



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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  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  
9 of this section, the Connecticut Airport Authority shall be deemed a  
10 sponsoring institution for any expansion of any property under the  
11 care, custody or control of the authority and for any acquisition of  
12 property 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 Section 22a-1c of the general statutes is repealed and the  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,  
 20 air, historic structures and landmarks as defined in section 10-410,  
 21 existing housing, or other environmental resources, or could serve  
 22 short term to the disadvantage of long term environmental goals. Such  
 23 actions shall include but not be limited to new projects and programs  
 24 of state agencies and new projects supported by state contracts and  
 25 grants, but shall not include (1) emergency measures undertaken in  
 26 response to an immediate threat to public health or safety; or (2)  
 27 activities in which state agency participation is ministerial in nature,  
 28 involving no exercise of discretion on the part of the state department,  
 29 institution or agency. The expansion of any property under the care,  
 30 custody or control of the Connecticut Airport Authority and the  
 31 acquisition of property by said authority shall constitute actions which  
 32 may significantly affect the 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

**ENV**      *Joint Favorable*