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Public Act No. 10-158

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PERMIT AND REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND ESTABLISHING AN OFFICE OF THE PERMIT OMBUDSMAN WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

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

Section 1. Section 22a-6p of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) Not later than seven days from the effective date of this section, the Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall commence a review of the existing timeframes for the review of all individual permits issued by the department. Not later than September 30, 2010, the commissioner shall issue a comprehensive report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the Governor and the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the environment that (1) proposes a plan to establish a pilot expedited permitting process for not less than two hundred representative manufacturing or other industrial facilities, (2) prescribes changes to be made to the department's review schedules for individual permits, including reducing the timeframes for identifying deficiencies in permit applications and issuing tentative determinations in accordance with subdivisions (2) and (3) of

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subsection (b) of this section, and (3) indentifies the process improvements, additional resources, staffing and programmatic changes necessary to meet such timeframes.

(b) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall adopt regulations [on or before October 1, 1996,] in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, establishing schedules for timely action for each application for a permit for activity regulated under this title. Such schedules may be based on the lengths of time that the commissioner deems appropriate for different categories of permit applications and permits and may address situations when more than one permit is required for the regulated activity. Each such schedule shall contain the following:

(1) A provision that the schedule shall begin when an application is received by the Department of Environmental Protection, any public notice requirements have been fulfilled and the application fee is paid;

(2) One or more periods of reasonable length, based on the nature and complexity of the review required of the department, at the end of which time the department shall issue a decision to grant or deny the permit or identify deficiencies in the application, provided the schedule may also reasonably limit the amount of time in which the applicant may remedy such deficiencies. All reasonable efforts shall be made by the department to ensure that deficiencies in any application for a permit are identified and the applicant notified in writing of such deficiencies not later than sixty days after the department receives such application;

(3) A period of reasonable length, based on the nature and complexity of the review required of the commissioner, beginning with receipt of materials submitted by the applicant in response to the commissioner's identification of deficiencies, at the end of which time the commissioner shall issue a tentative determination to grant or deny

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the permit. All reasonable efforts shall be made by the department to issue a tentative determination to grant or deny a permit not later than one hundred eighty days after the department determines that the application materials are sufficient, provided such one-hundred-eighty-day period shall not include any period of time during which the commissioner has requested, in writing, and is waiting to receive, additional application materials from an applicant;

(4) A period of reasonable length after such tentative determination and the conclusion of any public hearing held with regard to such decision;

(5) Allowance for applicable state or federal public participation requirements; and

(6) A provision extending the time periods set forth in subdivisions (2) and (3) of this subsection when action by another state agency or a federal or municipal agency is required before the commissioner may act, when (A) judicial proceedings affect the ability of the commissioner or the applicant to proceed with the application, (B) the commissioner has commenced enforcement proceedings which could result in revocation of an existing permit for the facility or regulated activity that is the subject of the application and denial of the application, or (C) the applicant provides written assent extending any applicable time period.

(c) The commissioner shall annually compile and report on the department's Internet web site, by category of permit, instances in which the schedules for timely action set forth in this subsection were not achieved and explanations for the department's inability to meet such timeframes.

Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall, in coordination with representatives

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from environmental groups, the business community and municipalities, undertake a study of (1) the impact of Connecticut's Environmental Protection Act on (A) the business community, (B) the timeliness and certainty of the permitting process under such act, and (C) the efficacy of the permitting process under such act in protecting and preserving the environment, and (2) existing procedures regarding the issuance of general permits for activities regulated under said act. The commissioner, in consultation with such representatives, shall make recommendations designed to improve the process of issuing such permits and reduce the length of time to issue final determinations for such permits. Not later than September 30, 2010, the commissioner shall report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the Governor and the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the environment the findings of such study, the resulting recommendations and any proposed revisions to the general statutes to effectuate such recommendations.

