



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 673

LCO No. 3087

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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:
(GAE)

AN ACT CONCERNING IMPROVED TELECOMMUTING PROGRAMS FOR THE STATE'S WORKFORCE.

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

1 Section 1. Section 5-248i of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

3 (a) The Commissioner of Administrative Services [may] shall
4 develop and implement guidelines, in cooperation with interested
5 employee organizations, as defined in subsection (d) of section 5-270,
6 authorizing telecommuting and work-at-home programs for state
7 employees where such arrangements are determined to be: [cost] (1)
8 Cost effective, (2) beneficial to the environment, (3) beneficial to the
9 reduction of traffic congestion on the state's roadways, or (4) beneficial
10 to employee productivity.

11 (b) Any [employee of a] state agency may [be authorized to]
12 participate in a telecommuting or work-at-home [assignment with the
13 approval of his appointing authority and with the approval of the
14 Commissioner of Administrative Services. Approval of such

15 assignment may be granted only where it is determined to be cost
16 effective] program. Any assignment of an employee of such agency in
17 such program shall be on a temporary basis only. [for a period not to
18 exceed six months and may be extended as necessary.]

19 (c) Not later than January 1, 2009, and within available
20 appropriations, the Commissioner of Administrative Services shall
21 establish a pilot program for telecommuting or work-at-home
22 assignments for employees of the Departments of Environmental
23 Protection, Developmental Services and Information Technology.

24 [(c)] (d) The Commissioner of Administrative Services shall report
25 annually to the joint standing [committee] committees of the General
26 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor and public
27 employees and government administration as to the extent of use by
28 employees as provided pursuant to subsections (a), [and] (b) and (c) of
29 this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	5-248i

Statement of Purpose:

To strengthen and improve telecommuting options for state employees.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]