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## **OLR Bill Analysis**

### **sSB 1026**

#### ***AN ACT CONCERNING TRAINING FOR CERTAIN PLANNING AND ZONING OFFICIALS.***

#### **SUMMARY**

Beginning January 1, 2023, this bill requires each member of a local planning commission, zoning commission, planning and zoning commission, or zoning board of appeals, to complete at least five hours of training within one year after being elected or appointed to the board or commission. The training must (1) be designed to help the member effectively perform his or her duties and (2) include at least two hours of education on alternative or affordable housing.

Under the bill, the training may be conducted in various formats, including electronic media, a video or distance learning program, or in a traditional classroom setting. The training must be:

1. provided through the housing department or the Land Use Academy at UConn's Center for Land Use Education and Research, or
2. certified by the Connecticut Chapter of the American Planning Association, the Connecticut Bar Association's planning and zoning section, or a similar professional land use association.

The bill requires each board or commission, starting by March 1, 2024, to annually submit to its municipal legislative body a statement affirming its members' compliance with the bill's training requirement. The bill allows planning commissions to instead provide the statement in their annual report to the legislative body.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2021

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 17 Nay 9 (03/31/2021)