(b) For purposes of streamlining the permit process, the commissioner shall conduct an analysis of the process followed for hearings conducted by the department's office of adjudications, including consideration of appropriate public participation and compliance by the department with hearing requirements of the federal Clean Water Act, 33 USC 1251 et seq. Not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section, the commissioner shall implement procedures to increase the use of settlement conferences, enforce the requirement for submittal of prehearing evidence and require the filing of prehearing written testimony.

Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2010*) (a) As used in this section:

(1) "Jobs" means permanent, full-time equivalent positions, not including construction jobs;

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(2) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development;

(3) "Permit applications" means applications for state permits and licenses; and

(4) "Permit ombudsman" means the office of the permit ombudsman established within the Department of Economic and Community Development under this section.

(b) (1) The commissioner shall establish an office of the permit ombudsman for the purpose of expediting review of permit applications for projects that would (A) create at least one hundred jobs, (B) create fifty jobs, if such project is to be located in an enterprise zone designated pursuant to section 32-70 of the general statutes, (C) be located in a brownfield, as defined in section 32-9cc of the general statutes, (D) be compatible with the state's responsible growth initiatives, (E) be considered transit-oriented development, as defined in section 13b-79kk of the general statutes, (F) develop green technology business, or (G) meet the criteria set forth in subdivision (2) of this subsection. Projects ineligible for review under this section are projects for which the primary purpose is to (i) effect the final disposal of solid waste, biomedical waste or hazardous waste in this state, (ii) produce electrical power, unless the production of electricity is incidental and not the primary function of the project, (iii) extract natural resources, (iv) produce oil, or (v) construct, maintain or operate an oil, petroleum, natural gas or sewage pipeline. For purposes of this section, "responsible growth initiatives" includes the principles of smart growth, as defined in section 1 of public act 09-230, and "green technology business" means an eligible business with not less than twenty-five per cent of its employment positions being positions in which green technology is employed or developed and may include the occupation codes identified as green jobs by the Department of Economic and Community Development and the Labor Department

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for such purposes.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection, the commissioner may, upon consideration of the economic impact factors of the project that include, but are not limited to: (A) The proposed wage and skill levels relative to those existing in the area in which the project may be located, (B) the project's potential to diversify and strengthen the state and local economy, (C) the amount of capital investment, and (D) in the judgment of the commissioner, after consultation with the Departments of Environmental Protection, Transportation and Public Health that there is consistency with the strategic economic development priorities of the state and the municipality, deem projects eligible for expedited permitting pursuant to this section.

(c) The Departments of Environmental Protection, Transportation and Public Health shall each designate through existing and available resources one or more staff members to act as a business ombudsmen and a liaison between their offices and the permit ombudsmen. The Commissioners of Economic and Community Development, Environmental Protection, Transportation and Public Health shall enter into a memorandum of understanding concerning each entity's responsibilities with respect to the permit ombudsmen and the process for expediting eligible permit applications, which shall include appropriate opportunities for public participation.

(d) The memorandum of understanding may provide for the waiver or modification of procedural rules prescribing forms, fees, procedures or time limits for the review or processing of permit applications under the jurisdiction of those agencies. Notwithstanding any other provision of the general statutes, to the extent feasible, the memorandum of understanding shall provide for proceedings and hearings otherwise held separately by the parties to be combined into one proceeding or held jointly and at one location. Such waivers or modifications shall

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not be available for permit applications governed by federally delegated or approved permitting programs, the requirements of which would prohibit, or be inconsistent with, such waivers or modifications. In no event shall the memorandum of understanding waive requirements of environmental statutes or regulations.

(e) The permit ombudsman may solicit assistance of volunteers from the private sector, including a state-wide business association, the Office of Responsible Growth and from an association representing small businesses. Said volunteers may assist the permit ombudsman in developing the guidelines established pursuant to subsection (f) of this section.

