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**"AN ACT CONCERNING A TEST BED TECHNOLOGIES PROGRAM
AND THE JOBSCT TAX REBATE PROGRAM."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) (1) Not later than
4 January 1, 2027, the Governor may direct the Commissioner of
5 Administrative Services to establish and administer, within available
6 appropriations and in consultation with Connecticut Innovations,
7 Incorporated, an online portal for the purpose of facilitating programs
8 to pilot test technologies, products or processes in any agency of the
9 state to determine whether any such technology, product or process
10 may reduce operational costs in any state agency. Such portal shall be
11 made available on the Internet web site of the Department of
12 Administrative Services.

13 (2) If, in the exercise of the commissioner's powers and duties
14 pursuant to this section, the commissioner, in consultation with
15 Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated finds that (A) the use of a certain

16 technology, product or process would promote operational cost
17 reduction, and (B) the use of such technology, product or process would
18 be feasible in the operations of a state agency and would not have any
19 detrimental effect on such operations, the commissioner shall
20 recommend that such agency undertake a pilot test during which such
21 agency shall use such technology, product or process in the operations
22 of such agency on a temporary basis. The purpose of such pilot test shall
23 be to validate the effectiveness of such technology, product or process
24 in reducing operational costs.

25 (3) The commissioner shall not recommend a pilot test program by a
26 state agency for any such technology, product or process pursuant to
27 this section unless the business that manufactures or markets the
28 technology, product or process demonstrates that (A) the use of such
29 technology, product or process by such agency will not adversely affect
30 safety, (B) the technology, product or process is presently available for
31 commercial sale and distribution or has potential for commercialization
32 not later than two years following the completion of such pilot test by
33 such agency pursuant to this section, (C) such technology, product or
34 process was not developed by a business that is eligible to participate in
35 such pilot test established pursuant to section 32-39e of the general
36 statutes, (D) such business maintains documentation concerning any
37 patent for such technology, product or process and any related
38 intellectual property, and (E) such business is certified as a small
39 contractor or a minority business enterprise by the Commissioner of
40 Administrative Services pursuant to section 4a-60g of the general
41 statutes.

42 (4) The commissioner shall evaluate the effectiveness of any pilot test
43 conducted pursuant to this section. Not later than October 1, 2030, the
44 commissioner shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions
45 of section 11-4a of the general statutes, concerning the findings of such
46 evaluations to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
47 having cognizance of matters relating to energy and technology.

48 (b) (1) The commissioner of each state agency may administer a

49 program for pilot testing technologies, products or processes that
50 promote operational cost reduction. The purpose of any such pilot test
51 program shall be to validate the effectiveness of any such technology,
52 product or process in reducing operational costs.

53 (2) (A) A person who seeks to participate in such a program shall
54 submit an application to the Commissioner of Administrative Services
55 through the online portal administered by the commissioner pursuant
56 to subsection (a) of this section. The commissioner shall prescribe the
57 form and manner of such application. An applicant shall include in each
58 application an assessment of the potential viability of a pilot test
59 program for such technology, product or process at such agency. Such
60 assessment shall be conducted by an independent consulting firm or a
61 market research firm that specializes in market research for similar
62 technologies, products or processes described in such application. Such
63 independent consulting firm or market research firm shall be classified
64 as a provider of services under the Department of Administrative
65 Services industry code of 6000 for research and development services or
66 the North American Industry Classification System code of 541910 for
67 marketing research and public opinion polling.

68 (B) Any applicant selected to participate in a pilot test program
69 pursuant to this section shall only participate in one such program for
70 one state agency.

71 (c) Not later than ninety days after receipt of an application pursuant
72 to subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of this section, the Commissioner of
73 Administrative Services, in consultation with Connecticut Innovations,
74 Incorporated, shall evaluate any technology, product or process that is
75 the subject of such application and make a recommendation pursuant
76 to subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section if such
77 recommendation is deemed warranted by the commissioner.

78 (d) If the Commissioner of Administrative Services recommends that
79 a state agency undertake a pilot test program pursuant to this section,
80 such agency, notwithstanding the requirements of chapter 58 of the

81 general statutes, may accept delivery of such technology, product or
82 process and undertake such pilot test program during which such
83 agency shall use such technology, product or process in the operations
84 of such agency on a temporary basis. The commissioner of the state
85 agency testing such technology, product or process shall determine the
86 duration of such pilot test program, provided such duration shall be not
87 less than thirty days and not more than sixty days.

88 (e) Any costs associated with the acquisition and use of such
89 technology, product or process by a state agency for a pilot test program
90 pursuant to this section shall be paid by the applicant. The acquisition
91 of any technology, product or process for a pilot test program pursuant
92 to this section shall not be deemed to be a purchase under the provisions
93 of state procurement law. The applicant shall maintain records related
94 to any such pilot test program, as required by the Commissioner of
95 Administrative Services. Any proprietary information derived from
96 such pilot test program shall be exempt from the provisions of
97 subsection (a) of section 1-210 of the general statutes.

98 (f) If the commissioner of the state agency that tested such
99 technology, product or process determines that the pilot test program
100 sufficiently demonstrates that the technology, product or process
101 promotes operational cost reduction, the commissioner of such agency
102 may request that the Commissioner of Administrative Services (1)
103 procure such technology for use by any state agency, and (2) make such
104 procurement pursuant to subsection (b) of section 4a-58 of the general
105 statutes. If the Commissioner of Administrative Services grants a
106 request to procure such technology for any state agency, the
107 Commissioner of Administrative Services shall make information
108 regarding such procurement available to all state agencies on the
109 Internet web site of the Department of Administrative Services.

110 (g) The commissioner of a state agency may identify a technology,
111 product or process that meets the criteria described in subdivision (3) of
112 subsection (a) of this section and that has been tested by a municipality
113 and demonstrated to promote operational cost reduction. Such

114 commissioner may file a request to the Commissioner of Administrative
115 Services for a recommendation to test such technology, product or
116 process in the state agency through the online portal administered by
117 the commissioner pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. Not later
118 than thirty days after receipt of such request, the Commissioner of
119 Administrative Services, in consultation with Connecticut Innovations,
120 Incorporated, shall evaluate the technology, product or process and
121 make a recommendation pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of
122 this section. If the Commissioner of Administrative Services
123 recommends such technology, product or process, such agency shall
124 undertake a pilot test program in accordance with the provisions of
125 subsections (d) to (f), inclusive, of this section."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section