



General Assembly

January Session, 2023

**Committee Bill No. 5214**

LCO No. 4394



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONSERVATION OF CERTAIN WATERS AND LANDS OF THE UPPER FARMINGTON RIVER.**

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than February 1, 2024, the  
2 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall submit a  
3 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general  
4 statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
5 having cognizance of matters relating to the environment on the need to  
6 develop courses of action to conserve any land and riparian rights in the  
7 Upper Farmington River Valley and its watershed area, including  
8 Colebrook River Lake and any related managed water supply bodies in  
9 the event that the Department of Public Health approves any  
10 applications to abandon any waters and watershed areas currently  
11 protected as a drinking water supply.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To assess the need to explore and plan for ways to best conserve one of the state's largest remaining contiguous blocks of forested open space as well as to protect the federally designated Wild and Scenic Upper Farmington River.

*[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.]*

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