



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 7010

LCO No. 4904

Referred to Committee on Government Administration and
Elections

Introduced by:
(GAE)

AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLICATION OF THE STATE BUDGET.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 2-71c of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (c) The legislative Office of Fiscal Analysis shall assist the General
4 Assembly and the Legislative Department, legislative commissions
5 and legislative committees in a research and advisory capacity as
6 follows: (1) Reviewing department and program operating budget
7 requests; (2) analyzing and helping to establish priorities with regard
8 to capital programs; (3) checking executive revenue estimates for
9 accuracy; (4) recommending potential untapped sources of revenue; (5)
10 assisting in legislative hearings and helping to schedule and prepare
11 the agenda of such hearings; (6) assisting in the development of means
12 by which budgeted programs can be periodically reviewed; (7)
13 preparing short analyses of the costs and long-range projections of
14 executive programs and proposed agency regulations; (8) keeping
15 track of federal aid programs to make sure that Connecticut is taking
16 full advantage of opportunities for assistance; (9) reviewing, on a

17 continuous basis, departmental budgets and programs; (10) analyzing
18 and preparing critiques of the Governor's proposed budget; (11)
19 studying, in depth, selected executive programs during the interim;
20 (12) performing such other services in the field of finance as may be
21 requested by the Joint Committee on Legislative Management; (13)
22 preparing the fiscal notes, required under section 2-24, upon favorably
23 reported bills which require expenditure of state or municipal funds or
24 affect state or municipal revenue; [and] (14) preparing at the end of
25 each fiscal year a compilation of all fiscal notes on legislation and
26 agency regulations taking effect in the next fiscal year, including the
27 total costs, savings and revenue effects estimated in such notes; and
28 (15) not later than September first, annually, unless an extension of
29 time is requested by the director of the Office of Fiscal Analysis and
30 granted by both the president pro tempore of the Senate and the
31 speaker of the House of Representatives, publishing a book on the
32 enacted state budget, which shall include, but not be limited to (A) a
33 budget overview, with various summary schedules, charts, tables and
34 narrative explanatory summaries, (B) a section on revenues, including
35 schedules and a description of revenue changes enacted, (C) a section
36 on agency budgets, including, for each agency, a columnar section of
37 budgetary data and a description of changes made beyond current
38 services, (D) a section on the capital budget, and (E) the current
39 appropriations act, including any amendments, in a format decided by
40 said director, and agency and account codes as prescribed by the
41 Office of the State Comptroller. The governing body of any
42 municipality, if requested, shall provide the Office of Fiscal Analysis,
43 within two working days, with any information that may be necessary
44 for analysis in preparation of such fiscal notes. Each officer, board,
45 commission or department of the state government shall assist the
46 Office of Fiscal Analysis in carrying out its duties and, if requested,
47 shall make its records and accounts available to the office in a timely
48 manner, except that where there are statutory requirements of
49 confidentiality with regard to such records and accounts, the identity
50 of any person to whom such records or accounts relate shall not be

51 disclosed.

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

GAE *Joint Favorable C/R*

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