



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 1026

January Session, 2021



AN ACT CONCERNING TRAINING FOR CERTAIN PLANNING AND ZONING OFFICIALS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2021*) (a) On and after January 1,
2 2023, each member of a municipal planning commission, zoning
3 commission, combined planning and zoning commission and zoning
4 board of appeals shall, within one year of election or appointment to
5 such commission or board, complete not less than five hours of training
6 designed to assist such member in the effective performance of such
7 member's duties. Not less than two hours of such training shall include
8 education on alternative or affordable housing.

9 (b) Training required pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall
10 be (1) provided through the Department of Housing or the Land Use
11 Academy at the Center for Land Use Education and Research at The
12 University of Connecticut, or (2) certified by the Connecticut Chapter of
13 the American Planning Association, the planning and zoning section of
14 the Connecticut Bar Association or a similar professional land use
15 association. Training may be conducted in a variety of formats,
16 including, but not limited to, electronic media, a video or distance
17 learning program or in a traditional classroom setting.

18 (c) Not later than March 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, each

19 planning commission, zoning commission, combined planning and
20 zoning commission and zoning board of appeals shall submit a
21 statement to the legislative body of the municipality for such
22 commission or board affirming compliance with the training
23 requirement established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section by
24 each member of such commission or board required to complete such
25 training in the calendar year ending the preceding December thirty-first,
26 except that any planning commission may instead include such
27 statement in the annual report required pursuant to subsection (a) of
28 section 8-19 of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	New section

PD *Joint Favorable Subst.*