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Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by:
(PD)

AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONTINUING LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT CONCERNING THE STATE PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT.

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

1 Section 1. Section 16a-31 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

3 (a) The following actions when undertaken by any state agency, with
4 state or federal funds, shall be consistent with the plan:

5 (1) The acquisition of real property when the acquisition costs [are in
6 excess of two hundred thousand] exceed one million dollars;

7 (2) The development or improvement of real property when the
8 development costs [are in excess of two hundred thousand] exceed one
9 million dollars; and

10 [(3) The acquisition of public transportation equipment or facilities
11 when the acquisition costs are in excess of two hundred thousand
12 dollars; and]

13 [(4)] (3) The authorization of each state grant, any application for
14 which [is not pending on July 1, 1991] was submitted (A) prior to
15 October 1, 2026, for an amount [in excess of] exceeding two hundred
16 thousand dollars, or (B) on or after October 1, 2026, for an amount
17 exceeding one million dollars, for the acquisition or development or
18 improvement of real property or for the acquisition of public
19 transportation equipment or facilities.

20 (b) Not later than January 1, 2027, and every five years thereafter, the
21 secretary shall adjust the amounts described in subsection (a) of this
22 section by the percentage change in the Producer Price Index by
23 Commodity: Construction (Partial) (WPU80), not seasonally adjusted,
24 or its successor index, as calculated by the United States Department of
25 Labor, over the preceding five calendar years, rounded to the nearest
26 multiple of one hundred dollars. The secretary shall publish such
27 adjusted amounts on the Internet web site of the Office of Policy and
28 Management.

29 [(b) A] (c) Each state agency shall [request, and the secretary shall
30 provide, an advisory statement commenting on] submit to the secretary,
31 in a form and manner prescribed by the secretary, a notice describing
32 the extent to which any of the actions specified in subsection (a) of this
33 section [conforms] conform to the plan. [and any] An agency may
34 [request and] consult with the secretary [shall provide such other
35 advisory reports as the state agency deems advisable] prior to
36 submitting such notice.

37 [(c)] (d) The secretary shall submit, and the State Bond Commission
38 shall consider prior to the allocation of any bond funds for any of the
39 actions specified in subsection (a) of this section, an advisory statement
40 commenting on the extent to which such action is in conformity with the
41 plan of conservation and development.

42 [(d)] (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection [(b)] (c) of this
43 section, The University of Connecticut shall request, and the secretary

44 shall provide, an advisory statement commenting on the extent the
45 projects included in the third phase of UConn 2000, as defined in
46 subdivision (25) of section 10a-109c, conform to the plan and the
47 university may request and the secretary shall provide such other
48 advisory reports as the university deems advisable. Notwithstanding
49 subsection [(c)] (d) of this section, the secretary shall submit and the
50 State Bond Commission shall consider prior to the approval of the
51 master resolution or indenture for securities for the third phase of
52 UConn 2000, pursuant to subsection (c) of section 10a-109g, the advisory
53 statement prepared under this subsection.

54 [(e)] (f) Whenever a state agency is required by state or federal law to
55 prepare a plan, it shall consider the state plan of conservation and
56 development in the preparation of such plan. A draft of such plan shall
57 be submitted to the secretary who shall provide for the preparer of the
58 plan an advisory report commenting on the extent to which the
59 proposed plan conforms to the state plan of conservation and
60 development.

61 Sec. 2. Subsection (g) of section 8-23 of the 2026 supplement to the
62 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
63 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

64 (g) Any municipal plan of conservation and development scheduled
65 for adoption on or after July 1, [2015] 2026, shall identify the general
66 location and extent of any (1) areas served by existing sewerage systems,
67 (2) areas where sewerage systems are planned, and (3) areas where
68 sewers are to be avoided. In identifying such areas, the commission shall
69 consider the provisions of this section. [and the priority funding area
70 provisions of chapter 297a.]

71 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 8-31c of the general statutes is
72 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
73 *2026*):

74 (a) (1) Wherever the term "regional planning agency" is used in the

75 following general statutes, the term "regional council of governments"
76 shall be substituted in lieu thereof; and (2) wherever the term "regional
77 planning agencies" is used in the following general statutes, the term
78 "regional councils of governments" shall be substituted in lieu thereof:
79 8-35b, 8-35c, 8-164, 8-166, 8-189, 8-336f, 8-384, 13b-38a, 13b-79ll, 16-32f,
80 16-50l, 16a-28, [16a-35c,] 22-26dd, 22a-102, 22a-118, 22a-137, 22a-207,
81 22a-352, 23-8, 25-33e to 25-33h, inclusive, 25-68d, 25-102qq and 25-233.

82 Sec. 4. Subsection (d) of section 16a-27 of the 2026 supplement to the
83 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
84 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

85 (d) Any revision made after July 1, [2005] 2026, shall describe the
86 progress towards achievement of the goals and objectives established in
87 the previously adopted state plan of conservation and development and
88 shall identify (1) areas where it is prudent and feasible (A) to have
89 compact, transit accessible, pedestrian-oriented mixed-use
90 development patterns and land reuse, and (B) to promote such
91 development patterns and land reuse, and (2) [priority funding areas
92 designated under section 16a-35c, and (3)] corridor management areas
93 on either side of a limited access highway or a rail line. In designating
94 corridor management areas, the secretary shall make recommendations
95 that (A) promote land use and transportation options to reduce the
96 growth of traffic congestion; (B) connect infrastructure and other
97 development decisions; (C) promote development that minimizes the
98 cost of new infrastructure facilities and maximizes the use of existing
99 infrastructure facilities; and (D) increase intermunicipal and regional
100 cooperation.

101 Sec. 5. Sections 16a-35c to 16a-35h, inclusive, of the general statutes
102 are repealed. (*Effective July 1, 2026*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	16a-31

Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	8-23(g)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	8-31c(a)
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	16a-27(d)
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	Repealer section

Statement of Purpose:

To increase cost thresholds relating to certain actions required to be undertaken consistent with the state plan of conservation and development, eliminate a requirement that certain acquisitions by state agencies be consistent with such plan and eliminate priority funding areas.

[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.]