

Connecticut Legislative History 101

Summary:

I. **Analyze your statute:** what do you need to know?

- a. Definitions may be provided at the beginning of chapter
- b. Public Act Summary may answer questions without leg. hist.
- c. Look at legislative narrative at end of statute. Not all acts amending a statute may be relevant to your research, particularly if they are technical.

II. **Update your statute.**

Make sure there haven't been any amendments.

III. **Compile legislative history through the CGA website (cga.ct.gov)**

- a. Search for bill history using public act number
- b. Note bill number
- c. Look at joint favorable report
- d. Look at OLR report
- e. Go to Committee page for submitted testimony
- f. Use Advanced Legislative Search to find public hearing and session transcripts

I. Statute analysis

1. Definitions: check for a definitions section in the chapter before compiling a legislative history:

**See chapter 50 re other powers and duties of the Office of Policy and Management.*

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Sec. 16a-1. Legislative findings and purpose.

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Sec. 16a-3b. Implementation of the procurement plan.

Sec. 16a-3c. Electric distribution companies' plans to build electric generation capacity.

Sec. 16a-4. Office of Policy and Management. Staff. Regulations.

Sec. 16a-4a. Office of Policy and Management. Duties and powers.

2. Look at the statute

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Sample statute

Sec. 16a-7b. Infrastructure criteria guidelines. (a) Not later than December 1, 2004, the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board shall develop infrastructure criteria guidelines for the evaluation process under subsection (f) of section 16a-7c, which guidelines shall be ...

(P.A. 03-140, S. 18; P.A. 04-191, S. 1; P.A. 07-242, S. 77, 110.)

Legislation narrative:

History: P.A. 03-140 effective July 1, 2003; P.A. 04-191 added provision re consideration of recommendations and findings of task force in developing environmental preference standards, effective July 1, 2004; P.A. 07-242 designated existing provisions as Subsec. (a) and added Subsec. (b) re limitation on ability of municipality to condemn or restrict operation of existing and operating energy facility, effective June 4, 2007, and deleted reference to the comprehensive energy plan prepared pursuant to Sec. 16a-7a, effective July 1, 2007.

History:

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P.A. 07-242

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- added Subsec. (b) re limitation on ability of municipality to condemn or restrict operation of existing and operating energy facility, effective June 4, 2007, and
- deleted reference to the comprehensive energy plan prepared pursuant to Sec. 16a-7a, effective July 1, 2007.

II. Update statute

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1. Latest revision: 2011 (containing legislation up to December 2010)
2. Browse 2012 supplement (containing legislation up to December 2011)

TITLE 16a

PLANNING AND ENERGY POLICY

16a-3b, 16a-3c, 16a-3d, 16a-3e, 16a-4, 16a-7b, 16a-7c, 16a-13b & 16a-14a

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[16a-22l & 16a-22n](#)

[propane Gas Sales](#)

P.A. 11-80 amended Subsec. (b) to replace reference to Department of Public Utility Control with reference to Public Utilities Regulatory Authority and delete reference to Office of Policy and Management, effective July 1, 2011

3. Updating through present: search 2012 Public Acts

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In this case, the statute was not amended in 2012.

- Keep in mind that the 2013 revision will contain all statutes effective up to December 2012.
- The print version of the 2013 revision should be available around the end of January 2013 and will be loaded on the CGA website at about the same time.
- It will be available later on Lexis, Westlaw and the West annotated statute pocket parts for 2013.

III. Finally, legislative history...

Bare bones:

- Public hearing transcript - transcript of oral testimony before committee
- Session transcripts (House and Senate) - oral questions and answers, and debate on bill

Digging deeper:

- Submitted testimony: letters submitted to committee by interested parties
- Joint favorable report by committee: basic intent of bill and notable oral and submitted testimony.
- Bill analysis: section by section analysis by Office of Legislative Research

P.A. 07-242

- added Subsec. (b) re limitation on ability of municipality to condemn or restrict operation of existing and operating energy facility, effective June 4, 2007

1. Bring up the bill history

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2. Note the bill number

Substitute for Raised **H.B. No. 7347**
Session Year 2007

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3. The text

New today

Text of Bill

Public Act No. 07-241 [pdf]

File No. 461 [pdf]

ED Joint Favorable Substitute [pdf]

Raised Bill [pdf]

Called Amendments

House Schedule C LCO# 9341 [pdf]

