



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 6547***

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Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND  
DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by:  
(PD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING A WORKING GROUP REGARDING THE  
PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) (1) The Commissioner of  
2 Economic and Community Development, or the commissioner's  
3 designee, shall convene and chair a working group to develop a plan for  
4 supporting and facilitating efforts by municipalities, historical societies  
5 and other nonprofit entities whose purposes include historic  
6 preservation to preserve buildings, structures, objects, sites and  
7 landmarks listed on the National Register of Historic Places or  
8 designated by a municipality as historically significant.

9 (2) The plan described in subdivision (1) of this subsection shall  
10 provide for a method of administering any revolving fund that may be  
11 established as a resource in supporting efforts by municipalities,  
12 historical societies and other nonprofit entities whose purposes include  
13 historic preservation to facilitate the acquisition of preservation  
14 easements and other means to preserve the buildings, structures,

15 objects, sites and landmarks described in said subdivision, including  
16 purchasing, or acquiring options to purchase, such buildings,  
17 structures, objects, sites or landmarks with the intent to resell such  
18 buildings, structures, objects, sites or landmarks to qualified buyers that  
19 will preserve, restore and adaptively reuse such buildings, structures,  
20 objects, sites or landmarks.

21 (b) The working group shall consist of the following members:

22 (1) Four representatives of local historical societies appointed by the  
23 speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be from  
24 Litchfield County, one of whom shall be from Hartford County, one of  
25 whom shall be from Tolland County and one of whom shall be from  
26 Windham County;

27 (2) Four representatives of local historical societies appointed by the  
28 president pro tempore of the Senate, one of whom shall be from Fairfield  
29 County, one of whom shall be from New Haven County, one of whom  
30 shall be from Middlesex County and one of whom shall be from New  
31 London County;

32 (3) One representative of the Connecticut Economic Resource Center  
33 appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives;

34 (4) One representative of the State Historic Preservation Office  
35 appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

36 (5) One representative of Preservation Connecticut appointed by the  
37 minority leader of the House of Representatives;

38 (6) One representative of the Connecticut League of History  
39 Organizations appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; and

40 (7) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development,  
41 or the commissioner's designee.

42 (c) All initial appointments to the working group shall be made not

43 later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy  
44 shall be filled by the appointing authority.

45 (d) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development  
46 shall schedule the first meeting of the working group, which shall be  
47 held not later than September 1, 2021.

48 (e) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
49 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce  
50 shall serve as administrative staff of the working group.

51 (f) Not later than February 1, 2022, the working group shall submit a  
52 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing  
53 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
54 relating to commerce, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a  
55 of the general statutes. The working group shall terminate on the date  
56 that it submits such report or February 1, 2022, whichever is later.

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

**PD**      *Joint Favorable*