(f) The permit ombudsman, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, shall establish, pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, guidelines to be used in working with state permitting authorities to implement the provisions of this section. Guidelines shall include, but are not limited to, the following: (1) An agency contact point for filing permit applications and for obtaining information on permit requirements; (2) identification of the individual or individuals within each respective agency who shall be responsible for processing the expedited permit application; (3) a mandatory preapplication review process to reduce permitting conflicts by providing guidance to applicants on (A) the permits needed from each agency, (B) specifications for site planning and development, site suitability and limitations and facility design, and (C) steps the applicant can take to ensure expeditious permit application and local comprehensive plan amendment review; (4) a single, coordinated project description form and checklist and an agreement by state agencies to reduce the necessity that an applicant provide duplicate information to multiple agencies; and (5) an application fee structure for permit expedition.

(g) The permit ombudsman, at the request of the Commissioner of

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Economic and Community Development, may request the assistance of any other department, board, commission or other agency of the state to assist in providing information and assistance as said permit ombudsman determines necessary to expedite its duties and responsibilities. Each officer or employee of such office, department, board, commission or other agency of the state shall make reasonable efforts to cooperate with the permit ombudsman.

(h) The expedited permitting process established pursuant to this section shall not modify, qualify or otherwise alter existing agency nonprocedural standards for permit applications, unless expressly authorized by law. If it is determined that the applicant is not eligible to use this process, the applicant may apply for permitting of the project through the normal permitting processes.

Sec. 4. Section 22a-6q of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

When the commissioner determines, based on the size, novelty, complexity or technical difficulty of a project, that work cannot be completed within the schedule for timely action applicable to a permit application pursuant to subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of section 22a-6p, as amended by this act, the commissioner shall notify the applicant of such determination within thirty days of receiving the permit application and shall, within forty-five days of providing such notice, establish an alternative permit schedule for timely action.

Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2010*) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection may continue in effect any general permit issued by the commissioner pursuant to the provisions of title 22a of the general statutes, for a period of twelve months beyond the expiration date for such permit, provided the commissioner publishes notice, not later than one hundred eighty days prior to the expiration date of such general permit of the intent to renew such general permit

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in accordance with any applicable provision of title 22a of the general statutes. Any such general permit continued in effect beyond its expiration date shall remain in effect until the commissioner makes a final decision on the renewal of such general permit, in accordance with the provisions of title 22a of the general statutes, provided such final decision is made on or before the twelfth month after the expiration date. If no final decision is made within such time period, such general permit shall expire. The commissioner may require the remittance of a registration fee in an amount not to exceed the existing registration fee for such general permit whenever a general permit is continued in effect beyond its expiration date in accordance with the provisions of this section. Nothing in this section shall affect the obligation of any person to register for a general permit pursuant to the provisions of title 22a of the general statutes in a timely fashion or to comply with any general permit issued by the commissioner pursuant to the provisions of title 22a of the general statutes.

Sec. 6. Subsection (j) of section 22a-430 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):

(j) (1) The commissioner may exempt persons who or municipalities which apply for permits for the following discharges from the requirement to submit plans and specifications under subsection (b) of this section:

(A) A discharge from a new treatment or disposal system which system is substantially the same as a system that the applicant is operating in compliance with a permit for said system issued by the commissioner;

(B) The discharge is described in a general permit issued by the commissioner pursuant to section 22a-430b;

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(C) The discharge is from a system, the purpose of which, as determined by the commissioner, is not to treat any toxic or hazardous substances; or

(D) The discharge is exempt from public notice under subsection (b) of section 22a-430 and regulations adopted thereunder.

(2) The commissioner [may] shall adopt regulations not later than June 30, 2011, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to establish other categories of discharges which may be exempted from the requirement to submit plans and specifications under subsection (b) of this section. Such regulations may include, but not be limited to, the following: (A) Minimum standards for the design and operation of treatment systems for such discharges; and (B) requirements for submission of information concerning such discharges.

Sec. 7. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Whenever the Commissioner of Environmental Protection is required to hold a hearing prior to approving or denying an application upon receipt of a timely-filed petition signed by at least twenty-five persons pursuant to sections 22a-32, 22a-39, 22a-42a, 22a-45a, 22a-94, 22a-174, 22a-208a, 22a-349a, 22a-361, 22a-363b, 22a-371, 22a-378a, 22a-403, 22a-411, 22a-430 and 25-68d of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation of the Connecticut state agencies provides that the Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall hold a hearing prior to approving or denying an application upon receipt of a timely-filed petition signed by at least twenty-five persons, such petition may designate a person authorized to withdraw such petition. Such authorized person may engage in discussions regarding an application and, if a resolution is reached, may withdraw the petition.

