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Senate Bill No. 1163

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The Committee on Public Safety reported through SEN. PENN of the 23rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

**AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN STUDIES PERFORMED BY THE
DIVISION OF SPECIAL REVENUE.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 12-564 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (b) The executive director shall, with the advice and consent of the
4 board, conduct studies concerning the effect of legalized gambling on
5 the citizens of this state, including but not limited to, studies to
6 determine the types of gambling activity engaged in by the public and
7 the desirability of expanding, maintaining or reducing the amount of
8 legalized gambling permitted in this state. Such studies shall be
9 conducted as often as the executive director deems necessary but in no
10 event shall a study be conducted less than once every [five] ten years.
11 The joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
12 cognizance of matters relating to legalized gambling shall each receive
13 a report concerning each study carried out, stating the findings of the

14 study and the costs of conducting the study.

15 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

PS *Joint Favorable*

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: Savings

Affected Agencies: Division of Special Revenue

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

State Impact:

Current law requires the agency to perform a study of legalized in-state gambling activities every 5 years. Since the last study was performed in 1997, the agency is required to perform the next one in 2002. Changing the timing from 5 to 10 years will result in a saving to the state in FY 02. The amount saved depends on the scope of the study the agency would have conducted. In its proposed FY 02 budget the agency requested \$550,000 based on bids submitted by qualified consultants for the 1997 study plus inflation. The agency indicated that the scope of the study would have been expanded to include an examination of the effects of legalized gambling on school children.

The bill implements a provision in the governor's proposed biennial budget.

OLR Bill Analysis

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***AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN STUDIES PERFORMED BY THE
DIVISION OF SPECIAL REVENUE.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill reduces the frequency of the Division of Special Revenue's (DSR) required studies of the impact of legalized gambling on the state by requiring them at minimum 10-year, instead of five-year, intervals. But, as under current law, the division can conduct the studies more frequently if it deems necessary. The studies must look at existing gambling in the state and the desirability of changing or maintaining current levels. The last study was in 1997 and cost \$288,846.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2001

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety Committee

Joint Favorable Report

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