



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 393**

January Session, 2021



**AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF METHODS TO ALLEVIATE HIGH ROOM TEMPERATURES IN RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS.**

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force  
2 to study methods to alleviate dangerously hot room temperatures  
3 within residential buildings containing multiple dwelling units,  
4 including, but not limited to, apartment buildings and dormitories at  
5 institutions of higher education. The task force shall (1) determine a safe  
6 temperature range for residents of such buildings, and (2) study  
7 affordable and energy efficient methods to cool such buildings to such  
8 safe temperature range during peak high temperature months, to  
9 provide a comfortable and safe environment for such residents.

10 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

11 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,  
12 who is a representative of an organization specializing in home  
13 building;

14 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who is  
15 a representative of an organization representing landlords;

16 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of

17 Representatives, who is a representative of an organization representing  
18 housing authorities;

19 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who  
20 represents The University of Connecticut;

21 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
22 Representatives, who represents the Connecticut State Colleges and  
23 Universities;

24 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

25 (7) The chairpersons, vice-chairpersons and ranking members of the  
26 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
27 matters relating to housing, or their designees;

28 (8) The chairpersons, vice-chairpersons and ranking members of the  
29 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
30 matters relating to public health, or their designees;

31 (9) The chairpersons, vice-chairpersons and ranking members of the  
32 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
33 matters relating to higher education and employment, or their  
34 designees;

35 (10) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's  
36 designee;

37 (11) The Commissioner of Housing, or the commissioner's designee;  
38 and

39 (12) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, or  
40 the commissioner's designee.

41 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivisions (1) to  
42 (9), inclusive, of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of the  
43 General Assembly.

44 (d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later  
45 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall  
46 be filled by the appointing authority.

47 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro  
48 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from  
49 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule  
50 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty  
51 days after the effective date of this section.

52 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
53 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to housing  
54 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

55 (g) Not later than January 1, 2022, the task force shall submit a report  
56 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of  
57 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to housing,  
58 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.  
59 The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or  
60 January 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

**HSG** Joint Favorable Subst.