

Bill No. 1805

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Referred to Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A LABOR-MANAGEMENT ECONOMIC COUNCIL.

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CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE SECTION

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

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Section 1. There shall be a council of economic advisors of eleven members who shall serve for four years from August first of their year of appointment. The governor shall appoint six members at least one of whom shall be a union official and another of whom shall be a manager of industry. The president pro tempore of the senate shall appoint two members of the senate, one from each political party, the speaker of the house shall appoint two members of the house, one from each political party. The secretary of the state board of education or his designee shall be an ex officio member of the council. Said members shall elect a chairman at their first annual meeting which shall be held no later than September first.

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Sec. 2. The council shall continuously study the economy of the state. It shall establish guidelines for wages, prices and profits as the state's economy enters a post-war or other phases. It shall study the manpower situation of the state and recommend necessary areas of expansion of technical and vocational education to provide the skilled workers necessary for the state's economic development. It shall examine the effects in the state of the inflationary and deflationary trends of the national economy. It shall study and report or advise on such other economic questions as the governor or the legislature shall

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request. It shall report to the governor and the legislature 33
annually on or before January 15th of each year. 34

Sec. 3. (a) The council may consult with other state 35
agencies. Each agency of state and local government shall assist 36
said council in its collection of data and the council shall have 37
access to all available information collected by any state
agency. (b) It may accept any federal, state or other funds 38
allotted under any federal or state law for activities related to 39
its powers and duties. It may enter into contracts concerning
the use of such funds and the prosecution of work under any such 40
contracts. (c) The comptroller shall provide the council with 41
such data processing facilities as it may require to carry out 42
its duties under this act.

Sec. 4. The members of the council shall receive no 43
compensation for their services but shall be reimbursed for their 44
necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties 45
including travel, stenographic and other expenses. Subject to
the provisions of chapter 67 of the 1969 supplement to the 46
general statutes, the council shall employ such assistants, 47
technicians, staff and other employees as it deems necessary for
the efficient conduct of its duties. 48

Sec. 5. The sum of one hundred thousand dollars is 49
appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1972. 50

Sec. 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 1971. 52

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To provide for an economic council, 55
including labor and management representatives and the secretary 56
of the state board of education, to advise the governor and the 57
legislature on basic economic trends, to plan for a post-war
economy with appropriate wage, profit and price guidelines and to 58
assure a continued skilled labor pool to attract and retain 59
industries.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets and proposed 61
additions are all capitalized, or underlined where appropriate.] 63