House Schedule B LCO# 9203 [pdf]

House Schedule A LCO# 7864 [pdf]

Uncalled Amendments

House LCO Amendment #9174 [pdf]

House LCO Amendment #9100 [pdf]

House LCO Amendment #9099 [pdf]

House LCO Amendment #6671 [pdf]

4. Joint favorable report

5 days & older

Committee Actions

- ED Joint Fav. Rpt
- ED Vote Tally Sheet [pdf]

Votes

- Senate Roll Call Vote 588
- House Roll Call Vote 359 AS AMENDI

Bill No.: HB-7347

Title: AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR CHA

Vote Date: 3/29/2007

Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute

PH Date: 3/12/2007

File No.:

SPONSORS OF BILL:

Education Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

The reason for this bill is to make small, but necessary

Substitute language: Deletes section 1 of the raised order reduce personal identity theft.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Nothing Submitted.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

ConnCan – supports the passage of this bill.

- Required that people providing instruction or p
language.
- Adjusts the definition of “mastery percentage”

Mark Waxenberg, Director Government Relations, and/or teaching positions at Charter Schools are propo
been certified for some years. Standards for teachers
deleted in substitute language.

5. Bill analysis

■ FISCAL NOTE FOR FILE COPY 461

Bill Analyses

■ Bill Analysis for HB-7347, as amended by House "A," "B" and "C"

■ Bill Analysis for File Copy 461

■ Summary for Public Act No. 07-241

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2007

MASTERY TEST DATA

In 2005, the General Assembly shifted the schedule for administering school year. This bill makes a conforming change in the timetable used to calculate each district's "mastery percentage," which is formula.

For mastery tests administered in the 2005-06 school year and after, rather than the April 30th, following the test. It retains school districts rather than the March 31st, following the test.

NOTICE REGARDING SURVEYS ACCOMPANYING COLLEGE AI

The bill authorizes school boards to require their high schools that the parents or guardians that says responding to surveys that ac

6. Bill history

Bill History (in reverse chronological order)		
Date		Action Taken
7/10/2007		Signed by the Governor
6/29/2007		Transmitted to the Secretary of State
6/28/2007	(LCO)	Public Act 07-241
6/6/2007		On Consent Calendar / In Concurrence
6/6/2007		Senate Passed as Amended by House
6/6/2007		Senate Adopted House Amendment S
6/6/2007		Rules Suspended
6/6/2007		Senate Calendar Number 688
6/6/2007		Favorable Report, Tabled for the Cale
6/5/2007		House Passed as Amended by House
6/5/2007		House Adopted House Amendment S
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4/11/2007	(LCO)	File Number 461
4/11/2007		House Calendar Number 379
4/11/2007		Favorable Report, Tabled for the Cale
4/11/2007	(LCO)	Reported Out of Legislative Commissi
4/3/2007	(LCO)	Referred to Office of Legislative Resea
3/30/2007	(LCO)	Filed with Legislative Commissioners'
3/29/2007	(ED)	Joint Favorable Substitute
3/8/2007		Public Hearing 03/12
3/7/2007		Referred to Joint Committee on Educa

Co-sponsors of HB-7347

7. Public hearings

Testimony: print documents submitted to committee. Use the committee page to access this testimony. Prior to 2005 most submitted testimony is only available at the State Library.

Transcripts: oral testimony given on the day of the hearing and transcribed for the record. Use the Advance Legislative Search page to access for best browsing capabilities.

Testimony: go to committee page and archives for past years



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i, William D. Moore-	HB-07346 Institute for Sustainable Energy at ECSU, William Leahy TMY.PDF	
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s that are extraneous to the testimony (e.g. videos, pamphlets, books) may

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THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 5, 2007

On Page 5, Calendar Number 379, Substitute for House Bill Number 7347, AN ACT Favorable Report of the Committee on Education.

SPEAKER AMANN:

Representative Fleischmann.

REP. FLEISCHMANN: (18th)

I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the

SPEAKER AMANN:

The question is acceptance of the Favorable Report and passage of the Bill. Wi

REP. FLEISCHMANN: (18th)

Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker the measure before us is the Minor Re

The measure that we are not looking at, revise the timetable for compiling mas mastery percentage to reflect the change of the in the grade three through eig

A change that has been requested by the State Department of Education, and wou information about surveys that accompany college admission exams to parents an under their jurisdiction.

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