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"AN ACT CONCERNING RESPONSIBLE GROWTH."

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

3 "Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) There is established a Responsible
4 Growth Task Force. The task force shall be comprised of the following
5 members: (1) The Commissioners of Agriculture, Economic and
6 Community Development, Environmental Protection, Public Health
7 and Transportation and the executive directors of the Connecticut
8 Housing Finance Authority, Connecticut Development Authority,
9 Connecticut Innovations, Inc. and Commission on Culture and
10 Tourism and the president of the Office of Workforce Competitiveness,
11 or their respective designees, (2) one member appointed by the

12 Governor who is a current or former chief elected official or city or
13 town manager from a municipality with a population in excess of
14 twenty-five thousand on the date of appointment, (3) one member
15 appointed by the Governor who is a current or former chief elected
16 official or city or town manager from a municipality with a population
17 of less than twenty-five thousand on the date of appointment, and (4)
18 six members appointed as follows: One each by the speaker of the
19 House of Representatives, the president pro tempore of the Senate, the
20 majority leader of the Senate, the majority leader of the House of
21 Representatives, the minority leader of the Senate and the minority
22 leader of the House of Representatives. The Secretary of the Office of
23 Policy and Management, or the secretary's designee, shall be a member
24 and the chairperson of the task force.

25 (b) The task force shall identify responsible growth criteria to help
26 guide the state's future investment decisions, study land use laws,
27 policies and programs, including laws, policies and programs
28 concerning the transfer of development rights.

29 (c) Not later than February 15, 2008, the task force shall submit a
30 report containing its recommendations to the Governor. The task force
31 shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or February 15,
32 2008, whichever is earlier.

33 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 16a-31 of the general statutes is
34 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
35 *1, 2007*):

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

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

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

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

46 (4) The authorization of each state grant, any application for which
47 is not pending on July 1, 1991, for an amount in excess of [one] two
48 hundred thousand dollars, for the acquisition or development or
49 improvement of real property or for the acquisition of public
50 transportation equipment or facilities.

51 Sec. 3. Section 8-23 of the general statutes is repealed and the
52 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2010*):

53 (a) (1) At least once every ten years, the commission shall prepare or
54 amend and shall adopt a plan of conservation and development for the
55 municipality. Following adoption, the commission shall regularly
56 review and maintain such plan. The commission may adopt such
57 geographical, functional or other amendments to the plan or parts of
58 the plan, in accordance with the provisions of this section, as it deems
59 necessary. The commission may, at any time, prepare, amend and
60 adopt plans for the redevelopment and improvement of districts or
61 neighborhoods which, in its judgment, contain special problems or
62 opportunities or show a trend toward lower land values.

63 (2) If a plan is not amended decennially, the chief elected official of
64 the municipality shall submit a letter to the Secretary of the Office of
65 Policy and Management and the Commissioners of Transportation,
66 Environmental Protection and Economic and Community
67 Development that explains why such plan was not amended. A copy
68 of such letter shall be included in each application by the municipality
69 for discretionary funding submitted to any state agency.

70 (b) Until the plan is amended in accordance with this subsection [, a
71 copy of such letter shall be included in each application by the
72 municipality for funding for the conservation or development of real
73 property submitted to said secretary or commissioners] the
74 municipality shall be ineligible for discretionary state funding unless

75 such prohibition is expressly waived by the secretary.

76 [(b)] (c) In the preparation of such plan, the commission may
77 appoint one or more special committees to develop and make
78 recommendations for the plan. The membership of any special
79 committee may include: Residents of the municipality and
80 representatives of local boards dealing with zoning, inland wetlands,
81 conservation, recreation, education, public works, finance,
82 redevelopment, general government and other municipal functions. In
83 performing its duties under this section, the commission or any special
84 committee may accept information from any source or solicit input
85 from any organization or individual. The commission or any special
86 committee may hold public informational meetings or organize other
87 activities to inform residents about the process of preparing the plan.

