

379 regulations adopted by the Office of the State Traffic Administration.

380 (b) On or before January 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, each traffic
381 authority, or such authority's appointed representative, shall complete
382 the training offered pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. The
383 Connecticut Training and Technical Assistance Center shall maintain
384 records indicating when a traffic authority, or such authority's
385 representative, completed such training.

386 Sec. 7. Subsection (b) of section 14-218a of the general statutes is
387 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
388 *1, 2023*):

389 (b) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, the
390 Office of the State Traffic Administration shall establish a speed limit
391 [of] not to exceed sixty-five miles per hour on [any] each multiple lane,
392 limited access [highways] highway. The office shall establish speed
393 limits that are suitable for [a speed limit of sixty-five miles per hour]
394 each such highway, taking into consideration relevant factors including
395 design, population of area and traffic flow.

396 (2) The Commissioner of Transportation may establish the speed
397 limit on limited access highways during a weather event or an
398 emergency, provided the commissioner erects electronic signs
399 indicating such speed limit.

400 Sec. 8. Section 13b-212b of the general statutes is repealed and the
401 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

402 (a) There is established a Connecticut [Commuter Rail] Public
403 Transportation Council which shall consist of fifteen members,
404 [appointed with the advice and consent of the General Assembly,] all of
405 whom shall be (1) [commuters] residents who regularly use the
406 transportation services of the New Haven commuter railroad line which
407 includes the New Canaan, Danbury and Waterbury branches of such
408 line, (2) [commuters] residents who regularly use the transportation
409 services of the [Shoreline] Shore Line East railroad line, [or] (3) residents

410 [of a municipality in which the Commissioner of Transportation has
411 proposed a new rail line or in which a rail line has commenced operation
412 after July 1, 2013] who regularly use the transportation services of the
413 Hartford railroad line, or (4) residents who regularly use bus public
414 transportation services funded by the state. Members shall be appointed
415 as follows: (A) The Governor shall appoint four members; [, one of
416 whom shall be the chief elected official of a municipality located on an
417 operating or proposed new rail line;] (B) the president pro tempore of
418 the Senate shall appoint three members, one of whom regularly uses bus
419 public transportation services funded by the state and one of whom
420 regularly uses the transportation services of the New Haven railroad
421 line; (C) the speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint three
422 members, one of whom regularly uses bus public transportation
423 services funded by the state and one of whom regularly uses the
424 transportation services of the Hartford railroad line; (D) the minority
425 leader of the Senate shall appoint one member; (E) the minority leader
426 of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member; (F) the
427 chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
428 having cognizance of matters relating to transportation shall each
429 appoint one member, one of whom [shall be from a municipality in
430 which the Commissioner of Transportation has proposed a new rail line
431 or in which a rail line has commenced operation after July 1, 2013, and
432 one of whom shall be from a municipality in which a station for the
433 Shoreline East railroad line is located] regularly uses bus public
434 transportation services funded by the state and one of whom regularly
435 uses the transportation services of the Shore Line East railroad line; and
436 (G) the ranking members of said committee shall jointly appoint one
437 member who [shall be from a municipality served by the Danbury or
438 Waterbury branches of the New Haven commuter railroad line]
439 regularly uses bus public transportation services funded by the state.
440 Each member shall serve for a term of four years. All initial
441 appointments to the council shall be made by August 1, [2013] 2023, and
442 initial members shall serve a four-year term commencing on August 1,
443 [2013] 2023, except that members appointed prior to July 1, 2023, to serve
444 on the Connecticut Commuter Rail Council and whose term has not

445 expired as of July 1, 2023, shall be deemed appointed to serve on the
446 Connecticut Public Transportation Council until the expiration of the
447 term of the member or the occurrence of a vacancy, whichever occurs
448 first. Any vacancy shall be filled by the original appointing authority by
449 appointment for the unexpired portion of any term. Members of the
450 council shall serve until their respective successors are appointed. [and
451 approved by the General Assembly.]

452 (b) [The] Notwithstanding the provisions of section 4-9a, the
453 members of the council shall choose one of the members of the council
454 to be chairperson of the council. A majority of the members of the
455 council then in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any
456 business, and action shall be by vote of a majority of the members
457 present at a meeting. The council shall meet at least once during each
458 calendar quarter and at such other times as the chairperson deems
459 necessary or upon the request of a majority of the members in office.
460 Special meetings shall be held at the request of such majority after notice
461 in accordance with the provisions of section 1-225. Any member who
462 fails to attend fifty per cent of all meetings held during any calendar
463 year or who fails to attend three consecutive meetings shall be deemed
464 to have resigned from office. Not later than ten days after a vacancy
465 occurs in the council or the resignation of a member, the chairperson
466 shall notify the appointing authority of such vacancy or resignation.

467 (c) The Department of Transportation shall maintain records of each
468 request for information and data received from the council and denote
469 the status of any such request.

470 Sec. 9. Section 13b-212c of the general statutes is repealed and the
471 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

472 The Connecticut [Commuter Rail] Public Transportation Council
473 shall study and investigate all aspects of the daily operation of
474 [commuter rail lines in] the commuter railroad systems and bus public
475 transportation services funded by the state, monitor their performance
476 and recommend changes to improve the efficiency, equity and [the]
477 quality of service [of the operation of such lines] on such commuter rail

478 systems and bus public transportation services. The council may request
479 and shall receive, if available, from any department, division, board,
480 bureau, commission, agency [] or public authority of the state, or any
481 political subdivision thereof, such assistance and data [as it requests
482 and] that will enable it to properly carry out its activities for the
483 purposes set forth in this section. The council shall also [work with the
484 Department of Transportation to] serve as an advocate for customers of
485 all commuter [lines in] railroad systems and bus public transportation
486 services funded by the state, [and shall make recommendations for
487 improvements to such lines.] The Department of Transportation shall
488 (1) submit monthly reports with information and data concerning the
489 on-time performance by station and passenger ridership of the
490 commuter railroad systems and bus public transportation services
491 funded by the state, and (2) make quarterly presentations at the
492 meetings of the council concerning such reports and respond to
493 reasonable inquiries made in advance of any meeting by the council. The
494 council shall report its findings and recommendations annually on or
495 before January fifteenth, to the Governor, the Commissioner of
496 Transportation, the General Assembly, the Metro North Rail Commuter
497 Council located in the state of New York and the management advisory
498 board of the office of the inspector general of the Metropolitan
499 Transportation Authority located in the state of New York. The council
500 shall also annually present its findings and recommendations to the
501 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
502 matters relating to transportation.

503 Sec. 10. (*Effective from passage*) On or before February 1, 2024, the
504 Connecticut Public Transportation Council, established under section
505 13b-212b of the general statutes, as amended by this act, shall submit, in
506 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
507 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
508 cognizance of matters relating to transportation, a report regarding the
509 organizational structure of the council and any recommendations to
510 improve or modify such structure and the mission of the council.

511 Sec. 11. Section 20 of public act 21-175 is repealed and the following