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Referred to Committee on COMMERCE

Introduced by:
(CE)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE
FEASIBILITY OF DEVELOPING A MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION
CENTER IN THE TOWNS OF STONINGTON AND GROTON.***

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 the feasibility of developing a multimodal transportation
3 center in the towns of Stonington and Groton. Such study shall
4 include, but need not be limited to, the following: (1) The
5 establishment of a feasibility plan for multimodal transportation,
6 taking into consideration the findings from studies that the towns of
7 Stonington and Groton have previously completed; (2) an examination
8 of transportation options that are currently available to ease traffic
9 congestion, which may include, but need not be limited to, water taxis,
10 parking areas, bike lanes, trolley services and related options; (3) an
11 examination of cost estimates for the implementation or improvement
12 of such options; (4) the identification of permits that may be required
13 of the state, towns, the public or businesses to implement or improve
14 such options; and (5) the development of alternatives to alleviate
15 parking and traffic pressure in the Mystic area of the towns of
16 Stonington and Groton, with a focus on green transportation.

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

18 (1) A representative of the town of Stonington, who shall be
19 appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

20 (2) A representative of the town of Groton, who shall be appointed
21 by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

22 (3) The Commissioner of Transportation, or the commissioner's
23 designee;

24 (4) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, or
25 the commissioner's designee;

26 (5) A representative of the eastern regional district, established
27 pursuant to section 10-397 of the general statutes, who shall be
28 appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives;

29 (6) A representative of an organization that advocates for business
30 and tourism in the greater Mystic area of the towns of Stonington and
31 Groton, who shall be appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

32 (7) A representative of the local traffic authority of the town of
33 Stonington, who shall be appointed by the minority leader of the
34 House of Representatives;

35 (8) A representative of the local traffic authority of the town of
36 Groton, who shall be appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

37 (9) Two representatives of different tourist attractions in the Mystic
38 area of the towns of Stonington and Groton, one of whom shall be
39 appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives and one of
40 whom shall be appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;
41 and

42 (10) A resident of Stonington or Groton, who shall be appointed by
43 the Governor.

44 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
45 (2), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9) or (10) of subsection (b) of this section may be a
46 member of the General Assembly.

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

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

55 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
56 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce
57 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

58 (g) Not later than January 1, 2024, the task force shall submit a
59 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
60 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
61 relating to commerce, transportation and the environment in
62 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.
63 The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or
64 January 1, 2024, whichever is later.

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

CE *Joint Favorable*