88 [(c)] (d) In preparing such plan, the commission or any special
89 committee shall consider the following: (1) The community
90 development action plan of the municipality, if any, (2) the need for
91 affordable housing, (3) the need for protection of existing and potential
92 public surface and ground drinking water supplies, (4) the use of
93 cluster development and other development patterns to the extent
94 consistent with soil types, terrain and infrastructure capacity within
95 the municipality, (5) the state plan of conservation and development
96 adopted pursuant to chapter 297, (6) the regional plan of development
97 adopted pursuant to section 8-35a, (7) physical, social, economic and
98 governmental conditions and trends, (8) the needs of the municipality
99 including, but not limited to, human resources, education, health,
100 housing, recreation, social services, public utilities, public protection,
101 transportation and circulation and cultural and interpersonal
102 communications, (9) the objectives of energy-efficient patterns of
103 development, the use of solar and other renewable forms of energy
104 and energy conservation, and (10) protection and preservation of
105 agriculture.

106 [(d)] (e) (1) Such plan of conservation and development shall (A) be
107 a statement of policies, goals and standards for the physical and

108 economic development of the municipality, (B) provide for a system of
109 principal thoroughfares, parkways, bridges, streets, sidewalks,
110 multipurpose trails and other public ways as appropriate, (C) be
111 designed to promote, with the greatest efficiency and economy, the
112 coordinated development of the municipality and the general welfare
113 and prosperity of its people and identify areas where it is feasible and
114 prudent (i) to have compact, transit accessible, pedestrian-oriented
115 mixed use development patterns and land reuse, and (ii) to promote
116 such development patterns and land reuse, (D) recommend the most
117 desirable use of land within the municipality for residential,
118 recreational, commercial, industrial, conservation and other purposes
119 and include a map showing such proposed land uses, (E) recommend
120 the most desirable density of population in the several parts of the
121 municipality, (F) note any inconsistencies with the following growth
122 management principles: (i) Redevelopment and revitalization of
123 commercial centers and areas of mixed land uses with existing or
124 planned physical infrastructure; (ii) expansion of housing
125 opportunities and design choices to accommodate a variety of
126 household types and needs; (iii) concentration of development around
127 transportation nodes and along major transportation corridors to
128 support the viability of transportation options and land reuse; (iv)
129 conservation and restoration of the natural environment, cultural and
130 historical resources and existing farmlands; (v) protection of
131 environmental assets critical to public health and safety; and (vi)
132 integration of planning across all levels of government to address
133 issues on a local, regional and state-wide basis, (G) make provision for
134 the development of housing opportunities, including opportunities for
135 multifamily dwellings, consistent with soil types, terrain and
136 infrastructure capacity, for all residents of the municipality and the
137 planning region in which the municipality is located, as designated by
138 the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management under section
139 16a-4a, (H) promote housing choice and economic diversity in
140 housing, including housing for both low and moderate income
141 households, and encourage the development of housing which will
142 meet the housing needs identified in the housing plan prepared

143 pursuant to section 8-37t and in the housing component and the other
144 components of the state plan of conservation and development
145 prepared pursuant to chapter 297. In preparing such plan the
146 commission shall consider focusing development and revitalization in
147 areas with existing or planned physical infrastructure.

148 (2) For any municipality that is contiguous to Long Island Sound,
149 such plan shall be (A) consistent with the municipal coastal program
150 requirements of sections 22a-101 to 22a-104, inclusive, (B) made with
151 reasonable consideration for restoration and protection of the
152 ecosystem and habitat of Long Island Sound, and (C) designed to
153 reduce hypoxia, pathogens, toxic contaminants and floatable debris in
154 Long Island Sound.

