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Substitute House Bill No. 5289

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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 THE SALARIES OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER AND THE DEPUTY MEDICAL EXAMINER.

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

1 Section 1. Section 19a-404 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 The Chief Medical Examiner shall be a citizen of the United States
4 and a doctor of medicine licensed to practice medicine in Connecticut
5 and shall have had a minimum of four years postgraduate training in
6 pathology and such additional subsequent experience in forensic
7 pathology as the commission may determine, provided any person
8 otherwise qualified who is not licensed to so practice may be
9 appointed Chief Medical Examiner, provided he or she obtains [shall
10 obtain] such a license within one year of his or her appointment. [His]
11 The Commission on Medicolegal Investigations shall submit
12 recommendations concerning the Chief Medical Examiner's salary and
13 annual increments to such salary to the Commissioner of

14 Administrative Services for review and approval pursuant to section 4-
15 40. The Chief Medical Examiner's term of office [and annual salary]
16 shall be fixed by the commission and [he] the Chief Medical Examiner
17 may be removed by the commission only for cause. Under the
18 direction of the commission, [he] the Chief Medical Examiner shall
19 prepare for transmission to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
20 Management as required by law estimates of expenditure
21 requirements. [He] The Chief Medical Examiner shall account to the
22 State Treasurer for all fees and moneys received and expended by him
23 or her by virtue of his or her office. [He] The Chief Medical Examiner
24 may as part of his or her duties teach medical and law school classes,
25 conduct special classes for police investigators and engage in other
26 activities related to the work of [his] the office to such extent and on
27 such terms as may be authorized by the commission.

28 Sec. 2. Section 19a-405 of the general statutes is repealed and the
29 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

30 The Chief Medical Examiner, with the approval of the [commission]
31 Commission on Medicolegal Investigations, shall appoint a deputy
32 who shall perform all the duties of the Chief Medical Examiner in case
33 of his or her sickness or absence and such associate medical examiners,
34 assistant medical examiners, pathologists, toxicologists, laboratory
35 technicians and other professional staff as the commission may specify.
36 The commission in advance of appointments shall specify the
37 qualifications required for each position in terms of education,
38 experience and other relevant considerations. The commission shall
39 [fix the annual salary of the Deputy Chief Medical Examiner and shall
40 submit recommendations concerning] submit recommendations
41 concerning (1) the Deputy Chief Medical Examiner's salary and annual
42 increments to such salary, and (2) the salaries and compensation of
43 other professional staff to the Commissioner of Administrative
44 Services for review and approval pursuant to section 4-40. The Chief
45 Medical Examiner, the Deputy Chief Medical Examiner, associate
46 medical examiners, and assistant medical examiners shall take the oath
47 provided by law for public officers. Other staff members as

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill, which requires the Commission on Medicolegal Investigations to submit salary recommendations for the Chief Medical Examiner to the Department of Administrative Services, does not result in a fiscal impact.

The Out Years

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALARIES OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER AND THE DEPUTY MEDICAL EXAMINER.

SUMMARY:

This bill requires the Commission on Medicolegal Investigations (COMLI) to submit recommendations concerning the salaries and annual increments of the chief medical examiner and the deputy chief medical examiner to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) commissioner for review and approval. Under current law, COMLI sets the annual salary for the chief medical examiner and the deputy and submits recommendations concerning salaries and compensation of other professional staff to the DAS commissioner.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND

Commission on Medicolegal Investigations (COMLI)

COMLI is nine-member, independent administrative commission within the Department of Public Health (DPH) for administrative purposes only. Its members include pathology professors, two law professors, a Connecticut Medical Society member, a Connecticut Bar Association member, two public members, and the DPH commissioner. The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner operates under the control and supervision of COMLI.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference
Yea 30 Nay 0 (03/10/2010)

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 14 Nay 0 (03/24/2010)