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**"AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO CERTAIN ECONOMIC AND  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT-RELATED STATUTES."**

1 Strike section 14 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu  
2 thereof:

3 "Sec. 14. Section 32-1m of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5 (a) Not later than February first, annually, the Commissioner of  
6 Economic and Community Development shall submit a report to the  
7 Governor, the Auditors of Public Accounts and the joint standing  
8 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
9 relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, finance,  
10 revenue and bonding and commerce, in accordance with the provisions  
11 of section 11-4a. Not later than thirty days after submission of the report,  
12 said commissioner shall post the report on the Department of Economic  
13 and Community Development's web site. Such report shall include, but  
14 not be limited to, the following information with regard to the activities

15 of the Department of Economic and Community Development and to  
16 business assistance [or incentive programs not administered by the  
17 department,] programs administered by Connecticut Innovations,  
18 Incorporated, during the preceding state fiscal year:

19 (1) A brief description and assessment of the state's economy during  
20 such year, utilizing the most recent and reasonably available data, and  
21 including:

22 (A) Connecticut employment by industry;

23 (B) Connecticut and national average unemployment; and

24 (C) Connecticut gross state product, by industry.

25 (2) An analysis of the economic development portfolio of the  
26 department, including, but not limited to, each business assistance or  
27 incentive program, including any business tax credit or abatement  
28 program, grant, loan, forgivable loan or other form of assistance,  
29 enacted for the purpose of improving economic development. The  
30 analysis shall include:

31 (A) The Internet web site address of the state's open data portal and  
32 an indication of where the name, address and location of each recipient  
33 of the department's assistance is published on the site along with the  
34 following information concerning each recipient: (i) Business activities,  
35 (ii) standard industrial classification codes or North American industrial  
36 classification codes, (iii) whether the recipient is a minority or woman-  
37 owned business, (iv) a summary of the terms and conditions for the  
38 assistance, including the type and amount of state financial assistance  
39 and job creation or retention requirements, (v) the amount of  
40 investments from private and other nonstate sources that have been  
41 leveraged by the assistance, and (vi) the amount of state investment;

42 (B) A portfolio analysis, including an analysis of the wages paid by  
43 recipients of financial assistance by industry;

44 (C) An investment analysis, including (i) total portfolio value, (ii)

45 total investment by industry, (iii) portfolio dollar per job average, (iv)  
46 portfolio leverage ratio;

47 (D) An overview of the business assistance and incentive programs  
48 administered by the department and an analysis of their estimated  
49 economic impact on the state's economy. The analysis shall include, for  
50 each business assistance or incentive program for which such data is  
51 available, the number of new jobs created, the borrowing cost to the  
52 state and the estimated impact of such program on annual state  
53 revenues;

54 (E) An analysis of whether the statutory and programmatic goals of  
55 each business or incentive program are being met, with obstacles to such  
56 goals identified, if possible;

57 (F) (i) Recommendations as to whether any existing business  
58 assistance or incentive program should be continued, modified or  
59 repealed and the basis or bases for such recommendations, and (ii) any  
60 recommendations for additional data collection by the state to better  
61 inform future evaluations of such programs; and

62 (G) The methodologies and assumptions used in carrying out the  
63 analyses under this subdivision.

64 (3) An analysis of the community development portfolio of the  
65 department, including:

66 (A) The Internet web site address of the state's open data portal and  
67 an indication of where the name, address and location of each recipient  
68 of the department's assistance is published on the site along with the  
69 following information concerning each recipient: (i) Amount of state  
70 investment, (ii) a summary of the terms and conditions for the  
71 department's assistance, including the type and amount of state  
72 financial assistance, and (iii) the amount of investments from private  
73 and other nonstate sources that have been leveraged by such assistance;  
74 and

75 (B) An investment analysis, including (i) total active portfolio value,  
76 (ii) total investments made in the preceding state fiscal year, and (iii)  
77 total portfolio leverage ratio.