155 [(e)] (f) Such plan may show the commission's and any special
156 committee's recommendation for (1) conservation and preservation of
157 traprock and other ridgelines, (2) airports, parks, playgrounds and
158 other public grounds, (3) the general location, relocation and
159 improvement of schools and other public buildings, (4) the general
160 location and extent of public utilities and terminals, whether publicly
161 or privately owned, for water, sewerage, light, power, transit and other
162 purposes, (5) the extent and location of public housing projects, (6)
163 programs for the implementation of the plan, including (A) a schedule,
164 (B) a budget for public capital projects, (C) a program for enactment
165 and enforcement of zoning and subdivision controls, building and
166 housing codes and safety regulations, (D) plans for implementation of
167 affordable housing, (E) plans for open space acquisition and
168 greenways protection and development, and (F) plans for corridor
169 management areas along limited access highways or rail lines,
170 designated under section 16a-27, (7) proposed priority funding areas,
171 and (8) any other recommendations as will, in the commission's or any
172 special committee's judgment, be beneficial to the municipality. The
173 plan may include any necessary and related maps, explanatory
174 material, photographs, charts or other pertinent data and information
175 relative to the past, present and future trends of the municipality.

176 ~~[(f)]~~ (g) (1) A plan of conservation and development or any part
177 thereof or amendment thereto prepared by the commission or any
178 special committee shall be reviewed, and may be amended, by the
179 commission prior to scheduling at least one public hearing on
180 adoption.

181 (2) At least sixty-five days prior to the public hearing on adoption,
182 the commission shall submit a copy of such plan or part thereof or
183 amendment thereto for review and comment to the legislative body or,
184 in the case of a municipality for which the legislative body of the
185 municipality is a town meeting or representative town meeting, to the
186 board of selectmen. The legislative body or board of selectmen, as the
187 case may be, may hold one or more public hearings on the plan and
188 shall endorse or reject such entire plan or part thereof or amendment
189 and may submit comments and recommended changes to the
190 commission. The commission may render a decision on the plan
191 without the report of such body or board.

192 (3) At least thirty-five days prior to the public hearing on adoption,
193 the commission shall post the plan on the Internet web site of the
194 municipality, if any.

195 (4) At least sixty-five days prior to the public hearing on adoption,
196 the commission shall submit a copy of such plan or part thereof or
197 amendment thereto to the regional planning agency for review and
198 comment. The regional planning agency shall submit an advisory
199 report along with its comments to the commission at or before the
200 hearing. Such comments shall include a finding on the consistency of
201 the plan with (A) the regional plan of development, adopted under
202 section 8-35a, (B) the state plan of conservation and development,
203 adopted pursuant to chapter 297, and (C) the plans of conservation
204 and development of other municipalities in the area of operation of the
205 regional planning agency. The commission may render a decision on
206 the plan without the report of the regional planning agency.

207 (5) At least thirty-five days prior to the public hearing on adoption,

208 the commission shall file in the office of the town clerk a copy of such
209 plan or part thereof or amendment thereto but, in the case of a district
210 commission, such commission shall file such information in the offices
211 of both the district clerk and the town clerk.

212 (6) The commission shall cause to be published in a newspaper
213 having a general circulation in the municipality, at least twice at
214 intervals of not less than two days, the first not more than fifteen days,
215 or less than ten days, and the last not less than two days prior to the
216 date of each such hearing, notice of the time and place of any such
217 public hearing. Such notice shall make reference to the filing of such
218 draft plan in the office of the town clerk, or both the district clerk and
219 the town clerk, as the case may be.

220 ~~[(g)]~~ (h) (1) After completion of the public hearing, the commission
221 may revise the plan and may adopt the plan or any part thereof or
222 amendment thereto by a single resolution or may, by successive
223 resolutions, adopt parts of the plan and amendments thereto.

224 (2) Any plan, section of a plan or recommendation in the plan that is
225 not endorsed in the report of the legislative body or, in the case of a
226 municipality for which the legislative body is a town meeting or
227 representative town meeting, by the board of selectmen, of the
228 municipality may only be adopted by the commission by a vote of not
229 less than two-thirds of all the members of the commission.

