



**Substitute Senate Bill No. 1039**

**Special Act No. 21-25**

**AN ACT CONCERNING BLOCKCHAIN AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES.**

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

Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section:

(1) "Blockchain technology" means distributed ledger technology that uses a distributed, decentralized, shared and replicated ledger that may be public or private, permissioned or permissionless and that may include the use of electronic currencies or electronic tokens as a medium of electronic exchange; and

(2) "Distributed ledger technology" means any database that is consensually shared and synchronized across multiple sites, institutions or geographies allowing for public witnesses to such transactions and may include supporting infrastructure, including blockchain technology.

(b) On or before October 1, 2021, the Department of Administrative Services shall develop and issue a request for information for the incorporation of blockchain technology to make a state administrative function more efficient or cost-effective.

(c) Not later than January 1, 2022, the Commissioner of

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Administrative Services shall evaluate the responses to the request for information and submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, identifying department functions that may be made more efficient or cost-effective by blockchain technology to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce and government administration.

Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) On or before January 1, 2022, the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, in consultation with AdvanceCT, shall develop a plan to support the state's remote work economy, including, but not limited to, the promotion of existing remote work workspaces and incentives for the creation of new remote work workspaces in the state, including in central business district locations, underutilized office space and unoccupied shopping malls. Not later than January 1, 2022, the commissioner shall submit, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, such plan to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce.