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Senate Bill No. 112

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The Committee on Appropriations reported through SEN. HARP of the 10th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING A LOTTERY STUDY.

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 2006 supplement to
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2006*):

4 (b) The executive director shall, with the advice and consent of the
5 board, conduct studies concerning the effect of legalized gambling on
6 the citizens of this state including, but not limited to, studies to
7 determine the types of gambling activity engaged in by the public and
8 the desirability of expanding, maintaining or reducing the amount of
9 legalized gambling permitted in this state. Such studies shall be
10 conducted as often as the executive director deems necessary, except
11 that [no studies shall be conducted before the fiscal year ending June
12 30, 2009] a study shall be conducted before January 1, 2008, and
13 thereafter studies shall be conducted at least once every ten years. The
14 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance
15 of matters relating to legalized gambling shall each receive a report

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 \$
Spec. Revenue, Div. of	GF - Cost	500,000	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Division of Special Revenue (DSR) to conduct a study on the effect of legalized gambling to the state of Connecticut before January 1, 2008. This study would cost DSR approximately \$500,000 in FY 07. The last study of the effect of legalized gambling on the State of Connecticut occurred in FY 97.

Funds of \$500,000 have been budgeted in sHB 5007, as favorably reported by the Appropriations Committee, for the study.

The Out Years

The fiscal impact of the bill constitutes a one time cost to DSR.

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 112*****AN ACT CONCERNING A LOTTERY STUDY.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Division of Special Revenue (DSR) executive director to conduct the required study of the effect of legalized gambling on the state before January 1, 2008. Under current law, he cannot conduct a study before FY 09 and must conduct succeeding studies at least once every 10 years.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2006

BACKGROUND***Gambling Impact Study Deadlines***

By law, the DSR executive director, with the Gaming Policy Board's advice and consent, must conduct state gambling impact studies and submit reports to the Public Safety and Security Committee. The last study was conducted in June 1997. PA 05-3, June 2005 Special Session, eliminated the 2007 deadline for the next study and instead barred DSR executive director from conducting any study before FY 09. By eliminating the 2007 deadline and not setting a new deadline, the law potentially postponed the studies indefinitely.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference
Yea 20 Nay 0 (03/07/2006)

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable
Yea 52 Nay 0 (03/31/2006)