230 (3) Upon adoption by the commission, any plan or part thereof or
231 amendment thereto shall become effective at a time established by the
232 commission, provided notice thereof shall be published in a
233 newspaper having a general circulation in the municipality prior to
234 such effective date.

235 (4) Not more than thirty days after adoption, any plan or part
236 thereof or amendment thereto shall be posted on the Internet web site
237 of the municipality, if any, and shall be filed in the office of the town
238 clerk, except that, if it is a district plan or amendment, it shall be filed
239 in the offices of both the district and town clerks.

240 (5) Not more than sixty days after adoption of the plan, the
241 commission shall submit a copy of the plan to the Secretary of the
242 Office of Policy and Management and shall include with such copy a
243 description of any inconsistency between the plan adopted by the
244 commission and the state plan of conservation and development and
245 the reasons therefor.

246 [(h)] (i) Any owner or tenant, or authorized agent of such owner or
247 tenant, of real property or buildings thereon located in the
248 municipality may submit a proposal to the commission requesting a
249 change to the plan of conservation and development. Such proposal
250 shall be submitted in writing and on a form prescribed by the
251 commission. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of
252 section 8-7d, the commission shall review and may approve, modify
253 and approve or reject the proposal in accordance with the provisions of
254 subsection (f) of this section.

255 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) On or before July 1, 2009,
256 and every five years thereafter, the Commissioner of Economic and
257 Community Development, within available appropriations, shall
258 prepare an economic strategic plan for the state in consultation with
259 the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, the
260 Commissioners of Environmental Protection and Transportation, the
261 Labor Commissioner, the executive directors of the Connecticut
262 Housing Finance Authority, the Connecticut Development Authority,
263 the Connecticut Innovations, Inc., the Commission on Culture and
264 Tourism and the Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities
265 Authority, and the president of the Office of Workforce
266 Competitiveness, or their respective designees, and any other agencies
267 the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development deems
268 appropriate.

269 (b) In developing the plan, the Commissioner of Economic and
270 Community Development shall:

271 (1) Ensure that the plan is consistent with (A) the text and locational

272 guide map of the state plan of conservation and development, adopted
273 pursuant to chapter 297 of the general statutes, (B) the long-range state
274 housing plan, adopted pursuant to section 8-37t of the general statutes,
275 and (C) the transportation strategy adopted pursuant to section 13b-
276 57g of the general statutes;

277 (2) Consult regional councils of governments, regional planning
278 organizations, regional economic development agencies, interested
279 state and local officials, entities involved in economic and community
280 development, stakeholders and business, economic, labor, community
281 and housing organizations;

282 (3) Consider (A) regional economic, community and housing
283 development plans, and (B) applicable state and local workforce
284 investment strategies;

285 (4) Assess and evaluate the economic development challenges and
286 opportunities of the state and against the economic development
287 competitiveness of other states and regions; and

288 (5) Host regional forums to provide for public involvement in the
289 planning process.

290 (c) The strategic plan required under this section shall include, but
291 not be limited to, the following:

292 (1) A review and evaluation of the economy of the state. Such
293 review and evaluation shall include, but not be limited to, a sectoral
294 analysis, housing market and housing affordability analysis, labor
295 market and labor quality analysis, demographic analysis and include
296 historic trend analysis and projections;

297 (2) A review and analysis of factors, issues and forces that impact or
298 impede economic development and responsible growth in Connecticut
299 and its constituent regions. Such factors, issues or forces shall include,
300 but not be limited to, transportation, including, but not limited to,
301 commuter transit, rail and barge freight, technology transfer,

302 brownfield remediation and development, health care delivery and
303 costs, early education, primary education, secondary and post
304 secondary education systems and student performance, business
305 regulation, labor force quality and sustainability, social services costs
306 and delivery systems, affordable and workforce housing cost and
307 availability, land use policy, emergency preparedness, taxation,
308 availability of capital and energy costs and supply;

