AN ACT CONCERNING GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS.

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

Section 1. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2021) (a) There is created a Geographic Information Systems Advisory Council to consult with the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management on matters relating to (1) the coordination, procurement, processing, storage and distribution of free and public geographic information systems data, and (2) the powers and duties of the secretary under section 4d-90 of the general statutes. In the course of such consultation, the advisory council shall (A) develop (i) priorities regarding the performance of any action described in subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection, and (ii) an annual five-year plan for such performance, and (B) make recommendations to the secretary concerning such priorities and plan.

(b) The advisory council shall consist of the following members:

(1) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the secretary's designee;

(2) The Chief Data Officer, or the officer's designee;
(3) One representative of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection who has expertise in geographic information systems, appointed by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection;

(4) One representative of the Department of Transportation who has expertise in geographic information systems, appointed by the Commissioner of Transportation;

(5) One representative of the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection who has expertise in geographic information systems, appointed by the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection;

(6) One representative of the Department of Public Health who has expertise in geographic information systems, appointed by the Commissioner of Public Health;

(7) Two representatives of different councils of governments who have expertise in geographic information systems, including aerial imagery acquisition and the provision of geographic information to municipalities, appointed by the chairperson of the Connecticut Association of Councils of Governments;

(8) Two representatives of different municipal governments who have expertise in geographic information systems and are members of the Connecticut GIS Network, appointed by the president of the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities;

(9) One representative of The University of Connecticut who has experience in providing the state's geospatial information, including state-wide aerial imagery and elevation, to various constituencies, appointed by the president of The University of Connecticut;

(10) One representative of a public utility company, appointed by the chairperson of the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority; and

(11) Two representatives from different private companies, neither of
which is a public utility company, who have expertise in mapping
applications for commercial purposes, one of whom is appointed jointly
by the chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General
Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to planning and
development and the other of whom is appointed jointly by the ranking
members of said committee.

(c) All initial appointments to the advisory council shall be made not
later than January 1, 2022, and all subsequent appointments shall be
made not later than January 1, 2024, and biennially thereafter. Each
member of the advisory council shall serve for a term of two years,
except that in the event of any vacancy the appointing authority shall
fill such vacancy for the unexpired portion of such term.

(d) The advisory council shall meet not later than March first
following any initial or subsequent appointment of its members, and
shall elect at such meeting a chairperson and vice-chairperson from
among its members. Except as provided in this subsection, all other
meetings of the advisory committee shall be as scheduled by the
chairperson.

Sec. 2. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2021) (a) The Secretary of the Office
of Policy and Management shall designate an employee of the Office of
Policy and Management to serve as Geographic Information Officer.
Such employee shall have extensive knowledge of the principles,
practices, terminology and trends in geographic information systems,
spatial data, analysis and related technology and experience in
administration, project management, policy development, coordination
of services and planning. Such employee shall (1) oversee the operations
of a Geographic Information Systems Office, (2) manage the staff of such
office, and (3) in conjunction with the Geographic Information Systems
Advisory Council created under section 1 of this act, establish goals for
such office within the scope of the powers and duties described in
subsection (b) of this section.

(b) The Geographic Information Officer shall be responsible for (1)
coordinating the collection, compilation and dissemination of
geographic information systems data across the state, including from
and to state agencies, regional councils of governments, municipalities
and other constituencies, (2) managing a geospatial data clearinghouse
for public access to such information through the online repository
described in subsection (i) of section 4-67p of the general statutes, (3)
supporting economic development efforts in the state through the
provision of such information, (4) providing training and outreach on
the use of such information, (5) administering the creation and
acquisition of geospatial data, including aerial imagery and elevation
and parcel information, (6) adopting geospatial data standards,
guidelines and procedures to ensure consistency and quality of such
data, and (7) performing technical data processing to aggregate and
organize existing data sets and create new data sets.

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**Statement of Purpose:**
To (1) create a Geographic Information Systems Advisory Council to consult with the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, and (2) require the secretary to designate a Geographic Information Officer to oversee a Geographic Information System Center.

[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.]