(b) If a petition is withdrawn, the authorized person shall file written notice with the commissioner and serve a copy of the withdrawal notice upon all parties and intervenors, if any, to the

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proceeding. The withdrawal of a petition shall result in the termination of the hearing process initiated by the petition. If the commissioner receives more than one petition that requires the holding of a hearing, all such petitions shall be withdrawn for the hearing to terminate pursuant to this section.

(c) If the petition is withdrawn after notice of a public hearing has been published, the commissioner shall publish or cause to be published, at the applicant's expense, once in a newspaper having a substantial circulation in the affected area, notice of the termination of such hearing due to the withdrawal of a petition pursuant to this section.

(d) Notwithstanding the withdrawal of any petitions pursuant to this section, the commissioner may hold a public hearing, continue with a public hearing for which notice has been published or complete a public hearing that has already commenced prior to approving or denying an application, if the commissioner determines that holding or continuing such public hearing is in the public interest.

Sec. 8. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) For purposes of this section, "consulting services program" means a program within the Department of Environment Protection that is substantially similar to the consulting services program administered by the Labor Department's Division of Occupational Safety and Health, under which program civil penalties are not incurred and notices of violations are not issued as the result of the consultation process, provided any noncompliance identified by the consultation process is limited to minor violations, as defined in section 22a-6s of the general statutes, and reasonable efforts are made by the regulated entity to comply with environmental laws and regulations.

(b) Not later than September 1, 2010, the Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall commence negotiations with the

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United States Environmental Protection Agency for the purposes of creating a consulting services program within the Department of Environmental Protection.

(c) Not later than October 31, 2010, the Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall reallocate existing resources and adjust existing policies to implement such consulting services program in accordance with any applicable requirement of the United States Environmental Protection Agency. If United States Environmental Protection Agency requirements are incompatible with the implementation of such consulting services program, the commissioner shall consult with representatives from regulated entities to implement alternative programs to provide compliance assistance for businesses and municipalities. Such alternative programs may include, but need not be limited to, training sessions or other materials made available on the department's Internet web site, best management practices manuals and any other form of compliance assistance.

Sec. 9. Section 22a-426 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective March 1, 2011*):

(a) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall adopt [, and may thereafter amend,] regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 to establish standards of water quality applicable to the various waters of the state or portions thereof. [as provided in this section.] Such standards shall be consistent with the federal Water Pollution Control Act and shall be for the purpose of qualifying the state and its municipalities for available federal grants and for the purpose of providing clear and objective public policy statements of a general program to improve the water resources of the state; provided no standard of water quality adopted shall plan for, encourage or permit any wastes to be discharged into any of the waters of the state without having first received the treatment

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available and necessary for the elimination of pollution. Such standards of quality shall: (1) Apply to interstate waters or portions thereof within the state; (2) apply to such other waters within the state as the commissioner may determine is necessary; (3) protect the public health and welfare and promote the economic development of the state; (4) preserve and enhance the quality of state waters for present and prospective future use for public water supplies, propagation of fish and aquatic life and wildlife, recreational purposes and agricultural, industrial and other legitimate uses; (5) be consistent with health standards as established by the Department of Public Health. Notwithstanding the thirty-day-notice requirement prescribed by subsection (a) of section 4-168, the department shall provide a notice not later than ninety days prior to proposing any regulation in accordance with this section, including, but not limited to, notice of the availability of the underlying documentation that forms the basis for the standards sought to be adopted, amended or repealed by such proposed regulation.