309 (3) Identification and analysis of economic clusters that are growing
310 or declining within the state;

311 (4) An analysis of targeted industry sectors in the state that (A)
312 identifies those industry sectors that are of current or future
313 importance to the growth of the state's economy and to its global
314 competitive position, (B) identifies what those industry sectors need
315 for continued growth, and (C) identifies, those industry sectors current
316 and potential impediments to growth;

317 (5) A review and evaluation of the economic development structure
318 in the state, including, but not limited to, (A) a review and analysis of
319 the past and current economic, community and housing development
320 structures, budgets and policies, efforts and responsibilities of its
321 constituent parts in Connecticut; and

322 (B) An analysis of the performance of the current economic,
323 community and housing development structure, and its individual
324 constituent parts, in meeting its statutory obligations, responsibilities
325 and mandates and their impact on economic development and
326 responsible growth in Connecticut;

327 (6) Establishment and articulation of a vision for Connecticut that
328 identifies where the state should be in five, ten, fifteen and twenty
329 years;

330 (7) Establishment of clear and measurable goals and objectives for
331 the state and regions, to meet the short and long-term goals established
332 under this section and provide clear steps and strategies to achieve

333 said goals and objectives, including, but not limited to, the following:
334 (A) The promotion of economic development and opportunity, (B) the
335 fostering of effective transportation access and choice including the use
336 of airports and ports for economic development, (C) enhancement and
337 protection of the environment, (D) maximization of the effective
338 development and use of the workforce consistent with applicable state
339 or local workforce investment strategy, (E) promotion of the use of
340 technology in economic development, including access to high-speed
341 telecommunications, and (F) the balance of resources through sound
342 management of physical development;

343 (8) Prioritization of goals and objectives established under this
344 section;

345 (9) Establishment of relevant measures that clearly identify and
346 quantify (A) whether a goal and objective is being met at the state,
347 regional, local and private sector level, and (B) cause and effect
348 relationships, and provides a clear and replicable measurement
349 methodology;

350 (10) Recommendations on how the state can best achieve goals
351 under the strategic plan and provide cost estimates for implementation
352 of the plan and the projected return on investment for those areas; and

353 (11) Any other responsible growth information that the
354 commissioner deems appropriate.

355 (d) On or before July 1, 2009, and every five years thereafter, the
356 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall
357 submit an economic development strategic plan for the state to the
358 Governor for approval. The Governor shall review and approve or
359 disapprove such plan not more than sixty days after submission. The
360 plan shall be effective upon approval by the Governor or sixty days
361 after the date of submission.

362 (e) Upon approval, the commissioner shall submit the economic
363 development strategic plan to the joint standing committees of the

364 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce,
365 planning and development, appropriations and the budgets of state
366 agencies and finance, revenue and bonding. Not later than thirty days
367 after such submission, the commissioner shall post the plan on the web
368 site of the Department of Economic and Community Development.

369 (f) The commissioner from time to time, may revise and update the
370 strategic plan upon approval of the Governor. The commissioner shall
371 post any such revisions on the web site of the Department of Economic
372 and Community Development.

373 Sec. 5. Section 4-124d of the general statutes is repealed and the
374 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

375 The council shall consider such matters of a public nature common
376 to two or more members of the council as it deems appropriate,
377 including matters affecting transportation and the health, safety,
378 welfare, education and economic conditions of the area comprised by
379 its members. The council shall promote cooperative arrangements and
380 coordinate action among its members and make recommendations
381 therefor to the members and such other public agencies as exist or
382 perform functions within the region or regions.

