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**"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TEST BED TECHNOLOGIES PROGRAM."**

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

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

16 that operates an applied technology demonstration and training center.

17 (2) If, in the exercise of the advisory board's powers and duties  
18 pursuant to this section, the advisory board finds that (A) the use of a  
19 certain technology, product or process would promote operational cost  
20 reduction, and (B) the use of such technology, product or process would  
21 be feasible in the operations of a state agency and would not have any  
22 detrimental effect on such operations, the advisory board shall  
23 recommend that such agency undertake a pilot test program during  
24 which such agency shall use such technology, product or process in the  
25 operations of such agency on a temporary basis. The purpose of such  
26 pilot test program shall be to validate the effectiveness of such  
27 technology, product or process in reducing operational costs.

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

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

49 technologies, products or processes in reducing operational costs.

50 (2) (A) An applicant interested in participating in such a program  
51 shall submit an application to the advisory board. The advisory board  
52 shall prescribe the form and manner of such application. Each such  
53 application shall include an assessment of the potential viability of a  
54 pilot test program of such technology, product or process at such  
55 agency. Such assessment shall be conducted by an independent  
56 consulting firm or a market research firm that specializes in market  
57 research for similar technologies, products or processes described in  
58 such application. Such independent consulting or market research firm  
59 shall be classified as a provider of services under the Department of  
60 Administrative Services industry code of 6000 for research and  
61 development services or the North American Industry Classification  
62 System code of 541910 for marketing research and public opinion  
63 polling.

64 (B) Any applicant selected to participate in a pilot test program  
65 pursuant to this section shall only participate in one such program for  
66 one state agency.

67 (c) Not later than thirty days after receipt of an application pursuant  
68 to subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of this section, the advisory board  
69 shall evaluate any technology, product or process that is the subject of  
70 such application and make a recommendation pursuant to subdivision  
71 (2) of subsection (a) of this section.

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

80 (e) Any costs associated with the acquisition and use of such  
81 technology, product or process by a state agency for a pilot test program  
82 pursuant to this section shall be borne by the applicant. The acquisition  
83 of any technology, product or process for a pilot test program pursuant  
84 to this section shall not be deemed to be a purchase under the provisions  
85 of state procurement law. The applicant shall maintain records related  
86 to any such pilot test program, as required by the advisory board. All  
87 proprietary information derived from such pilot test program shall be  
88 exempt from the provisions of subsection (a) of section 1-210 of the  
89 general statutes.

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

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

113 subsections (d) to (f), inclusive, of this section."

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