



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 129

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House Bill No. 5708

House of Representatives, March 23, 2006

The Committee on Planning and Development reported through REP. WALLACE of the 109th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF ASSESSMENT VALUES OF FARMLAND.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Secretary of the Office of Policy
2 and Management, within available appropriations, shall conduct a
3 study of the methods used by municipalities to assess farmland,
4 including land classified as farmland under section 12-107c of the 2006
5 supplement to the general statutes. Such study shall include an
6 analysis of the various assessment methods and may include
7 recommendations for legislation. The secretary shall submit a copy of
8 such study along with any recommendations, in accordance with
9 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of
10 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
11 municipalities on or before January 1, 2007.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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PD *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:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 07 \$	FY 08 \$
Policy & Mgmt., Off.	GF - Cost	See Below	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Office of Policy and Management, within available appropriations, to conduct a study of the methods used by municipalities to assess farmland which includes an analysis of the various assessment methods and permits the agency to offer recommendations. It is anticipated that the agency will incur costs to perform this study, yet there are no appropriations available for this purpose.

The Out Years

There is no out year fiscal impact.

**OLR Bill Analysis
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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 16 Nay 0 (03/13/2006)