



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1026

LCO No. 4696



Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by:
(PD)

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, any municipality may, by ordinance, annually require each
3 member of such municipality's planning commission, zoning
4 commission, combined planning and zoning commission and zoning
5 board of appeals, as applicable, to complete not less than four hours of
6 training designed to assist such members in the effective performance
7 of such members' duties. Not less than two hours of training shall
8 include education on alternative or affordable housing. Any member
9 that completes training in excess of four hours in a year may count not
10 more than four hours of such excess training toward satisfying such
11 member's training requirement for the next calendar year.

12 (b) Training required pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall
13 be (1) provided through the Department of Housing or the Land Use
14 Academy at the Center for Land Use Education and Research at The
15 University of Connecticut, or (2) certified by the Connecticut Chapter of

16 the American Planning Association, the planning and zoning section of
17 the Connecticut Bar Association or a similar professional land use
18 association. Training may be conducted in a variety of formats,
19 including, but not limited to, electronic media, a video or distance
20 learning program or in a traditional classroom setting.

21 (c) Not later than March 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, each
22 planning commission, zoning commission, combined planning and
23 zoning commission or zoning board of appeals that becomes subject to
24 the training requirement of subsection (a) of this section, shall submit a
25 statement to the legislative body of the municipality for such
26 commission or board affirming compliance with such training
27 requirement by each member of such commission or board, except that
28 any planning commission may instead include such statement in the
29 annual report required pursuant to subsection (a) of section 8-19 of the
30 general statutes.

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

Statement of Purpose:

To permit municipalities to require training for members of planning commissions, zoning commissions, combined planning and zoning commissions and zoning boards of appeals.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]