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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 133

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"AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CONNECTICUT-INDIA TRADE COMMISSION."

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

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a
4 Connecticut-India Trade Commission, which shall be part of the
5 Legislative Department.

6 (b) The commission shall consist of the following members:

7 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
8 one of whom shall have expertise in domestic nonprofit affairs or
9 matters relating to the governance of international nonprofit
10 organizations or nongovernmental organizations that may have
11 information concerning opportunities for social and economic

12 collaboration between Connecticut and India;

13 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of
14 whom shall have expertise in domestic legal affairs or international law
15 that may impact legal agreements, trade partnerships or opportunities
16 for institutional collaboration between Connecticut and India;

17 (3) Two appointed by the majority leader of the House of
18 Representatives, one of whom shall have expertise in matters of
19 domestic or global public health, and an ability to explore opportunities
20 for collaboration between Connecticut and India;

21 (4) Two appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, one of whom
22 shall have expertise in local, domestic or global economic development
23 and investment opportunities intended to strengthen the partnership
24 between Connecticut and India;

25 (5) Two appointed by the minority leader of the House of
26 Representatives, one of whom shall have expertise in opportunities in
27 the arts intended to foster and enhance cultural exchange between
28 Connecticut and India;

29 (6) Two appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, one of whom
30 shall have expertise in domestic or global advanced manufacturing
31 intended to establish opportunities for investment, partnership and
32 collaboration between Connecticut and India;

33 (7) Two members of the joint standing committee of the General
34 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce, one of
35 whom shall be appointed by the Senate chairperson of such committee
36 and one of whom shall be appointed by the House chairperson of such
37 committee;

38 (8) The ranking members of the joint standing committee of the
39 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce,
40 or their designees;

41 (9) Two members of the bipartisan Asian-American and Pacific
42 Islander Issues Caucus of the General Assembly, both of whom shall
43 have expertise in Asian-American and Pacific Islander cultural and
44 social engagement;

45 (10) One member of the Commission on Women, Children, Seniors,
46 Equity and Opportunity, who is a member of the subcommission
47 concerning matters relating to the Asian Pacific-American population;

48 (11) Three persons appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall
49 have expertise in matters relating to aerospace, information technology,
50 cybersecurity, renewable energy or clean energy;

51 (12) Two representatives of a public institution of higher education in
52 the state, who shall be appointed by the Governor;

53 (13) A representative of a chamber of commerce in the state, who shall
54 be appointed by the Governor;

55 (14) Two representatives of Indian or Indian-American communities
56 in the state, who shall be appointed by the Governor and shall not be
57 members of the same political party; and

58 (15) Any additional members, as deemed necessary by the
59 chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
60 having cognizance of matters relating to commerce.

61 (c) The members of the commission shall each have current or past
62 involvement in organizations that promote Indian affairs or are
63 interested in the well-being of trade relations between the state and
64 India.

65 (d) Any member of the commission appointed under subdivisions (1)
66 to (6), inclusive, and subdivision (15) of subsection (b) of this section
67 may be a member of the General Assembly.

68 (e) (1) All initial appointments to the commission shall be made not
69 later than October 1, 2026. Initial appointments made by the Governor,

70 the majority leader of the House of Representatives and the minority
71 leader of the House of Representatives shall terminate on September 30,
72 2029. Initial appointments made by the speaker of the House of
73 Representatives, the president pro tempore of the Senate, the majority
74 leader of the Senate and the minority leader of the Senate shall terminate
75 on September 30, 2030. The initial and subsequent terms of members
76 appointed by the chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the
77 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce
78 shall be coterminous with the terms of the appointing authority for each
79 such member in accordance with the provisions of section 4-1a of the
80 general statutes.

81 (2) Appointed members of the commission shall serve for four-year
82 terms which shall commence on the date of appointment, except as
83 provided in subdivision (1) of this subsection. Members shall continue
84 to serve until their successors are appointed.

85 (f) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro
86 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the commission
87 from among the members of the commission. Such chairpersons shall
88 schedule the first meeting of the commission, which shall be held not
89 later than November 1, 2026.

90 (g) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
91 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to government
92 oversight shall serve as administrative staff of the commission.

93 (h) Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority. Any
94 vacancy occurring other than by expiration of term shall be filled for the
95 balance of the unexpired term.

96 (i) A majority of the commission shall constitute a quorum for the
97 transaction of any business.

98 (j) The members of the commission shall serve without
99 compensation, but shall, within the limits of available funds, be
100 reimbursed for expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of

101 their duties.

102 (k) The commission shall have the following powers and duties: (1)
103 To advance bilateral trade and investment between the state and India;
104 (2) to initiate joint action on policy issues of mutual interest to the state
105 and India; (3) to promote business and academic exchanges between the
106 state and India; (4) to encourage mutual economic support between the
107 state and India; (5) to encourage mutual investment in the infrastructure
108 of the state and India; (6) to explore new opportunities for collaboration
109 in the arts and technology between the state and India; (7) to address
110 such other issues as determined by the commission; (8) to obtain from
111 any executive department, board, commission or other agency of the
112 state such assistance and data as are necessary and available to carry out
113 the purposes of this section; (9) to accept any gift, donation or bequest
114 for the purpose of performing the duties described in this section; and
115 (10) to perform such other acts as may be necessary and appropriate to
116 carry out the duties described in this section.

117 (l) The commission shall meet quarterly, or as often as deemed
118 necessary by the chairpersons or a majority of the commission. Any
119 appointed member who fails to attend three consecutive meetings or
120 who fails to attend fifty per cent of all meetings held during any
121 calendar year shall be deemed to have resigned from the commission.

122 (m) Not later than February 1, 2028, and annually thereafter, the
123 commission shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of
124 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the Governor, the Commissioner
125 of Economic and Community Development and the joint standing
126 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
127 relating to commerce on the activities of the commission during the
128 preceding year, which shall include, but need not be limited to, any
129 recommendations for policy changes and amendments to the general
130 statutes necessary to effectuate the purposes of the commission."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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