



Senate

General Assembly

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 1423

Senate, May 7, 2007

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

AN ACT CONCERNING REVITALIZING CONNECTICUT'S HERITAGE.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) The Connecticut
2 Humanities Council shall establish an educational and outreach
3 program to assist cultural and heritage organizations and museums.
4 Said program shall include, but not be limited to, a web site designed
5 to be a resource for museums and other organizations regarding (1)
6 visitor surveys, (2) effective web site construction and maintenance, (3)
7 marketing programs, (4) audience and economic impact studies, (5)
8 guides to granting programs and application procedures of major
9 heritage funding sources, and (6) other technical publications and
10 materials. As part of said educational and outreach program the
11 council shall conduct seminars and meetings on marketing and
12 surveying and teaching history.

13 (b) The Connecticut Humanities Council, in collaboration with the
14 Office of the State Historian, The University of Connecticut's College of
15 Liberal Arts and Sciences, Connecticut Public Television and

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 \$
Various	Various - See Below	See Below	See Below

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Connecticut Humanities Council to establish an educational and outreach program to assist cultural and heritage organizations and museums. The bill also requires the Council to establish a curriculum on Connecticut and the nation. The Connecticut Humanities Council is a statewide non profit educational institution. The Appropriations Act, as favorably reported by the Appropriations Committee provides a \$2,500,000 grant for the Council in FY 08 and FY 09. The Council also receives funds from the National Endowment for the Humanities, Corporate and Foundation grants, gifts and donations and earned income.

It is anticipated that the Office of the State Historian, The University of Connecticut College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Connecticut Public Television, and Connecticut History Online can consult with the Humanities Council to the extent that resources allow.

The Out Years

Any ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 1423*****AN ACT CONCERNING REVITALIZING CONNECTICUT'S HERITAGE.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Connecticut Humanities Council to establish (1) an education and outreach program for cultural and heritage organizations and museums and (2) in consultation with others, a curriculum on Connecticut and the nation.

The outreach program must include a website for museums and organizations to use as a resource for

1. surveying visitors,
2. building and maintaining effective websites,
3. marketing,
4. studying their audience and economic impact,
5. grant program guides and major heritage funding source application procedures, and
6. other technical publications and materials.

The bill also requires the humanities council to conduct seminars and meetings on marketing and surveying and teaching history.

The curriculum must include documentaries, modules and accompanying curriculum units for high school history classes, and an index of related materials on the Internet. When developing the curriculum, the humanities council must collaborate with the Office of the State Historian, UConn's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences,

Connecticut Public Television, and Connecticut History Online.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2007

COMMITTEE ACTION

Commerce Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference

Yea 19 Nay 0 (03/20/2007)

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 48 Nay 0 (04/19/2007)