[(b) Prior to adopting, amending or repealing standards of water quality, the commissioner shall conduct a public hearing. Notice of such hearing specifying the waters for which standards are sought to be adopted, amended or repealed and the time, date and place of such hearing shall be published as provided in said subdivision (1) of section 22a-6 and also at least twice during the thirty-day period preceding the date of the hearing in a newspaper having a general circulation in the area affected and shall be given by certified mail to the chief executive officer of each municipality in such area. Prior to the hearing the commissioner shall make available to any interested person any information he has as to the water which is the subject of the hearing and the standards under consideration, and shall afford to any interested person the opportunity to submit to him any written material. At the hearing, any person shall have the right to make a written or oral presentation. A full transcript or recording of each

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hearing shall be made and kept available in the files of the Department of Environmental Protection.]

[(c)] (b) The commissioner shall establish the effective date of the adoption, amendment or repeal of standards of water quality, subject to the provisions of subdivision (1) of section 22a-6. Notice of such adoption, amendment or repeal shall be published in the Connecticut Law Journal upon acceptance thereof by the federal government.

[(d)] (c) The commissioner shall monitor the quality of the subject waters to demonstrate the results of his program to abate pollution.

Sec. 10. Subsection (b) of section 4-168a of the 2010 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):

(b) Prior to the adoption of any proposed regulation, each agency shall prepare a regulatory flexibility analysis in which the agency shall, [consider utilizing] to the extent appropriate, utilize regulatory methods that will accomplish the objectives of applicable statutes while minimizing adverse impact on small businesses. Such regulatory methods shall be consistent with public health, safety and welfare. The agency shall [consider, without limitation] use, to the extent appropriate, each of the following methods of reducing the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses:

(1) The establishment of less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;

(2) The establishment of less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;

(3) The consolidation or simplification of compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;

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(4) The establishment of performance standards for small businesses to replace design or operational standards required in the proposed regulation; and

(5) The exemption of small businesses from all or any part of the requirements contained in the proposed regulation.

Sec. 11. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force to study the implementation by all state agencies of additional disclosure requirements, similar to the current practice of the Department of Environmental Protection, as provided in subsection (h) of section 22a-6 of the general statutes, when such agencies propose regulations pertaining to activities for which the federal government has adopted standards or procedures.

(b) The task force shall consist of the Commissioners of Children and Families, Public Health, Social Services and Transportation, and the Banking Department, or their designees. The Governor shall appoint the chairperson of the task force not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section.

(c) Not later than October 1, 2010, the task force shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the Governor and to the standing legislative regulation review committee, on its findings and recommendations including the anticipated impact of such additional disclosure requirements on state agencies. The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report.

Sec. 12. Subsection (a) of section 32-1m of the 2010 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):

(a) Not later than February 1, 2006, and annually thereafter, the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall

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submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a. Not later than thirty days after submission of the report to the Governor and the General Assembly, said commissioner shall post the report on the Department of Economic and Community Development's web site. Said report shall include, but not be limited to, the following information with regard to the activities of the Department of Economic and Community Development during the preceding state fiscal year:

(1) A brief description and assessment of the state's economy during such year, utilizing the most recent and reasonably available data, and including:

(A) Connecticut employment by industry;

(B) Connecticut and national average unemployment;

(C) Connecticut gross state product, by industry;

(D) Connecticut productivity, by industry, compared to the national average;

(E) Connecticut manufacturing activity;

(F) Identification of economic and competitive conditions affecting Connecticut's industry sectors, problems resulting from these conditions and state efforts to address the problems;

(G) A brief summary of Connecticut's competitiveness as a place for business, which shall include, but not be limited to, an evaluation of (i) how the programs and policies of state government affect the state economy and state business environment, (ii) the ability of the state to retain and attract businesses, (iii) the steps taken by other states to improve the competitiveness of such states as places for business, and (iv) programs and policies the state could implement to improve the

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competitiveness of the state in order to encourage economic growth;
and

(H) Any other economic information that the commissioner deems appropriate.

(2) A statement of the department's economic and community development objectives, measures of program success and standards for granting financial and nonfinancial assistance under programs administered by the department.