78 (4) An analysis of each business assistance or incentive program,  
79 including any business tax credit or abatement program, grant, loan,  
80 forgivable loan or other form of assistance, enacted for the purpose of  
81 improving economic development, that (A) (i) had ten or more  
82 recipients of assistance in the preceding state fiscal year, or (ii) credited,  
83 abated or distributed more than one million dollars in the preceding  
84 state fiscal year, and (B) is [not] administered by the department or  
85 Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated. The analysis shall include:

86 (i) An overview of the business assistance or incentive program and  
87 an analysis of its estimated economic effects on the state's economy,  
88 including, for each program where such data is available, the number of  
89 new jobs created and the estimated impact of such program on annual  
90 state revenues;

91 (ii) An analysis of whether the statutory and programmatic goals of  
92 each business assistance or incentive program are being met, with  
93 obstacles to such goals identified, if possible;

94 (iii) Recommendations as to whether any such existing business  
95 assistance or incentive program should be continued, modified or  
96 repealed and the basis or bases for such recommendations, and any  
97 recommendations for additional data collection by the state to better  
98 inform future evaluations of such programs; and

99 (iv) The methodologies and assumptions used in carrying out the  
100 analysis under this subdivision.

101 (5) A summary of the department's international trade efforts in the  
102 preceding state fiscal year, and, to the extent possible, a summary of  
103 foreign direct investment that occurred in the state in such year.

104 (6) A summary of the total social and economic impact of the

105 department's efforts and activities in the areas of economic and  
106 community development, and an assessment of the department's  
107 performance in terms of meeting its stated goals and objectives.

108 (7) With regard to the Small Business Express program established  
109 pursuant to section 32-7g, data on (A) the number of small businesses  
110 that applied to the Small Business Express program, (B) the number of  
111 small businesses that received assistance under said program and the  
112 general categories of such businesses, (C) the amounts and types of  
113 assistance provided, (D) the total number of jobs on the date of  
114 application and the number proposed to be created or retained, and (E)  
115 the most recent employment figures of the small businesses receiving  
116 assistance.

117 (8) With regard to airport development zones established pursuant  
118 to section 32-75d, a summary of the economic and cost benefits of each  
119 zone and any recommended revisions to any such zones.

120 (9) An overview of the department's activities related to tourism, the  
121 arts and historic preservation.

122 (10) An overview of the department's activities concerning digital  
123 media, motion pictures and related production activity, and an analysis  
124 of the use of the film production tax credit established under section 12-  
125 217jj, the entertainment industry infrastructure tax credit established  
126 under section 12-217kk and the digital animation production tax credit  
127 established under section 12-217ll, including the amount of any tax  
128 credit issued under said sections and the total amount of production  
129 expenses or costs incurred in the state by the taxpayer who was issued  
130 such a tax credit.

131 (11) A summary of the department's and the office of the permit  
132 ombudsman's brownfield-related efforts and activities in the preceding  
133 fiscal year.

134 (12) A summary of the department's dry cleaning establishment  
135 remediation account activities in the preceding fiscal year.

136 (b) Any annual report that is required from the department by any  
137 provision of the general statutes shall be incorporated into the annual  
138 report submitted pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

139 (c) [On or before March 1, 2018, and annually thereafter] Not later  
140 than sixty days after the submission of a report by the Auditors of Public  
141 Accounts pursuant to section 2-90c, as amended by this act, the joint  
142 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
143 matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies,  
144 finance, revenue and bonding and commerce shall hold, individually or  
145 jointly, one or more public hearings on such report and the analyses  
146 included in the annual report under subdivisions (2) and (4) of  
147 subsection (a) of this section."

148 In line 676, after "funds" insert ", except for any funds used to  
149 establish or administer a matching grant program pursuant to  
150 subsection (h) of this section,"

151 In line 676, after "Development." insert "Such funds shall be deposited  
152 into the Tourism Fund."