



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 605**

January Session, 2021



**AN ACT CONCERNING THE PORT AUTHORITY.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 15-31a of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
3 *passage*):

4 (b) The powers of the authority shall be vested in and exercised by a  
5 board of directors, which shall consist of fifteen voting members as  
6 follows: (1) The State Treasurer, or the Treasurer's designee, the  
7 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, or the  
8 commissioner's designee, the Commissioner of Transportation, or the  
9 commissioner's designee, the Commissioner of Economic and  
10 Community Development, or the commissioner's designee, and the  
11 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the secretary's  
12 designee, all of whom shall serve *ex officio*; (2) one appointed by the  
13 speaker of the House of Representatives for a term of four years; (3) one  
14 appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives for a  
15 term of two years; (4) one appointed by the minority leader of the House  
16 of Representatives for a term of two years; (5) one appointed by the  
17 president pro tempore of the Senate for a term of four years; (6) one  
18 appointed by the majority leader of the Senate for a term of two years;  
19 (7) one appointed by the minority leader of the Senate for a term of four

20 years; and (8) four appointed by the Governor, two for a term of four  
21 years and two for a term of two years, one of whom shall represent a  
22 port located in the town of New Haven, New London or Bridgeport and  
23 one of whom shall represent a port not located in the town of New  
24 Haven, New London or Bridgeport. Thereafter, said members of the  
25 General Assembly and the Governor shall appoint members of the  
26 board to succeed such appointees whose terms expire and each member  
27 so appointed shall hold office for a period of four years from the first  
28 day of July in the year of his or her appointment. Appointed members  
29 shall include: (A) Individuals who have experience and expertise in one  
30 or more of the following areas: (i) International trade; (ii) marine  
31 transportation; (iii) finance; or (iv) economic development; (B) one  
32 member or employee of a local port authority; (C) one elected or  
33 appointed municipal official from a coastal municipality with a  
34 population not greater than one hundred thousand; and (D) one elected  
35 or appointed municipal official from a coastal community with a  
36 population not greater than fifty thousand. The board of directors shall  
37 select the chairperson from among the members of the board, who shall  
38 serve for a term of two years. The board of directors shall select a vice-  
39 chairperson from among its members and such other officers as it deems  
40 necessary.

41 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 15-13c of the general statutes is  
42 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
43 *passage*):

44 (a) There is created the Connecticut Pilot Commission, within the  
45 [Connecticut Port Authority,] Department of Transportation for  
46 administrative purposes only, [the Connecticut Pilot Commission] to  
47 assist and advise the [authority] Connecticut Port Authority on matters  
48 relating to the licensure of pilots, the safe conduct of vessels and the  
49 protection of the ports and waters of the state, including the waters of  
50 Long Island Sound.

51 Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) On or before January 1, 2022, the  
52 executive director of the Connecticut Port Authority shall submit a plan

53 to ensure a transparent and equitable process for selecting and  
54 disbursing grants through the program known as the Small Harbor  
55 Improvement Projects Program. The executive director shall submit  
56 such plan to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
57 having cognizance of matters relating to transportation in accordance  
58 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	15-31a(b)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	15-13c(a)
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**TRA**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*