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Substitute House Bill No. 6693

House of Representatives, April 15, 2009

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. SPALLONE of the 36th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND THE DESIGNATION OF CERTAIN DAYS AND MONTHS BY THE GOVERNOR.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10-29a of the general statutes is
2 amended by adding subdivisions (53) to (57), inclusive, as follows
3 (*Effective from passage*):

4 (NEW) (53) The Governor shall proclaim the month of September to
5 be Chiari Malformation Awareness Month to heighten public
6 awareness of Chiari Malformation's attendant presentations and
7 treatments. Suitable exercises shall be held in the State Capitol and
8 elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the month.

9 (NEW) (54) The Governor shall proclaim August twenty-third of
10 each year to be Missing Persons Day to raise awareness of the plight of
11 the families of state citizens who have been reported as missing.

12 Suitable exercises shall be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as
13 the Governor designates for the observance of the day.

14 (NEW) (55) The Governor shall proclaim May twelfth of each year
15 to be Fibromyalgia Awareness Day to heighten public awareness of the
16 associated presentation and available treatments for fibromyalgia
17 disorder. Suitable exercises shall be held in the State Capitol and
18 elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the day.

19 (NEW) (56) The Governor shall proclaim September twelfth of each
20 year as Honor Our Heroes Day, in memory of those who lost their
21 lives or suffered injuries in the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001,
22 and in honor of the service, sacrifice and contributions of the
23 firefighters, police officers and other personnel who responded to such
24 attacks. Suitable exercises shall be held in the State Capitol and
25 elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the day.

26 (NEW) (57) The Governor shall proclaim September thirteenth of
27 each year to be Fragile X Syndrome Awareness Day to heighten public
28 awareness of Fragile X Syndrome's attendant presentations and
29 treatments. Suitable exercises shall be held in the State Capitol and
30 elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the month.

31 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) Section 5 of public act 08-56 shall take
32 effect from its passage.

33 Sec. 3. Section 4-61mm of the general statutes is repealed and the
34 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

35 [(a)] Each state agency, as part of its annual report to the General
36 Assembly and the Governor, shall include an evaluation of its
37 volunteer program which details the following information: (1) The
38 total number, location and duties of all volunteers; and (2) the total
39 number of annual hours of service provided by all volunteers. [; and
40 (3) a cost benefits analysis of volunteer services for the preceding year
41 based on guidelines established by the Council on Voluntary Action.
42 Such guidelines shall not be deemed to be regulations as defined in

43 subsection (13) of section 4-166.]

44 [(b) Each state agency shall furnish, at the time of filing such annual
45 report, a copy of such evaluation to the Council on Voluntary Action.]

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	10-29a(a)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	4-61mm

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In section 1, technical changes were made for accuracy. In section 2, reference was made to the public act section instead of the general statutes section for consistency with drafting conventions.

GAE *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 House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

There is no fiscal impact associated with this bill.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 6693*****AN ACT CONCERNING GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND THE DESIGNATION OF CERTAIN DAYS AND MONTHS BY THE GOVERNOR.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill (1) authorizes the state librarian to establish the Real Property Electronic Recording Advisory Committee prior to October 1, 2009, rather than on or after this date; (2) repeals the requirement for state agencies to include a cost-benefit analysis of volunteer services in their annual report to the governor; and (3) designates several days and one month to heighten public awareness of various issues.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

REAL PROPERTY ELECTRONIC RECORDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Effective October 1, 2009, PA 08-56 § 5 requires the state librarian to (1) establish a Real Property Electronic Recording Advisory Committee and (2) adopt regulations to implement the Uniform Real Property Electronic Recording Act created by the act, in consultation with the committee and the public records administrator.

The bill makes PA 08-56 § 5 effective upon signing by the governor (May 12, 2008), rather than October 1, 2009, thus authorizing the state librarian to establish the committee and regulations prior to the time they must implement the Uniform Real Property Electronic Recording Act.

STATE DESIGNATIONS

The bill requires the governor to proclaim:

1. September as Chiari Malformation Awareness Month to

- heighten public awareness of its symptoms and treatments;
2. August 23rd of each year as Missing Persons Day to raise awareness of the plight of families of state citizens who have been reported as missing;
 3. May 12th of each year as Fibromyalgia Awareness Day to heighten public awareness about its symptoms and treatments;
 4. September 12th of each year as Honor Our Heroes Day, in memory of those who lost their lives or suffered injuries in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, and in honor of the service, sacrifice, and contributions of the firefighters, police officers, and other personnel who responded to the attacks; and
 5. September 13th of each year as Fragile X Syndrome Awareness Day to heighten public awareness of its symptoms and treatments.

Under the bill, suitable exercises must be held in the state capitol, and elsewhere as the governor designates, to observe Chiari Malformation Awareness Month and each public awareness day, except Fragile X Syndrome. It appears these exercises must take place for a month in the case of Fragile X Syndrome Awareness Day.

BACKGROUND

Chiari Malformations

Chiari malformations are structural defects in the cerebellum, the part of the brain that controls balance. Symptoms include dizziness, muscle weakness, numbness, vision problems, headache, and problems with balance and coordination. The most serious of the three primary forms, Type III, causes severe neurological defects, according to the National Institutes of Health's National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke.

Fragile X Syndrome

Fragile X is a family of genetic conditions that can impact

individuals and families in various ways. Fragile X Syndrome is the most common cause of inherited mental impairment. The impairment can range from learning disabilities to more severe cognitive or intellectual disabilities, according to the National Fragile X Foundation.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 15 Nay 0 (03/30/2009)