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Referred to Committee on COMMERCE

Introduced by:
(CE)

***AN ACT PROMOTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND OPTIMIZING
STATE SERVICES THROUGH THE USE OF INNOVATIVE
TECHNOLOGIES DEVELOPED IN CONNECTICUT.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 32-39e of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

3 (a) If, in the exercise of its powers under section 32-39, Connecticut
4 Innovations, Incorporated (1) finds that the use of a certain technology,
5 product or process (A) would promote public health and safety,
6 environmental protection or economic development, or (B) with regard
7 to state services, would promote efficiency, reduce administrative
8 burdens or otherwise improve such services, and (2) determines such
9 technology, product or process was developed by a business (A)
10 domiciled in this state to which the corporation has provided financial
11 assistance or in which the corporation has invested, or (B) which has
12 been certified as a small contractor or a minority business enterprise by
13 the Commissioner of Administrative Services under section 4a-60g, the
14 corporation, upon application of such business, may recommend to the

15 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management that an agency of the
16 state, including, but not limited to, any constituent unit of the state
17 system of higher education, be [directed] authorized to test such
18 technology, product or process by employing it in the operations of such
19 agency on a trial basis. The purpose of such test program shall be to
20 validate the commercial viability of such technology, product or process
21 provided no business in which Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated
22 has invested shall be required to participate in such program.

23 (b) No such recommendation may be made by Connecticut
24 Innovations, Incorporated unless such business has submitted a viable
25 business plan to Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated for
26 manufacturing and marketing such technology, product or process and
27 such business demonstrates that (1) [will manufacture or produce such
28 technology, product or process in this state, (2) demonstrates that] the
29 usage of such technology, product or process by the state agency will
30 not adversely affect safety, [(3) demonstrates that] (2) sufficient research
31 and development has occurred to warrant participation in the test
32 program, [and (4) demonstrates that] (3) the technology, product or
33 process has potential for commercialization not later than two years
34 following the completion of any test program involving a state agency
35 under this section, and (4) such technology, product or process will have
36 a positive economic impact in the state, including the prospective
37 addition of jobs and economic activity upon such commercialization.

38 [(b)] (c) If the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management finds
39 that employing such technology, product or process would be feasible
40 in the operations of a state agency and would not have any detrimental
41 effect on such operations, said secretary, notwithstanding the
42 requirement of chapter 58, may direct an agency of the state to accept
43 delivery of such technology, product or process and to undertake such
44 a test program. [Any] The Secretary of the Office of Policy and
45 Management, in consultation with the Commissioner of Administrative
46 Services, the chief executive officer of Connecticut Innovations,
47 Incorporated and the department head of the testing agency, shall
48 determine, on a case-by-case basis, whether the costs associated with the

49 acquisition and use of such technology, product or process by the testing
50 agency shall be borne by Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated, the
51 business or by any investor or participant in such business. The
52 acquisition of any technology, product or process for purposes of the
53 test program established pursuant to this section shall not be deemed to
54 be a purchase under the provisions of the state procurement policy. The
55 testing agency, on behalf of Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated shall
56 maintain records related to such test program, as requested by
57 Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated and shall make such records and
58 any other information derived from such test program available to
59 Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated and the business. Any
60 proprietary information derived from such test program shall be
61 exempt from the provisions of subsection (a) of section 1-210.

62 (d) If the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, in
63 consultation with the Commissioner of Administrative Services, the
64 chief executive officer of Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated and the
65 department head of the testing agency, determines that the test program
66 sufficiently demonstrates that the technology, product or process
67 promotes public health and safety, environmental protection, economic
68 development or efficiency; reduces administrative burdens or otherwise
69 improves state services, the Commissioner of Administrative Services
70 may procure such technology, product or process for use by any or all
71 state agencies pursuant to subsection (b) of section 4a-58.

72 [(c)] (e) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management,
73 Commissioner of Administrative Services and Connecticut Innovations,
74 Incorporated may develop a program to recognize state agencies that
75 help to promote public health and safety, environmental protection, [or]
76 economic development or efficiency, reduce administrative burdens or
77 improve state services by participating in a testing program under this
78 section. Such program may include the creation of a fund established
79 with savings accrued by the testing agency during its participation in
80 the testing program established under this section. Such fund shall only
81 be used to implement the program of recognition established by the
82 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, Commissioner of

83 Administrative Services and Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated,
84 under the provisions of this subsection.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	32-39e
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Statement of Purpose:

To promote economic development, reduce administrative burdens and improve state services by using innovative technologies developed by businesses in the state.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]