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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



**PA 22-71—sHB 5165**

*Planning and Development Committee*

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

**SUMMARY:** The act specifically requires the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) secretary to revise the State Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) in the year immediately before the year in which the General Assembly will adopt it, but no more than four years after it was last adopted. (Prior law specified the secretary had to update it within five years of its last adoption.) As under existing law, the secretary must submit a final proposed plan to the Continuing Legislative Committee on State Planning and Development (Continuing Committee), which, after a public hearing, can recommend the General Assembly approve or disapprove it (CGS § 16a-30). (The POCD helps state agencies make decisions consistent with the state’s development and conservation goals.)

The act also sets a schedule for the next POCD revision, specifying that the OPM secretary must:

1. give a draft revised plan to the Continuing Committee for preliminary review before September 1, 2023;
2. begin further revisions, as he sees fit, after December 1, 2023; and
3. publish and disseminate the first revised plan to the public by March 1, 2024.

After making the first revision available, as under existing law, the OPM secretary must hold public hearings on the plan and solicit comments. Under the act, the OPM secretary must submit the final proposed 2025-2030 POCD to the Continuing Committee by December 1, 2024.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**BACKGROUND**

*Related Resolution*

HJR 107 adopts “Conservation and Development Policies: The Plan for Connecticut, 2018-2023” as the state plan of conservation and development.