



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 6546

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Referred to Committee on Labor and Public Employees

Introduced by:
(LAB)

**AN ACT CONCERNING EMPLOYMENT IMPACT STATEMENTS FOR
THE BUDGET, BUDGET IMPLEMENTER AND BUDGET
RECONCILIATION BILLS.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 2-24a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) No bill without a fiscal note appended thereto which, if passed,
4 would require the expenditure of state or municipal funds or affect
5 state or municipal revenue in the current fiscal year or any of the next
6 ensuing five fiscal years shall be acted upon by either house of the
7 General Assembly unless said requirement of a fiscal note is dispensed
8 with by a vote of at least two-thirds of such house. Such fiscal note
9 shall clearly identify the cost and revenue impact to the state and
10 municipalities in the current fiscal year and in each of the next ensuing
11 five fiscal years.

12 (b) (1) No bill adopting, modifying or implementing the biennial
13 budget shall be acted upon without an employment impact statement
14 appended thereto, unless said requirement of an employment impact

15 statement is dispensed with by a vote of at least two-thirds of such
16 house. Such employment impact statement shall clearly identify the
17 likely effect on unemployment, including the number of jobs lost or
18 gained in the current and next two fiscal years, as compared to
19 maintaining the spending levels, and tax and fee rates, in existence
20 prior to the bill's passage. Bills adopting the biennial budget shall use
21 spending levels adjusted for current services in order to calculate the
22 impact.

23 (2) The economic impact statement shall use generally accepted
24 economic multiplier analysis using an assumed multiplier of 1.36, or
25 such adjusted multiplier as may become generally accepted for
26 analyzing the macro-economic effects of changes in public spending.
27 The macro-economic impact of changes in fees and taxes shall be
28 determined using generally accepted economic analysis and shall take
29 into account the source of the revenue and its relative likelihood of
30 being spent or invested in the Connecticut economy.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	2-24a

Statement of Purpose:

To require an analysis of the impact of changes in the state budget on the number of jobs in Connecticut's overall economy.

[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.]