



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5243

February Session, 2026



AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM PLAN FOR THE GREATER MYSTIC AREA.

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 working
2 group to develop a plan relating to economic development and tourism
3 in the greater Mystic area. Such plan shall include, but need not be
4 limited to, an examination of (1) the potential federal, state or other
5 sources of funding for the restoration of any breakwater located in
6 Stonington Harbor, (2) transportation options to ease traffic congestion
7 and alleviate parking pressure, and (3) potential easements and
8 infrastructure improvements to enhance accessibility and coastal
9 resiliency. For the purposes of this subsection, "the greater Mystic area"
10 means the towns of Groton and Stonington.

11 (b) The working group shall consist of the following members: (1) The
12 chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committee of
13 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
14 commerce, or their designees; (2) the Commissioner of Economic and
15 Community Development, or the commissioner's designee; (3) the
16 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, or the
17 commissioner's designee; (4) the Commissioner of Transportation, or
18 the commissioner's designee; (5) the Commissioner of Agriculture, or

19 the commissioner's designee; (6) the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
20 Management, or the secretary's designee; (7) the chief elected official of
21 Groton, or the official's designee; (8) the chief elected official of
22 Stonington, or the official's designee; and (9) any individuals the
23 chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
24 having cognizance of matters relating to commerce deem relevant and
25 necessary to carry out the duties of the working group, including, but
26 not limited to, a representative of the local traffic authority of the town
27 of Groton and a representative of the local traffic authority of the town
28 of Stonington.

29 (c) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
30 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce
31 shall serve as administrative staff of the working group.

32 (d) Not later than January 1, 2027, the working group shall submit a
33 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
34 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
35 relating to commerce, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
36 of the general statutes. The working group shall terminate on the date
37 that it submits such report or January 1, 2027, whichever is later.

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

CE *Joint Favorable Subst.*