



# House of Representatives

**File No. 810**

General Assembly

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**(Reprint of File No. 276)**

Substitute House Bill No. 6756  
As Amended by House Amendment  
Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner  
May 22, 2023

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY THE STATE  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER'S ROLE IN ADMINISTERING  
CERTAIN HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW PROCESSES.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a working  
2 group to study the State Historic Preservation Officer's role in  
3 administering historic preservation review processes related to sections  
4 22a-1 to 22a-1h, inclusive, of the general statutes and the regulations  
5 adopted thereunder, and to make recommendations concerning  
6 changes to such statutes and regulations. The study shall include, but  
7 need not be limited to, the development of recommendations  
8 concerning (1) the historic preservation consultation process; (2)  
9 timelines for historic preservation reviews; (3) definitions of the roles of  
10 parties involved in the historic preservation review process; (4) an  
11 outline of the steps in the historic preservation review process; (5)  
12 specific goals and outcomes of the historic preservation review process;  
13 and (6) an appeals process for municipalities to appeal determinations

14 made by the State Historic Preservation Officer pursuant to sections 22a-  
15 1 to 22a-1h, inclusive, of the general statutes and the regulations  
16 adopted thereunder, concerning the renovation or rehabilitation of  
17 historic buildings or properties.

18 (b) The working group shall consist of the following members:

19 (1) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General  
20 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce;

21 (2) The ranking members of the joint standing committee of the  
22 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce,  
23 or the ranking members' designees;

24 (3) The State Historic Preservation Officer, or the officer's designee;

25 (4) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development,  
26 or the commissioner's designee;

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

29 (6) A representative of the Office of the Governor, who has expertise  
30 overseeing the administration of sections 22a-1 to 22a-1h, inclusive, of  
31 the general statutes and the regulations adopted thereunder, who shall  
32 be appointed by the Governor;

33 (7) A representative of the Council on Environmental Quality, who  
34 shall be appointed by the Governor;

35 (8) A representative of an organization that advocates on behalf of  
36 municipalities in the state, who shall be appointed by the chairpersons  
37 of the working group;

38 (9) A representative of an organization that advocates on behalf of  
39 small towns and communities in the state, who shall be appointed by  
40 the chairpersons of the working group;

41 (10) A representative of an organization that advocates for  
42 revitalizing historic commercial districts and downtowns in the state,  
43 who shall be appointed by the chairpersons of the working group;

44 (11) A representative of a municipal historic preservation  
45 commission, who shall be appointed by the chairpersons of the working  
46 group;

47 (12) A representative of an association representing businesses and  
48 industries in the state, who shall be appointed by the chairpersons of the  
49 working group;

50 (13) Two municipal economic development officers, who shall be  
51 appointed by the chairpersons of the working group;

52 (14) A representative of a property development organization, who  
53 has expertise in construction and renovations, who shall be appointed  
54 by the chairpersons of the working group; and

55 (15) A representative of the brownfields working group established  
56 pursuant to section 32-770 of the general statutes, who shall be  
57 appointed by the chairpersons of the working group.

58 (c) Any member of the working group appointed under subdivision  
59 (1), (2), (8), (9), (10), (11), (12), (13) or (14) of subsection (b) of this section  
60 may be a member of the General Assembly.

61 (d) All initial appointments to the working group shall be made not  
62 later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy  
63 shall be filled by the appointing authority.

64 (e) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General  
65 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce shall be  
66 the chairpersons of the working group. Such chairpersons shall  
67 schedule the first meeting of the working group, which shall be held not  
68 later than ninety days after the effective date of this section.

69 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the

70 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce  
71 shall serve as administrative staff of the working group.

72 (g) Not later than February 1, 2024, the working group shall submit a  
73 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing  
74 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
75 relating to commerce, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a  
76 of the general statutes. The working group shall terminate on the date  
77 that it submits such report or February 1, 2024, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

*The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.*

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

The bill establishes a working group to study the State Historic Preservation Officer's role in administering historic preservation review processes. The bill has no fiscal impact as PA 17-236 prohibits transportation allowances for working group members.

House "A" strikes the underlying bill and its associated fiscal impact and results in the impact described above.

**The Out Years**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

**sHB 6756 (as amended by House "A")\***

***AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN APPEALS OF DETERMINATIONS  
MADE BY THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER.***

**SUMMARY**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

\*House Amendment "A" strikes the underlying bill, which authorized an aggrieved municipality to appeal certain State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) determinations, and replaces it with a working group to (1) study SHPO's role in administering historic preservation review processes related to the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act and (2) make related legislative recommendations.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Commerce Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 24    Nay 0    (03/14/2023)