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Public Act No. 26-126

AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONTINUING LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT CONCERNING THE STATE PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT.

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

Section 1. Section 16a-31 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

(a) The following actions when undertaken by any state agency, with state or federal funds, shall be consistent with the plan:

(1) The acquisition of real property when the acquisition costs [are in excess of two hundred thousand] exceed one million dollars;

(2) The development or improvement of real property when the development costs [are in excess of two hundred thousand] exceed one million dollars; and

[(3) The acquisition of public transportation equipment or facilities when the acquisition costs are in excess of two hundred thousand dollars; and]

[(4)] (3) The authorization of each state grant, any application for which [is not pending on July 1, 1991] was submitted (A) prior to

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October 1, 2026, for an amount [in excess of] exceeding two hundred thousand dollars, or (B) on or after October 1, 2026, for an amount exceeding one million dollars, for the acquisition or development or improvement of real property. [or for the acquisition of public transportation equipment or facilities.]

(b) Not later than January 1, 2027, and every five years thereafter, the secretary shall adjust the amounts described in subsection (a) of this section by the percentage change in the Producer Price Index by Commodity: Construction (Partial) (WPU80), not seasonally adjusted, or its successor index, as calculated by the United States Department of Labor, over the preceding five calendar years, rounded to the nearest multiple of one hundred dollars. The secretary shall publish such adjusted amounts on the Internet web site of the Office of Policy and Management.

[(b) A] (c) Each state agency shall [request, and the secretary shall provide, an advisory statement commenting on] submit to the secretary, in a form and manner prescribed by the secretary, a notice describing the extent to which any of the actions specified in subsection (a) of this section [conforms] conform to the plan. [and any] An agency may [request and] consult with the secretary [shall provide such other advisory reports as the state agency deems advisable] prior to submitting such notice.

[(c)] (d) The secretary shall submit, and the State Bond Commission shall consider prior to the allocation of any bond funds for any of the actions specified in subsection (a) of this section, an advisory statement commenting on the extent to which such action is in conformity with the plan of conservation and development.

[(d)] (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection [(b)] (c) of this section, The University of Connecticut shall request, and the secretary shall provide, an advisory statement commenting on the extent the

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projects included in the third phase of UConn 2000, as defined in subdivision (25) of section 10a-109c, conform to the plan and the university may request and the secretary shall provide such other advisory reports as the university deems advisable. Notwithstanding subsection [(c)] (d) of this section, the secretary shall submit and the State Bond Commission shall consider prior to the approval of the master resolution or indenture for securities for the third phase of UConn 2000, pursuant to subsection (c) of section 10a-109g, the advisory statement prepared under this subsection.

[(e)] (f) Whenever a state agency is required by state or federal law to prepare a plan, it shall consider the state plan of conservation and development in the preparation of such plan. A draft of such plan shall be submitted to the secretary who shall provide for the preparer of the plan an advisory report commenting on the extent to which the proposed plan conforms to the state plan of conservation and development.

Sec. 2. Subsection (g) of section 8-23 of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

(g) Any municipal plan of conservation and development scheduled for adoption on or after July 1, [2015] 2026, shall identify the general location and extent of any (1) areas served by existing sewerage systems, (2) areas where sewerage systems are planned, and (3) areas where sewers are to be avoided. In identifying such areas, the commission shall consider the provisions of this section. [and the priority funding area provisions of chapter 297a.]

Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 8-31c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

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(a) (1) Wherever the term "regional planning agency" is used in the following general statutes, the term "regional council of governments" shall be substituted in lieu thereof; and (2) wherever the term "regional planning agencies" is used in the following general statutes, the term "regional councils of governments" shall be substituted in lieu thereof: 8-35b, 8-35c, 8-164, 8-166, 8-189, 8-336f, 8-384, 13b-38a, 13b-79ll, 16-32f, 16-50l, 16a-28, [16a-35c,] 22-26dd, 22a-102, 22a-118, 22a-137, 22a-207, 22a-352, 23-8, 25-33e to 25-33h, inclusive, 25-68d, 25-102qq and 25-233.

Sec. 4. Subsection (d) of section 16a-27 of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

(d) Any revision made after July 1, [2005] 2026, shall describe the progress towards achievement of the goals and objectives established in the previously adopted state plan of conservation and development and shall identify (1) areas where it is prudent and feasible (A) to have compact, transit accessible, pedestrian-oriented mixed-use development patterns and land reuse, and (B) to promote such development patterns and land reuse, and (2) [priority funding areas designated under section 16a-35c, and (3)] corridor management areas on either side of a limited access highway or a rail line. In designating corridor management areas, the secretary shall make recommendations that (A) promote land use and transportation options to reduce the growth of traffic congestion; (B) connect infrastructure and other development decisions; (C) promote development that minimizes the cost of new infrastructure facilities and maximizes the use of existing infrastructure facilities; and (D) increase intermunicipal and regional cooperation.

Sec. 5. Sections 16a-35c to 16a-35h, inclusive, of the general statutes are repealed. (*Effective July 1, 2026*)