383 Sec. 6. Section 8-35a of the general statutes is repealed and the
384 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

385 (a) At least once every ten years, each regional planning agency
386 shall make a plan of development for its area of operation, showing its
387 recommendations for the general use of the area including land use,
388 housing, principal highways and freeways, bridges, airports, parks,
389 playgrounds, recreational areas, schools, public institutions, public
390 utilities, agriculture and such other matters as, in the opinion of the
391 agency, will be beneficial to the area. Any regional plan so developed
392 shall be based on studies of physical, social, economic and
393 governmental conditions and trends and shall be designed to promote
394 with the greatest efficiency and economy the coordinated development
395 of its area of operation and the general welfare and prosperity of its

396 people. Such plan may encourage energy-efficient patterns of
397 development, the use of solar and other renewable forms of energy,
398 and energy conservation. Such plan shall be designed to promote
399 abatement of the pollution of the waters and air of the region. The
400 regional plan shall identify areas where it is feasible and prudent (1) to
401 have compact, transit accessible, pedestrian-oriented mixed use
402 development patterns and land reuse, and (2) to promote such
403 development patterns and land reuse and shall note any
404 inconsistencies with the following growth management principles: (A)
405 Redevelopment and revitalization of regional centers and areas of
406 mixed land uses with existing or planned physical infrastructure; (B)
407 expansion of housing opportunities and design choices to
408 accommodate a variety of household types and needs; (C)
409 concentration of development around transportation nodes and along
410 major transportation corridors to support the viability of
411 transportation options and land reuse; (D) conservation and
412 restoration of the natural environment, cultural and historical
413 resources and traditional rural lands; (E) protection of environmental
414 assets critical to public health and safety; and (F) integration of
415 planning across all levels of government to address issues on a local,
416 regional and state-wide basis. The plan of each region contiguous to
417 Long Island Sound shall be designed to reduce hypoxia, pathogens,
418 toxic contaminants and floatable debris in Long Island Sound.

419 (b) Before adopting the regional plan of development or any part
420 thereof or amendment thereto the agency shall hold at least one public
421 hearing thereon, notice of the time, place and subject of which shall be
422 given in writing to the chief executive officer and planning
423 commission, where one exists, of each member town, city or borough.
424 Notice of the time, place and subject of such hearing shall be published
425 once in a newspaper having a substantial circulation in the region. At
426 least sixty-five days before the public hearing the regional planning
427 agency shall post the plan on the Internet web site of the agency, if
428 any, and submit the plan to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
429 Management for findings in the form of comments and

430 recommendations. Such findings shall include a review of the plan to
431 determine if the proposed regional plan of development is not
432 inconsistent with the state plan of conservation and development and
433 the state economic strategic plan. Such notices shall be given not more
434 than twenty days nor less than ten days before such hearing. The
435 regional planning agency shall note on the record any inconsistency
436 with the state plan of conservation and development and the reasons
437 for such inconsistency. Adoption of the plan or part thereof or
438 amendment thereto shall be made by the affirmative vote of not less
439 than a majority of the representatives on the agency. The plan shall be
440 posted on the Internet web site of the agency, if any, and a copy of the
441 plan or of any amendments thereto, signed by the chairman of the
442 agency, shall be transmitted to the chief executive officers, the town,
443 city or borough clerks, as the case may be, and to planning
444 commissions, if any, in member towns, cities or boroughs, and to the
445 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or his designee. The
446 regional planning agency shall notify the Secretary of the Office of
447 Policy and Management of any inconsistency with the state plan of
448 conservation and development and the reasons therefor.

449 (c) The regional planning agency shall revise the plan of
450 development not more than three years after July 1, 2005.

451 (d) The regional planning agency shall assist municipalities within
452 its region and state agencies and may assist other public and private
453 agencies in developing and carrying out any regional plan or plans of
454 such regional planning agency. The regional planning agency may
455 provide administrative, management, technical or planning assistance
456 to municipalities within its region and other public agencies under
457 such terms as it may determine, provided, prior to entering into an
458 agreement for assistance to any municipality or other public agency,
459 the regional planning agency shall have adopted a policy governing
460 such assistance. The regional planning agency may be compensated by
461 the municipality or other public agency with which an agreement for
462 assistance has been made for all or part of the cost of such assistance.

