



Senate

General Assembly

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 1331

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The Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding 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 A STUDY OF THE ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION OF SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICTS.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The chairpersons of the joint
2 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
3 matters relating to finance, revenue and bonding shall direct a study to
4 consider broadening the purposes for which special taxing districts
5 may be created. Such study shall include, but not be limited to, an
6 examination of (1) physical barriers, such as lack of infrastructure or
7 site contamination, to preparation of a site for residential housing or
8 commercial development, (2) whether a special taxing district can
9 appropriately be a mechanism for funding utility and infrastructure
10 improvements including, but not limited to, sewage treatment
11 facilities, qualified green building and sustainable design projects, as
12 defined in 26 USC 142, bridges, tunnels, streets, parking, open space,
13 fiber optic and telecommunication systems and environmental

14 mitigation, (3) financing mechanisms for such districts, and the
 15 protections and risks such mechanisms present to the host town, and
 16 (4) safeguards, such as disclosure of possible financial liability, that
 17 may be required to be disclosed to future property owners in such
 18 districts.

19 (b) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General
 20 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to finance, revenue
 21 and bonding may consult with such other persons in conducting the
 22 study required pursuant to subsection (a) of this section as may be
 23 appropriate.

24 (c) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
 25 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to finance,
 26 revenue and bonding shall serve as administrative staff for the study.

27 (d) Not later than January 1, 2006, a report of the findings and
 28 recommendations arising out of such study shall be submitted to the
 29 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance
 30 of matters relating to finance, revenue and bonding, in accordance
 31 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

FIN *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 06 \$	FY 07 \$
Legislative Mgmt.	GF - Cost	Minimal	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the chairpersons of the General Assembly’s Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee to direct a study to consider broadening the purposes for which a special taxing district may be created. The bill permits the Finance chairs to consult with others in conducting the study, requires the administrative staff of the committee to provide administrative support to the study and requires the chairs to report their findings to the full committee by January 1, 2006. Legislative Management will incur minimal costs for legislator mileage reimbursement, which is 40.5 cents per mile, for the co-chairs and any other legislators that may be requested to participate. The committee staff can provide administrative support within their normal budgetary resources. It is anticipated that any of the parties the co-chairs consult with, to conduct the study will result in no fiscal impact.

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION OF SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICTS**SUMMARY:**

The bill requires the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee co-chairmen to direct a study of whether to expand the purposes for forming a special taxing district. The study must consider at least (1) physical barriers, such as lack of infrastructure or contamination, to preparing a site for housing or commercial development; (2) whether special taxing districts can appropriately fund utility and infrastructure improvements; (3) financing mechanisms for districts and the risks and protections they pose for host towns; and (4) disclosures required to safeguard future property owners of such districts.

The bill allows the committee chairmen to consult with others in conducting the study. The study's findings and recommendations must be reported to the full committee by January 1, 2006. The committee's administrative staff serves as the administrative staff for the study.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

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