



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 121

LCO No. 3487



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT REQUIRING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT EVALUATIONS FOR CERTAIN ACTIONS OF THE CONNECTICUT AIRPORT AUTHORITY.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 22a-1b of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 The General Assembly directs that, to the fullest extent possible:

5 (a) Each state department, institution or agency shall review its
6 policies and practices to insure that they are consistent with the state's
7 environmental policy as set forth in sections 22a-1 and 22a-1a.
8 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 15-120bb, for the purposes of
9 this section, the Connecticut Airport Authority shall be deemed a
10 sponsoring institution for any expansion of any property under the care,
11 custody or control of the authority and for any acquisition of property
12 by said authority.

13 Sec. 2. Section 22a-1c of the general statutes is repealed and the
14 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

15 As used in sections 22a-1 to 22a-1i, inclusive, "actions which may
 16 significantly affect the environment" means individual activities or a
 17 sequence of planned activities proposed to be undertaken by state
 18 departments, institutions or agencies, or funded in whole or in part by
 19 the state, which could have a major impact on the state's land, water, air,
 20 historic structures and landmarks as defined in section 10-410, existing
 21 housing, or other environmental resources, or could serve short term to
 22 the disadvantage of long term environmental goals. Such actions shall
 23 include but not be limited to new projects and programs of state
 24 agencies and new projects supported by state contracts and grants, but
 25 shall not include (1) emergency measures undertaken in response to an
 26 immediate threat to public health or safety; or (2) activities in which
 27 state agency participation is ministerial in nature, involving no exercise
 28 of discretion on the part of the state department, institution or agency.
 29 The expansion of any property under the care, custody or control of the
 30 Connecticut Airport Authority and the acquisition of property by said
 31 authority shall constitute actions which may significantly affect the
 32 environment.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	22a-1b(a)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	22a-1c

Statement of Purpose:

To provide for environmental safeguards when the Connecticut Airport Authority expands operations.

[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.]

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