



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 716**

February Session, 2008

Substitute Senate Bill No. 361

*Senate, April 23, 2008*

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 A STUDY OF THE TOXICITY OF ARTIFICIAL TURF ATHLETIC FIELDS.**

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

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) On or before September 1, 2008, the  
2 Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station shall contract with an  
3 individual, firm, corporation or other entity to conduct a study of the  
4 toxicity of artificial turf athletic fields. Said study shall evaluate  
5 whether such fields cause harmful effects on air quality, water quality  
6 or human health. Not later than February 1, 2009, said entity shall  
7 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general  
8 statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
9 having cognizance of matters relating to the environment the  
10 conclusions of said study.

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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**APP**      *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 \$	FY 10 \$
Ag. Experiment Station	GF - Potential Cost	100,000	100,000

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill could result in a cost of \$100,000 in FY 09 and FY 10 to the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES) for a contract with an individual, firm, or corporation for a two-year study of artificial turf athletic field toxicity. It should be noted that CAES cannot identify an individual, firm, or corporation suited to conduct this study.

**The Out Years**

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

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY:**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 24 Nay 5 (02/29/2008)

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 45 Nay 6 (04/11/2008)