(3) An analysis of the economic development portfolio of the department, including:

(A) A list of the names, addresses and locations of all recipients of the department's assistance;

(B) The following information concerning each recipient of such assistance: (i) Business activities, (ii) standard industrial classification codes or North American industrial classification codes, (iii) number of full-time jobs and part-time jobs at the time of application, (iv) number of actual full-time jobs and actual part-time jobs during the preceding state fiscal year, (v) whether the recipient is a minority or woman-owned business, (vi) a summary of the terms and conditions for the assistance, including the type and amount of state financial assistance, job creation or retention requirements and anticipated wage rates, (vii) the amount of investments from private and other nonstate sources that have been leveraged by the assistance, (viii) the extent to which employees of the recipient participate in health benefit plans offered by such recipient, (ix) the extent to which the recipient offers unique economic, social, cultural or aesthetic attributes to the municipality in which the recipient is located or to the state, and (x) the amount of state investment;

(C) A portfolio analysis, including (i) an analysis of the wages paid

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by recipients of financial assistance, (ii) the average portfolio wage, median portfolio wage, highest and lowest portfolio wage, (iii) portfolio wage data by industry, and (iv) portfolio wage data by municipality;

(D) An investment analysis, including (i) total portfolio value, (ii) total investment by industry, (iii) portfolio dollar per job average, (iv) portfolio leverage ratio, and (v) percentage of financial assistance which was provided to high performance work organizations in the preceding state fiscal year; and

(E) An analysis of the estimated economic effects of the department's economic development investments on the state's economy, including (i) contribution to gross state product for the total economic development portfolio and for any investment activity occurring in the preceding state fiscal year, (ii) direct and indirect employment created by the investments for the total portfolio and for any investment activity occurring in the preceding state fiscal year, (iii) productivity of recipients of financial assistance as a result of the department's investment occurring in the preceding state fiscal year, (iv) directly or indirectly increased property values in the municipalities in which the recipients of assistance are located, and (v) personal income.

(4) An analysis of the community development portfolio of the department, including:

(A) A list of the names, addresses and locations of all recipients of the department's assistance;

(B) The following information concerning each recipient of such assistance: (i) Amount of state investment, (ii) a summary of the terms and conditions for the department's assistance, including the type and amount of state financial assistance, and (iii) the amount of

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investments from private and other nonstate sources that have been leveraged by such assistance;

(C) An investment analysis, including (i) total active portfolio value, (ii) total investments made in the preceding state fiscal year, (iii) total portfolio by municipality, (iv) total investments made in the preceding state fiscal year categorized by municipality, (v) total portfolio leverage ratio, and (vi) leverage ratio of the total investments made in the preceding state fiscal year; and

(D) An analysis of the estimated economic effects of the department's economic development investments on the state's economy, including (i) contribution to gross state product for the total portfolio and for any investment activity occurring in the preceding state fiscal year, (ii) direct and indirect employment created by the investments for the total portfolio and for any investment activity occurring in the preceding state fiscal year, (iii) productivity of recipients of financial assistance as a result of the department's investment occurring in the preceding state fiscal year, (iv) directly or indirectly increased property values in the municipalities in which the recipients are located, and (v) personal income.

(5) A summary of the department's economic and community development marketing efforts in the preceding state fiscal year, a summary of the department's business recruitment strategies and activities in such year, and a summary of the department's efforts to assist small businesses and minority business enterprises in such year.

(6) A summary of the department's international trade efforts in the preceding state fiscal year, and, to the extent possible, a summary of foreign direct investment that occurred in the state in such year.

(7) Identification of existing economic clusters, the formation of new economic clusters, the measures taken by the commissioner during the

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preceding state fiscal year to encourage the growth of economic clusters and the amount of bond funds expended by the department during the previous fiscal year on each economic cluster.

