Senate

General Assembly

File No. 482

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 1178

Senate, April 3, 2025

The Committee on Commerce reported through SEN. HARTLEY of the 15th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE ELECTRONIC BUSINESS PORTAL.

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

Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall conduct a study of the electronic business portal established pursuant to section 3-99d of the general statutes. Such study shall include, but need not be limited to, (1) an assessment of the effectiveness, usability, user experience and web site traffic of such Internet web site, and (2) any recommendations to improve the effectiveness and comprehensiveness of the electronic business portal. Not later than February 1, 2026, the commissioner shall submit a report on the results of such study to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	*from passage*	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In the first sentence, references to the central Internet web site were changed to the electronic business portal established pursuant to section 3-99d of the general statutes, for accuracy and clarity; in the second sentence, "an assessment of" was added before "the effectiveness" for clarity; and in the third sentence, "Department of Economic and Community Development" was changed to "commissioner" for consistency.

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 $	FY 27 $
Department of Economic & Community Development	GF - Cost	Up to 250,000	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a one-time cost of up to $250,000 to the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) to conduct a study of the state's electronic business portal and submit the report to the committee of cognizance by February 1, 2026.

DECD will require consulting services at a cost of up to $250,000 in order to complete the research required by the bill by February 1st. The cost may be partially mitigated to the extent that the staff in DECD or other relevant state agencies are able to assist with the study. The state currently maintains a one-stop business website at business.ct.gov.

The Out Years

The fiscal impact is one-time only in FY 26 and therefore does not continue into the outyears.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Commerce Committee

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