



Senate

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Senate Bill No. 1058

Senate, April 2, 2007

The Committee on Planning and Development reported through SEN. COLEMAN of the 2nd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING UNIFORM STANDARDS FOR MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL REPORTING.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Secretary of the Office of
2 Policy and Management and the Commissioner of Revenue Services,
3 or their designees, shall study standards for accounting and financial
4 reporting that may be appropriate for a uniform code for adoption of
5 annual municipal budgets. Such study shall evaluate best practices for
6 budget procedure and format and shall include proposals that would
7 inform taxpayers of how municipal funds are used. In conducting such
8 study the secretary and the commissioner shall consult with
9 municipalities and the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities and
10 the Connecticut Council of Small Towns.

11 (b) On or before January 1, 2008, the secretary and the commissioner
12 shall submit a report of their findings and recommendations to the
13 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance
14 of matters relating to planning and development.

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

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 chamber thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 08 \$	FY 09 \$
Policy & Mgmt., Off.	GF - Cost	17,000 - 18,400	None
Department of Revenue Services	GF - None	None	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) and the Commissioner of Revenue Services to study standards for accounting and financial reporting that may be appropriate for a uniform code for adoption of annual municipal budgets, and report such findings by January 1, 2008.

OPM has expertise in this area, and it is anticipated this agency will take the lead in the analysis. OPM has five staff working in this area, but currently requires a paid consultant to meet workload demands. It is anticipated that this study would result in increased costs of \$17,000 - \$18,400 for the consultant to perform this analysis, or if existing staff perform this analysis and the consultant assumes the duties that would have been otherwise performed by a staff member.

There is no fiscal impact to the Department of Revenue Services.

The Out Years

There is no fiscal impact in the out years.

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 19 Nay 0 (03/14/2007)