



Substitute House Bill No. 5428

Special Act No. 22-14

**AN ACT CONCERNING RECORDS RELATING TO THE
ADMINISTRATION OF THE STATE BUILDING CODE AND THE
PROMOTION OF CAREERS IN RELATED FIELDS.**

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

Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of Administrative Services shall convene a working group comprised of the State Librarian and representatives of the Connecticut Association of Zoning Enforcement Officials, the Connecticut Building Officials Association, two regional councils of governments, the Connecticut Business and Industry Association, the Home Builders and Remodelers Association of Connecticut, the Connecticut Construction Industries Association, the Connecticut Town Clerks Association, the CT Data Collaborative and the Connecticut Association of Municipal Attorneys to develop a standardized system for the scanning or other digitization of records relating to the State Building Code and storage of such records on a searchable web-based public database. In developing such system, the working group shall (1) consider best practices for (A) the use of various digital file types, (B) security protocols for electronic file storage, and (C) backup and recovery of electronic files, and (2) identify funding sources for the implementation and maintenance of such system.

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(b) Not later than January 1, 2023, the working group shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to planning and development. Such report shall include the findings of the working group and legislative recommendations for the implementation of the system developed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) The Office of Education and Data Management within the Department of Administrative Services shall, in consultation with the Office of Higher Education, Office of Apprenticeship Training within the Labor Department, Connecticut Building Officials Association and one or more administrators of the regional community-technical college system, study options for (1) expanding coursework and programs in community colleges to provide training to students pursuing careers as building officials, (2) financial and other incentives for such students to pursue such careers, and (3) the development of internship and apprenticeship programs for such students, in cooperation with municipalities and regional councils of governments. Not later than January 1, 2023, the commissioners shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to planning and development. Such report shall include the commissioners' findings and any legislative recommendations.