



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 5423

LCO No. 5975



Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION

Introduced by:
(TRA)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF PASSENGER TRAIN
AND GROUND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES IN EASTERN
CONNECTICUT.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Transportation
2 shall conduct a feasibility study and develop an operational plan to (1)
3 extend the Shore Line East rail line to the state of Rhode Island, (2)
4 establish a new branch line to be known as the Norwich Branch Line
5 with a plan to provide services to the state of Massachusetts at a later
6 date, (3) consider the usage of electric railcars on such branch lines, (4)
7 extend ground transportation systems in the eastern region of the state,
8 (5) provide interconnection between such systems, and (6) establish new
9 passenger train stations in the town of Groton and the borough of
10 Stonington. On or before January 1, 2022, the commissioner shall submit
11 the results of such study and plan to the joint standing committee of the
12 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
13 transportation, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
14 general statutes.

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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Statement of Purpose:

To study the expansion of passenger train and ground transportation services in the eastern region of the state.

[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.]

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