



**AN ACT CONCERNING REVENUE AND OTHER ITEMS TO  
IMPLEMENT THE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30,  
2017**

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

1       Section 1. Section 22a-352 of the general statutes is repealed by the  
2       following:

3       "(a) Not later than July 1, 2017, the Water Planning Council,  
4       established pursuant to section 25-33o, shall, within available  
5       appropriations, prepare a state water plan for the management of the  
6       water resources of the state. In developing such state water plan, the  
7       Water Planning Council shall: (1) Design a unified planning program  
8       and budget; (2) consider regional water and sewer facilities plans; (3)  
9       identify the appropriate regions of the state for comprehensive water  
10      planning; (4) identify the data needs and develop a consistent format  
11      for submitting data to the council, applicable state agencies and  
12      regional councils of governments for use in planning and permitting;  
13      (5) consider the potential impact of climate change on the availability  
14      and abundance of water resources and the importance of climate

15 resiliency; (6) seek involvement of interested parties; (7) solicit input  
16 from the advisory group established pursuant to section 25-33o; (8)  
17 consider individual water supply plans, water quality standards,  
18 stream flow classifications, as described in regulations adopted  
19 pursuant to section 26-141b, water utility coordinating committee  
20 plans, the state plan of conservation and development, as described in  
21 section 16a-30, and any other planning documents deemed necessary  
22 by the council; (9) promote the adoption of municipal ordinances  
23 based on the State of Connecticut Model Water Use Restriction  
24 Ordinance for municipal water emergencies; and (10) examine  
25 appropriate mechanisms for resolving conflicts related to the  
26 implementation of the state water plan.

27 [\(i\) New paragraph](#)

28 [\(ii\) a new one](#)

29 [\(ii\) other paragraph](#)

30 [\(iv\) the last one.](#)

31 (b) The state water plan developed pursuant to subsection (a) of this  
32 section shall: (1) Identify the quantities and qualities of water that are  
33 available for public water supply, health, economic, recreation and  
34 environmental benefits on a regional basin scale considering both  
35 surface water and groundwater; (2) identify present and projected  
36 demands for water resources on a state-wide and regional basin scale;  
37 (3) recommend the utilization of the state's water resources, including  
38 surface and subsurface water, in a manner that balances public water  
39 supply, economic development, recreation and ecological health; (4)  
40 recommend steps to increase the climate resiliency of existing water  
41 resources and infrastructure; (5) make recommendations for

42 technology and infrastructure upgrades, interconnections and such  
43 major engineering works or special districts which may be necessary,  
44 including the need, timing and general cost thereof; (6) recommend  
45 land use and other measures, including an assessment of land  
46 acquisition or land protection needs, where appropriate to ensure the  
47 desired quality and abundance of water and to promote development  
48 in concert with available water resources; (7) take into account desired  
49 ecological, recreational, agricultural, industrial and commercial use of  
50 water bodies; (8) inform residents of the state about the importance of  
51 water-resource stewardship and conservation; (9) establish  
52 conservation guidelines and incentives for consumer water  
53 conservation with due consideration for energy efficiency; (10) develop  
54 a water reuse policy with incentives for matching the quality of the  
55 water to the use; (11) meet data collection and analysis needs to  
56 provide for data driven water planning and permitting decisions; (12)  
57 take into account the ecological, environmental, public health and  
58 safety and economic impact that implementation of the state water  
59 plan will have on the state; (13) include short and long-range objectives  
60 and strategies to communicate and implement the plan; (14) seek to  
61 incorporate regional and local plans and programs for water use and  
62 management and plans for water and sewerage facilities in the state  
63 water plan; (15) promote intraregional solutions and sharing of water  
64 resources; (16) develop and recommend strategies to address climate  
65 resiliency including the impact of extreme weather events; and (17)  
66 identify modifications to laws and regulations that are necessary in  
67 order to implement the recommendations of the state water plan.

68 (c) The Water Planning Council shall provide a time period of not  
69 less than one hundred twenty days for public review and comment  
70 prior to finalizing such plan. The Commissioners of Public Health and  
71 Energy and Environmental Protection, the chairperson of the Public  
72 Utilities Regulatory Authority and the Secretary of the Office of Policy

73 and Management shall post such draft plan and information  
74 concerning such comment period in a conspicuous location on their  
75 respective web sites. The Council on Environmental Quality shall post  
76 such draft plan and information concerning such comment period in  
77 the Environmental Monitor. The Water Planning Council shall  
78 advertise and hold not less than one public hearing during such public  
79 review and comment period. After such public comment period, the  
80 council shall fully consider all written and oral comments concerning  
81 the proposed state water plan. The council shall make available the  
82 electronic text of the finalized state water plan on an Internet web site  
83 where the finalized state water plan shall be posted and a report  
84 summarizing: (1) All public comments received pursuant to this  
85 subsection, and (2) the changes made to the finalized state water plan  
86 in response to such comments and the reasons for such changes.

87 (d) Not later than January 1, 2018, the Water Planning Council, in  
88 accordance with section 11-4a, shall submit the state water plan to the  
89 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance  
90 of matters relating to the environment, public health, planning and  
91 development and energy and technology for said committees'  
92 approval or disapproval and any recommendations for revisions to the  
93 plan. The council shall submit such report to the Governor  
94 electronically.

95 (e) Said joint standing committees shall conduct a joint public  
96 hearing on the state water plan not later than forty-five days after  
97 receiving the plan pursuant to subsection (d) of this section, provided  
98 the Water Planning Council submits the plan at least sixty days prior  
99 to the end of the 2018 regular session of the General Assembly. If the  
100 Water Planning Council does not submit the plan at least sixty days  
101 prior to the end of the 2018 regular session, said joint standing  
102 committees shall conduct a joint public hearing on the plan not later

103 than forty-five days after the convening of the 2019 regular session of  
104 the General Assembly. Not later than forty-five days after the joint  
105 public hearing, said joint standing committees shall either submit the  
106 plan with said joint standing committees' joint recommendations for  
107 approval to the General Assembly or return the plan to the Water  
108 Planning Council indicating their disapproval and any  
109 recommendations for revisions to the plan.

110 (f) In the event that the General Assembly disapproves or fails to act  
111 on the state water plan, in whole or in part, the state water plan shall  
112 be deemed to be rejected and shall be returned to the Water Planning  
113 Council for revisions and resubmittal to the General Assembly in  
114 accordance with the provisions of subsection (f) of this section.

115 (g) The Water Planning Council shall oversee the implementation  
116 and periodic updates of the state water plan. On or before January 1,  
117 2016, and annually thereafter, the Water Planning Council shall submit  
118 a report, in accordance with section 11-4a, to the joint standing  
119 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
120 relating to the environment, public health, planning and development  
121 and energy and technology on the status of the development and  
122 implementation of the state water plan and any updates to such plan.  
123 On and after January 1, 2016, the report required by this subsection  
124 shall supplant the requirement for an annual report as required  
125 pursuant to section 25-33o."