



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 5041

House of Representatives, March 26, 2008

The Committee on Transportation reported through REP. GUERRERA of the 29th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE REORGANIZATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Governor may proceed with
2 plans for the reorganization of the Department of Transportation. In
3 order to assist the Governor in efforts to reorganize the department,
4 there is established a Transition Planning Committee comprised as
5 follows: Six members appointed by the Governor; two members
6 appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives; one
7 member appointed by the minority leader of the House of
8 Representatives; two members appointed by the president pro
9 tempore of the Senate; one member appointed by the minority leader
10 of the Senate; one member appointed jointly by the chairpersons of the
11 joint standing committee on transportation; one member appointed
12 jointly by the ranking members of said transportation committee; one
13 member representing the Connecticut State Employees Association (P-
14 4) designated by the president of the bargaining unit; one member

15 representing the Connecticut Employees Union Independent (NP-2)
16 designated by the president of the bargaining unit; one member
17 representing the Administrative and Residual Employees Union (P-5)
18 designated by the president of the bargaining unit; one member
19 representing AFSCME (NP-3) designated by the president of the
20 bargaining unit; one member representing the Connecticut Business
21 and Industries Association (CBIA) designated by the president of said
22 association; one member representing the Connecticut Construction
23 Industries Association, designated by the president of said association;
24 the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management or the secretary's
25 designee; and one member representing the Transportation Strategy
26 Board, designated by the chairperson of said board. Appointees should
27 be persons with knowledge and experience concerning transportation
28 policies and services. Appointments to the committee shall be made
29 not later than July 15, 2008. Staff and necessary expenses of the
30 committee shall be provided by the Office of Policy and Management.
31 The chairperson of the committee shall be appointed by the Governor
32 and shall convene the first meeting of the committee not later than
33 August 1, 2008.

34 (b) The Transition Planning Committee shall review the following
35 issues:

36 (1) Development of mission statements and objectives that will
37 elevate the role of mass transit in Connecticut's transportation system;

38 (2) Organizational models, including models used in other states;
39 and the Transportation for Tomorrow: Report of the National Surface
40 Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission;

41 (3) Analysis of core services that can be shared by all components of
42 a reorganized transportation agency or multiple agency structure;

43 (4) Staffing, including talent assessment, potential reassignment of
44 staff to support various transportation functions, staff training and
45 retention;

46 (5) Resource allocation for various transportation functions such as
47 roads and bridges, mass transit and ports;

48 (6) Centralized strategic transportation planning;

49 (7) Coordinated use of information systems; and

50 (8) Development of efficient and cost-effective administrative
51 structures.

52 The committee may make use of prior studies concerning the provision
53 and use of transportation services conducted in Connecticut and other
54 states.

55 (c) The Transition Planning Committee shall submit its findings and
56 recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly in
57 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes
58 not later than November 30, 2008.

59 (d) The Governor may develop a final reorganization proposal,
60 including proposed legislation and necessary funding to implement
61 the proposal. The Governor may transmit the proposal to the General
62 Assembly on the same day the Governor transmits a budget document
63 for the biennium ending June 30, 2011, to the General Assembly in
64 accordance with the provisions of section 4-71 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

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In section 1, the reference to one member representing "Administrative and Residual" was changed to "the Administrative and Residual Employees Union" for accuracy of reference.

TRA *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 chamber thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 09 \$
Policy & Mgmt., Off.	GF - Cost	150,000 - 200,000
Legislative Mgmt.	GF - Cost	Potential Minimal
Department of Transportation	TF - None	None

Note: GF=General Fund; TF=Transportation Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill establishes a Transition Planning Committee, to assist the Governor in efforts to reorganize the Department of Transportation. The committee must report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by November 30, 2008.

Staff and necessary expenses of the committee shall be provided by the Office of Policy and Management (OPM). It is anticipated that OPM will require \$150,000 - \$200,000 for consultants to assist the committee. The Office of Legislative Management would incur minimal costs associated with mileage reimbursement of 50.5 cents per mile if legislators participate on the committee. It is anticipated that there will be no costs to the Department of Transportation.

The Out Years

The costs described above relate to activities that occur in FY 09 only, as the report is due no later than November 30, 2008.

OLR Bill Analysis

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.***

SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 31 Nay 0 (03/07/2008)