463 Sec. 7. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) The Secretary of the Office of
464 Policy and Management shall, within available appropriations,
465 conduct a review of (1) regional tax-based revenue sharing programs,
466 and (2) the establishment of regional asset districts. The review under
467 subdivision (1) of this subsection shall include, but not be limited to, a
468 study of any available models of such revenue sharing programs, the
469 adaptations that may be needed in such programs for use in this state,
470 the effect on property taxes and on a town's grand list, and other
471 possible effects on both municipal and regional finances. The review
472 under subdivision (2) of this subsection shall include, but not be
473 limited to, a study of any available models of regional asset districts,
474 the adaptations that may be needed in such programs for use in this
475 state and other possible effects on both municipal and regional
476 finances.

477 (b) Not later than July 1, 2009, the secretary shall submit a report, in
478 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
479 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
480 cognizance of matters relating to planning and development, and
481 finance, revenue and bonding, with the results of the review
482 undertaken pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, and with
483 recommendations relating to the institution of revenue sharing
484 programs and establishment of regional asset districts.

485 Sec. 8. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) For purposes of this section,
486 (1) "regional council of governments" means any such council
487 organized under the provisions of sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive,
488 of the general statutes, (2) "regional council of elected officials" means
489 any such council organized under the provisions of sections 4-124c to
490 4-124h, inclusive, of the general statutes, and (3) "regional planning
491 agency" means an agency defined in chapter 127 of the general
492 statutes.

493 (b) There is established a regional performance incentive program
494 that shall be administered by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
495 Management. On or before December 1, 2007, and annually thereafter,

496 any regional planning agency, any regional council of elected officials,
497 any regional council of governments, or any combination thereof, may
498 submit to said secretary a proposal for joint provision of a service or
499 services that are currently provided by municipalities within the
500 region of such agency or council or contiguous thereto, but not
501 currently provided on a regional basis. The proposal shall include such
502 service or services which may increase the participating municipalities'
503 purchasing power or provide a cost savings initiative resulting in a
504 decrease in participating municipalities' expenses and lower property
505 taxes. A copy of said proposal shall be sent to the legislators
506 representing said participating municipalities.

507 (c) The proposal shall (1) describe at least one service currently
508 provided by a municipality or municipalities within the region of the
509 agency or council or contiguous thereto, but not currently provided on
510 a regional basis, (2) provide a description of how such service would
511 be delivered on a regional basis, including consideration of what entity
512 would be responsible for such service, and how the population would
513 continue to be served, (3) describe the amount and the manner in
514 which the service will achieve economies of scale and the amount and
515 manner in which each municipality will reduce its mill rate as a result
516 of the savings realized by changing the municipal service to a regional
517 service, (4) include a cost benefit analysis for the provision of such
518 service by the municipality and by the council or agency, (5) set out a
519 plan of implementation for such regional service, (6) estimate the
520 savings that will be realized by each municipality, and (7) any other
521 items requested by said secretary. Each proposal shall have attached to
522 it (A) a resolution by the legislative body of each municipality affected
523 by the proposal endorsing such proposal; and (B) certification by each
524 such municipality that there are no legal obstacles to provision of
525 services in the manner specified in the proposal including, but not
526 limited to, binding arbitration. The proposal shall be submitted on a
527 form prescribed by said secretary. Said secretary shall review all such
528 proposals, and award grants to those that the secretary determines best
529 meet the requirements of this subsection. In making such grants the

530 secretary shall give priority to proposals presented by regional
 531 councils of government which include participation of at least fifty per
 532 cent of the member municipalities of such council.

533 (d) Not later than February 1, 2008, and annually thereafter, the
 534 secretary shall submit to the Governor and the joint standing
 535 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
 536 relating to finance, revenue and bonding a report on the grants
 537 provided pursuant to this section. Each such report shall include
 538 information on the amount of each grant, and the potential of each
 539 grant for leveraging other public and private investments."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	16a-31(a)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	8-23
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	4-124d
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	8-35a
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section