



**AN ACT CONCERNING REVENUE AND OTHER ITEM 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 Section 22a-352 of the general statutes is repealed and
2 substituted by the 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) Second paragraph added.

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31 customer responses to all theirs problems.

32 (iv) New paragraph

33 (v) Last paragraph.

34 (b) The state water plan developed pursuant to subsection (a) of this
35 section shall: (1) Identify the quantities and qualities of water that are
36 available for public water supply, health, economic, recreation and
37 environmental benefits on a regional basin scale considering both
38 surface water and groundwater; (2) identify present and projected
39 demands for water resources on a state-wide and regional basin scale;
40 (3) recommend the utilization of the state's water resources, including

41 surface and subsurface water, in a manner that balances public water
42 supply, economic development, recreation and ecological health; (4)
43 recommend steps to increase the climate resiliency of existing water
44 resources and infrastructure; (5) make recommendations for
45 technology and infrastructure upgrades, interconnections and such
46 major engineering works or special districts which may be necessary,
47 including the need, timing and general cost thereof; (6) recommend
48 land use and other measures, including an assessment of land
49 acquisition or land protection needs, where appropriate to ensure the
50 desired quality and abundance of water and to promote development
51 in concert with available water resources; (7) take into account desired
52 ecological, recreational, agricultural, industrial and commercial use of
53 water bodies; (8) inform residents of the state about the importance of
54 water-resource stewardship and conservation; (9) establish
55 conservation guidelines and incentives for consumer water
56 conservation with due consideration for energy efficiency; (10) develop
57 a water reuse policy with incentives for matching the quality of the
58 water to the use; (11) meet data collection and analysis needs to
59 provide for data driven water planning and permitting decisions; (12)
60 take into account the ecological, environmental, public health and
61 safety and economic impact that implementation of the state water
62 plan will have on the state; (13) include short and long-range objectives
63 and strategies to communicate and implement the plan; (14) seek to
64 incorporate regional and local plans and programs for water use and
65 management and plans for water and sewerage facilities in the state
66 water plan; (15) promote intraregional solutions and sharing of water
67 resources; (16) develop and recommend strategies to address climate
68 resiliency including the impact of extreme weather events; and (17)
69 identify modifications to laws and regulations that are necessary in
70 order to implement the recommendations of the state water plan.

71 (c) The Water Planning Council shall provide a time period of not
72 less than one hundred twenty days for public review and comment
73 prior to finalizing such plan. The Commissioners of Public Health and
74 Energy and Environmental Protection, the chairperson of the Public
75 Utilities Regulatory Authority and the Secretary of the Office of Policy
76 and Management shall post such draft plan and information
77 concerning such comment period in a conspicuous location on their
78 respective web sites. The Council on Environmental Quality shall post
79 such draft plan and information concerning such comment period in
80 the Environmental Monitor. The Water Planning Council shall
81 advertise and hold not less than one public hearing during such public
82 review and comment period. After such public comment period, the
83 council shall fully consider all written and oral comments concerning
84 the proposed state water plan. The council shall make available the
85 electronic text of the finalized state water plan on an Internet web site
86 where the finalized state water plan shall be posted and a report
87 summarizing: (1) All public comments received pursuant to this
88 subsection, and (2) the changes made to the finalized state water plan
89 in response to such comments and the reasons for such changes.

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

98 (e) Said joint standing committees shall conduct a joint public
99 hearing on the state water plan not later than forty-five days after
100 receiving the plan pursuant to subsection (d) of this section, provided

101 the Water Planning Council submits the plan at least sixty days prior
102 to the end of the 2018 regular session of the General Assembly. If the
103 Water Planning Council does not submit the plan at least sixty days
104 prior to the end of the 2018 regular session, said joint standing
105 committees shall conduct a joint public hearing on the plan not later
106 than forty-five days after the convening of the 2019 regular session of
107 the General Assembly. Not later than forty-five days after the joint
108 public hearing, said joint standing committees shall either submit the
109 plan with said joint standing committees' joint recommendations for
110 approval to the General Assembly or return the plan to the Water
111 Planning Council indicating their disapproval and any
112 recommendations for revisions to the plan.

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

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