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Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by:  
(PD)

***AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT CONCERNING THE STATE PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT AND PRIORITY FUNDING AREAS.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 16a-31 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

3 (a) The following actions when undertaken by any state agency, with  
4 state or federal funds, shall be consistent with the plan:

5 (1) The acquisition of real property when the acquisition costs [are in  
6 excess of two hundred thousand] exceed one million dollars;

7 (2) The development or improvement of real property when the  
8 development costs [are in excess of two hundred thousand] exceed one  
9 million dollars;

10 (3) The acquisition of public transportation equipment or facilities  
11 when the acquisition costs [are in excess of two hundred thousand]  
12 exceed one million dollars; and

13 (4) The authorization of each state grant, any application for which is  
14 not pending on (A) July 1, 1991, for an amount [in excess of] exceeding  
15 two hundred thousand dollars, or (B) October 1, 2025, for an amount  
16 exceeding one million dollars, for the acquisition or development or  
17 improvement of real property or for the acquisition of public  
18 transportation equipment or facilities.

19 (b) Not later than January 1, 2026, and every five years thereafter, the  
20 secretary shall adjust the amounts described in subsection (a) of this  
21 section by the percentage change in the Producer Price Index by  
22 Commodity: Construction (Partial) (WPU80), not seasonally adjusted,  
23 or its successor index, as calculated by the United States Department of  
24 Labor, over the preceding five calendar years, rounded to the nearest  
25 multiple of one hundred dollars. The secretary shall publish such  
26 adjusted amounts on the Internet web site of the Office of Policy and  
27 Management.

28 [(b) A] (c) Each state agency shall [request, and the secretary shall  
29 provide, an advisory statement commenting on] submit to the secretary,  
30 in a form and manner prescribed by the secretary, a notice describing  
31 the extent to which any of the actions specified in subsection (a) of this  
32 section [conforms] conform to the plan. [and any] An agency may  
33 [request and] consult with the secretary [shall provide such other  
34 advisory reports as the state agency deems advisable] prior to  
35 submitting such notice.

36 [(c)] (d) The secretary shall submit and the State Bond Commission  
37 shall consider prior to the allocation of any bond funds for any of the  
38 actions specified in subsection (a) of this section an advisory statement  
39 commenting on the extent to which such action is in conformity with the  
40 plan of conservation and development.

41 [(d)] (e) Notwithstanding subsection [(b)] (c) of this section, The  
42 University of Connecticut shall request, and the secretary shall provide,  
43 an advisory statement commenting on the extent the projects included

44 in the third phase of UConn 2000, as defined in subdivision (25) of  
45 section 10a-109c, conform to the plan and the university may request  
46 and the secretary shall provide such other advisory reports as the  
47 university deems advisable. Notwithstanding subsection [(c)] (d) of this  
48 section, the secretary shall submit and the State Bond Commission shall  
49 consider prior to the approval of the master resolution or indenture for  
50 securities for the third phase of UConn 2000, pursuant to subsection (c)  
51 of section 10a-109g, the advisory statement prepared under this  
52 subsection.

53 [(e)] (f) Whenever a state agency is required by state or federal law to  
54 prepare a plan, it shall consider the state plan of conservation and  
55 development in the preparation of such plan. A draft of such plan shall  
56 be submitted to the secretary who shall provide for the preparer of the  
57 plan an advisory report commenting on the extent to which the  
58 proposed plan conforms to the state plan of conservation and  
59 development.

60 Sec. 2. Subsection (g) of section 8-23 of the general statutes is repealed  
61 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

62 (g) Any municipal plan of conservation and development scheduled  
63 for adoption on or after July 1, [2015] 2025, shall identify the general  
64 location and extent of any (1) areas served by existing sewerage systems,  
65 (2) areas where sewerage systems are planned, and (3) areas where  
66 sewers are to be avoided. In identifying such areas, the commission shall  
67 consider the provisions of this section. [and the priority funding area  
68 provisions of chapter 297a.]

69 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 8-31c of the general statutes is  
70 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
71 *2025*):

72 (a) (1) Wherever the term "regional planning agency" is used in the  
73 following general statutes, the term "regional council of governments"  
74 shall be substituted in lieu thereof; and (2) wherever the term "regional

75 planning agencies" is used in the following general statutes, the term  
 76 "regional councils of governments" shall be substituted in lieu thereof:  
 77 8-35b, 8-35c, 8-164, 8-166, 8-189, 8-336f, 8-384, 13b-38a, 13b-79ll, 16-32f,  
 78 16-50l, 16a-28, [16a-35c,] 22-26dd, 22a-102, 22a-118, 22a-137, 22a-207,  
 79 22a-352, 23-8, 25-33e to 25-33h, inclusive, 25-68d, 25-102qq and 25-233.

80 Sec. 4. Subsection (d) of section 16a-27 of the general statutes is  
 81 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
 82 *2025*):

83 (d) Any revision made after July 1, [2005] 2025, shall describe the  
 84 progress towards achievement of the goals and objectives established in  
 85 the previously adopted state plan of conservation and development and  
 86 shall identify (1) areas where it is prudent and feasible (A) to have  
 87 compact, transit accessible, pedestrian-oriented mixed-use  
 88 development patterns and land reuse, and (B) to promote such  
 89 development patterns and land reuse, and (2) [priority funding areas  
 90 designated under section 16a-35c, and (3)] corridor management areas  
 91 on either side of a limited access highway or a rail line. In designating  
 92 corridor management areas, the secretary shall make recommendations  
 93 that (A) promote land use and transportation options to reduce the  
 94 growth of traffic congestion; (B) connect infrastructure and other  
 95 development decisions; (C) promote development that minimizes the  
 96 cost of new infrastructure facilities and maximizes the use of existing  
 97 infrastructure facilities; and (D) increase intermunicipal and regional  
 98 cooperation.

99 Sec. 5. Sections 16a-35c to 16a-35h, inclusive, of the general statutes  
 100 are repealed. (*Effective July 1, 2025*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	16a-31
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	8-23(g)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	8-31c(a)

Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	16a-27(d)
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	Repealer section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To increase cost thresholds relating to certain actions required to be undertaken consistent with the state plan of conservation and development and eliminate priority funding areas.

*[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.]*