product or process
90 promotes operational cost reduction, such testing agency may request
91 that the Commissioner of Administrative Services (1) procure such
92 technology for use by such state agency, and (2) make such procurement
93 pursuant to subsection (b) of section 4a-58 of the general statutes. If the
94 Commissioner of Administrative Services grants a request to procure
95 such technology for any state agency, the Commissioner of
96 Administrative Services shall make information regarding such
97 procurement available to all state agencies on the Internet web site of
98 the Department of Administrative Services.

99 (g) The commissioner of a state agency may identify a technology,
100 product or process that meets the criteria described in subdivision (3) of
101 subsection (a) of this section and that is tested by a municipality that
102 promotes operational cost reduction. Such commissioner may file a
103 request to the advisory board for a recommendation to test such
104 technology, product or process. Not later than thirty days after receipt
105 of such request, the advisory board shall evaluate the technology,
106 product or process and make a recommendation pursuant to
107 subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section. If the advisory board
108 recommends such technology, product or process, such agency shall
109 undertake a pilot test program in accordance with the provisions of
110 subsections (d) to (f), inclusive, of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2025	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Subsec. (a)(3)(C), "the test program" was changed to "such pilot test program" for consistency and in Subsec. (e) "such test program" was changed to "such pilot test program" for consistency.

ET *Joint Favorable Subst.*