(8) (A) A summary of the department's brownfield-related efforts and activities within the Office of Brownfield Remediation and Development established pursuant to subsections (a) to (f), inclusive, of section 32-9cc in the preceding state fiscal year, except for activity under the Special Contaminated Property Remediation and Insurance Fund program. Such efforts shall include, but not be limited to, (i) total portfolio investment in brownfield remediation projects, (ii) total investment in brownfield remediation projects in the preceding state fiscal year, (iii) total number of brownfield remediation projects, (iv) total number of brownfield remediation projects in the preceding state fiscal year, (v) total of reclaimed and remediated acreage, (vi) total of reclaimed and remediated acreage in the preceding state fiscal year, (vii) leverage ratio for the total portfolio investment in brownfield remediation projects, and (viii) leverage ratio for the total portfolio investment in brownfield remediation projects in the preceding state fiscal year. Such summary shall include a list of such brownfield remediation projects and, for each such project, the name of the developer and the location by street address and municipality and a tracking of all funds administered through or by said office;

(B) A summary of the department's efforts with regard to the Special Contaminated Property Remediation and Insurance Fund, including, but not limited to, (i) the number of applications received in the preceding state fiscal year, (ii) the number and amounts of loans made in such year, (iii) the names of the applicants for such loans, (iv) the average time period between submission of application and the decision to grant or deny the loan, (v) a list of the applications approved and the applications denied and the reasons for such denials, and (vi) for each project, the location by street address and

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municipality; and

(C) A summary of the department's efforts with regard to the dry cleaning grant program, established pursuant to section 12-263m, including, but not limited to, (i) information as to the number of applications received, (ii) the number and amounts of grants made since the inception of the program, (iii) the names of the applicants, (iv) the time period between submission of application and the decision to grant or deny the loan, (v) which applications were approved and which applications were denied and the reasons for any denials, and (vi) a recommendation as to whether the surcharge and grant program established pursuant to section 12-263m should continue.

(9) The following information concerning enterprise zones designated under section 32-70:

(A) A statement of the current goals for enterprise zones;

(B) A statement of the current performance standards to measure the progress of municipalities that have enterprise zones in attaining the goals for such zones;

(C) A report from each municipality that has an enterprise zone, which evaluates the progress of the municipality in meeting the performance standards established under section 32-70a; and

(D) An assessment of the performance of each enterprise zone based on information collected under subparagraph (C) of this subdivision.

(10) With regard to the grant program designated pursuant to sections 32-324a to 32-324e, inclusive, an assessment of program performance.

(11) With regard to the fuel diversification program designated

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pursuant to section 32-324g, an assessment of program performance.

(12) With regard to the department's housing-development-related functions and activities:

(A) A brief description and assessment of the state's housing market during the preceding state fiscal year, utilizing the most recent and reasonably available data, and including, but not limited to, (i) a brief description of the significant characteristics of such market, including supply, demand and condition and cost of housing, and (ii) any other information that the commissioner deems appropriate;

(B) A comprehensive assessment of current and future needs for rental assistance under section 8-119kk for housing projects for the elderly and disabled, in consultation with the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority;

(C) An analysis of the progress of the public and private sectors toward meeting housing needs in the state, using building permit data from the United States Census Bureau and demolition data from Connecticut municipalities;

(D) A list of municipalities that meet the affordable housing criteria set forth in subsection (k) of section 8-30g, pursuant to regulations that the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall adopt pursuant to the provisions of chapter 54. For the purpose of determining the percentage required by subsection (k) of said section 8-30g, the commissioner shall use as the denominator the number of dwelling units in the municipality, as reported in the most recent United States decennial census; and

(E) A statement of the department's housing development objectives, measures of program success and standards for granting financial and nonfinancial assistance under programs administered by said commissioner.

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(13) A presentation of the state-funded housing development portfolio of the department, including:

(A) A list of the names, addresses and locations of all recipients of such assistance; and

(B) For each such recipient, (i) a summary of the terms and conditions for the assistance, including the type and amount of state financial assistance, (ii) the amount of investments from private and other nonstate sources that have been leveraged by the assistance, (iii) the number of new units to be created and the number of units to be preserved at the time of the application, and (iv) the number of actual new units created and number of units preserved.

