



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 303

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 617

Senate, March 29, 2000

The Committee on Environment reported through SEN. DAILY of the 33rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

An Act Concerning Environmental Impact Statements For State University Projects.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection,
2 in consultation with the Attorney General and the president of The
3 University of Connecticut, shall study the feasibility of establishing
4 comprehensive environmental impact statements under sections 22a-
5 1b to 22a-1i, inclusive, of the general statutes while maintaining the
6 goals set forth in section 22a-1 of the general statutes. Not later than
7 January 1, 2001, the commissioner shall report its findings and any
8 legislative recommendations to the joint standing committee of the
9 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the
10 environment.

11 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

The reference to the Connecticut Environmental Protection Act was changed to specific cites in the general statutes for accuracy.

ENV Committee Vote: Yea 22 Nay 1 JFS

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: Cost

Affected Agencies: Department of Environmental Protection, Office of the Attorney General and the University of Connecticut

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

State Impact:

Requiring the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to study and report to the Environmental Committee on or before 1/1/01 the feasibility of establishing comprehensive environmental impact statements for projects while maintaining the goals of the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act will require additional resources estimated at \$50,000 or the diversion of 1 full-time employee for half a year away from current responsibilities.

It is anticipated that the attorney general and the President of the University of Connecticut can consult with DEP within normal budgetary resources.

OLR Bill Analysis

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***AN ACT CONCERNING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS
FOR STATE UNIVERSITY PROJECTS.***

SUMMARY:

This bill requires the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), in consultation with the attorney general and the University of Connecticut president, to study the feasibility of establishing comprehensive, environmental impact statements for projects while maintaining the goals of the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act. The DEP must report the study's findings and any recommendations to the Environment Committee by January 1, 2001.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 22 Nay 1