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**"AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL ASSESSMENT AND
TAXATION OF PROPERTY USED FOR PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL
PURPOSES."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Subsection (c) of section 32-70 of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
5 *1, 2014*):

6 (c) (1) On or before September 30, 1993, the Commissioner of
7 Economic and Community Development shall approve the
8 designation of ten areas as enterprise zones, not more than four of
9 which shall be in municipalities with a population greater than eighty
10 thousand and not more than six of which shall be in municipalities
11 with a population of less than eighty thousand.

12 (2) (A) On or after October 1, 1993, the commissioner shall approve
13 the designation of two areas as enterprise zones. Each such area shall
14 be in a municipality with a population of less than eighty thousand, in
15 which there are one or more base or plant closures. Such municipalities
16 shall be in different counties. If the commissioner approves the
17 designation of an area of a municipality as an enterprise zone because
18 of a plant closure in the municipality and there is a closure of another
19 plant in any other municipality in the state by the same business, the
20 commissioner shall also designate an area in such other municipality
21 as an enterprise zone. If any such designated area includes a portion of
22 a census tract in which any such base or plant is located, the census
23 tracts in such area shall not be required to meet the eligibility criteria
24 set forth under subsection (a) of this section for enterprise zone
25 designation. If any such area is located elsewhere in the municipality,
26 the census tracts in such area shall meet such eligibility criteria. As
27 used in this subparagraph, (i) "base" means any United States or state
28 of Connecticut military base or facility located in whole or in part
29 within the state; (ii) "plant" means any manufacturing or economic
30 base business, as defined in subsection (l) of section 32-222; and (iii)
31 "closure" means any reduction or transfer in military personnel or
32 civilian employment at one or more bases or plants in a municipality,
33 which occurred between July 1, 1989, and July 1, 1993, or is scheduled
34 to occur between July 1, 1993, and July 1, 1996, and exceeds two
35 thousand persons. Such employment figures shall be certified by the
36 Labor Department. (B) On or after October 1, 1993, the commissioner
37 shall approve the designation of three other areas as enterprise zones,
38 one of which shall be in a municipality with a population greater than
39 eighty thousand and two of which shall be in municipalities with a
40 population of less than eighty thousand. The census tracts in such
41 areas shall meet the eligibility criteria set forth under subsection (a) of
42 this section for enterprise zone designation. The commissioner shall
43 approve the designation of enterprise zones under this subparagraph
44 for those municipalities which he or she determines to have
45 experienced the largest increases in poverty from October 1, 1989, to
46 October 1, 1993, inclusive, based on a weighted average of the

47 unemployment rate, caseload under the temporary family assistance
48 program and per capita income of less than ninety per cent of the state
49 average between 1985 and 1989. In making his determination, the
50 commissioner may also consider the vacancy rates for commercial and
51 industrial facilities in a municipality and a municipality's program for
52 the implementation of an effective enterprise zone program. To the
53 extent appropriate, the commissioner shall use the Regional Economic
54 Models, Inc. (REMI) system in making the calculations for such
55 determination. (C) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of
56 this section, municipalities that were not distressed municipalities
57 under the provisions of subsection (b) of section 32-9p on February 1,
58 1986, shall be eligible to designate areas as enterprise zones under
59 subparagraph (A) or (B) of this subdivision.

60 (3) Notwithstanding the eligibility criteria set forth in subsection (a)
61 of this section, the commissioner shall, on or before January 1, 2015,
62 approve the designation of two areas as enterprise zones as follows:
63 (A) One area shall be in a municipality with a population of not less
64 than seven thousand eight hundred and not more than seven thousand
65 nine hundred, as enumerated in the 2010 federal decennial census, and
66 having a total area of not more than 12.2 square miles, and (B) one area
67 shall be in a municipality with a population of not more than fifty
68 thousand, as enumerated in the 2010 federal decennial census, and in
69 which is located a United States Postal Service processing center that at
70 any point in time employed one thousand or more persons, except that
71 such area shall only be designated as an enterprise zone for a term of
72 five years from the date any portion of the area is transferred,
73 provided such transfer occurs on or after July 1, 2014. Each such
74 enterprise zone area shall consist of two contiguous United States
75 census tracts, contiguous portions of such census tracts or all or a
76 portion of an individual census tract, as determined in accordance with
77 the most recent federal decennial census, and if such area is covered by
78 zoning, a portion of such area shall be zoned to allow commercial or
79 industrial activity.

80 [(3)] (4) The commissioner shall not approve the designation of
81 more than one enterprise zone in any municipality. The commissioner
82 shall adopt regulations in accordance with chapter 54 concerning such
83 additional qualifications for an area to become an enterprise zone as he
84 or she deems necessary. The commissioner may remove the
85 designation of any area he or she has approved as an enterprise zone if
86 such area no longer meets the criteria for designation as such an area
87 set forth in this section or in regulations adopted pursuant to this
88 section, provided no such designation shall be removed less than ten
89 years from the original date of approval of such zone. The
90 commissioner may designate any additional area as an enterprise zone
91 if that area is designated as an enterprise zone, empowerment zone or
92 enterprise community pursuant to any federal legislation."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	July 1, 2014	32-70(c)