(14) An analysis of the state-funded housing development portfolio of the department, including:

(A) An investment analysis, including the (i) total active portfolio value, (ii) total investment made in the preceding state fiscal year, (iii) portfolio dollar per new unit created, (iv) estimated dollars per new unit created for projects receiving an assistance award in the preceding state fiscal year, (v) portfolio dollars per unit preserved, (vi) estimated dollar per unit preserved for projects receiving an assistance award in the preceding state fiscal year, (vii) portfolio leverage ratio, and (viii) leverage ratio for housing development investments made in the preceding state fiscal year; and

(B) A production and preservation analysis, including (i) the total number of units created, itemized by municipality, for the total portfolio and projects receiving an assistance award in the preceding state fiscal year, (ii) the total number of elderly units created for the total portfolio and for projects receiving an assistance award in the preceding state fiscal year, (iii) the total number of family units created for the total portfolio and for projects receiving an assistance award in

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the preceding state fiscal year, (iv) the total number of units preserved, itemized by municipality, for the total portfolio and projects receiving an assistance award in the preceding state fiscal year, (v) the total number of elderly units preserved for the total portfolio and for projects receiving an assistance award in the preceding state fiscal year, (vi) the total number of family units preserved for the total portfolio and for projects receiving an assistance award in the preceding state fiscal year, (vii) an analysis by income group of households served by the department's housing construction, substantial rehabilitation, purchase and rental assistance programs, for each housing development, if applicable, and for each program, including number of households served under each program by race and data for all households, and (viii) a summary of the department's efforts in promoting fair housing choice and racial and economic integration, including data on the racial composition of the occupants and persons on the waiting list of each housing project that is assisted under any housing program established by the general statutes or a special act or that is supervised by the department, provided no information shall be required to be disclosed by any occupant or person on a waiting list for the preparation of such summary. As used in this subparagraph, "elderly units" means dwelling units for which occupancy is restricted by age, and "family units" means dwelling units for which occupancy is not restricted by age.

(15) An economic impact analysis of the department's housing development efforts and activities, including, but not limited to:

(A) The contribution of such efforts and activities to the gross state product;

(B) The direct and indirect employment created by the investments for the total housing development portfolio and for any investment activity for such portfolio occurring in the preceding state fiscal year; and

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(C) Personal income in the state.

(16) With regard to the Housing Trust Fund and Housing Trust Fund program, as those terms are defined in section 8-336m:

(A) Activities for the prior fiscal year of the Housing Trust Fund and the Housing Trust Fund program; and

(B) The efforts of the department to obtain private support for the Housing Trust Fund and the Housing Trust Fund program.

(17) With regard to the department's energy conservation loan program:

(A) The number of loans or deferred loans made during the preceding fiscal year under each component of such program and the total amount of the loans or deferred loans made during such fiscal year under each such component;

(B) A description of each step of the loan or deferred loan application and review process;

(C) The location of each loan or deferred loan application intake site for such program;

(D) The average time period for the processing of loan or deferred loan applications during such fiscal year; and

(E) The total administrative expenses of such program for such fiscal year.

(18) An assessment of the performance of the Connecticut qualified biodiesel producer incentive account grant program established pursuant to sections 32-324a to 32-324e, inclusive.

(19) An assessment of the performance of the fuel diversification

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grant program established pursuant to section 32-324g.

(20) A summary of the total social and economic impact of the department's efforts and activities in the areas of economic, community and housing development, and an assessment of the department's performance in terms of meeting its stated goals and objectives.

(21) With regard to the office of the permit ombudsman, established pursuant to section 3 of this act:

(A) The names of applicants for expedited review;

(B) The date of request for expedited review;

(C) The basis upon which the applicant claimed eligibility for expedited review;

(D) State agencies that participated in the permit review process;

(E) The dates on which the permit was granted or denied via the expedited review process or the date the applicant was determined not to be eligible for expedited review; and

(F) If applicable, the reason the applicant was determined not to be eligible for the expedited review process.

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