



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 86

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Substitute House Bill No. 5146

House of Representatives, March 19, 2026

The Committee on Commerce reported through REP. MESKERS of the 150th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE REMEDIATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF BROWNFIELDS IN THIS STATE.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The brownfields working group
2 established pursuant to section 32-770 of the general statutes, in
3 consultation with the Commissioner of Economic and Community
4 Development and the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
5 Protection, shall conduct a study of issues relating to the remediation
6 and development of brownfields in this state, including, but not limited
7 to, any such issues caused by the implementation of the release-based
8 cleanup program established pursuant to chapter 445b of the general
9 statutes.

10 (b) The working group may request any data or other information
11 required to conduct such study from the Commissioner of Economic
12 and Community Development and the Commissioner of Energy and
13 Environmental Protection.

14 (c) Not later than January 1, 2027, the working group shall submit a
 15 report on the results of such study to the joint standing committees of
 16 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
 17 commerce and the environment, in accordance with the provisions of
 18 section 11-4a of the general statutes.

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

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Subsec. (a) "established pursuant to section 32-770 of the general statutes" and "established pursuant to chapter 445b of the general statutes" were added for clarity.

CE *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill has no fiscal impact by requiring the brownfields working group, in consultation with the Department of Economic and Community Development and the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, to conduct a study of remediation and development of brownfields in the state, including any issues caused by the implementation of the released-based clean-up program.

It is anticipated that DECD and DEEP both have the necessary expertise to assist the brownfields working group with this study.

The Out Years**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None



OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Commerce Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 20 Nay 0 (03/05/2026)