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Substitute House Bill No. 5325

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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 ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF REPORTS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 11-4a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2010*):

3 Each commission, task force or committee appointed by the
4 Governor or the General Assembly, or both, and required to report its
5 findings and recommendations, and each state agency which submits a
6 report to the General Assembly or any committee of the General
7 Assembly, shall submit its report electronically to the clerks of the
8 Senate and the House of Representatives, [and shall file with the State
9 Librarian as many copies of such report as the commission, task force,
10 committee or agency and the librarian jointly deem appropriate, and
11 one copy with] the State Librarian and the Office of Legislative
12 Research.

13 Sec. 2. Section 2-110 of the general statutes is repealed and the
14 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2010*):

15 (a) There is established a Commission on Innovation and
16 Productivity for State Government. The commission shall be composed
17 as follows: The chairpersons of the Legislative Program Review and
18 Investigations Committee, the chairpersons and ranking members of
19 the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
20 cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of
21 state agencies and government administration, the Secretary of the
22 Office of Policy and Management and the Commissioner of
23 Administrative Services; ten persons appointed by the Governor, two
24 of whom shall represent the State Employees' Bargaining Agent
25 Coalition (SEBAC), two of whom shall represent the business
26 community and two of whom shall represent the State Managers
27 Association of Connecticut; and six members appointed as follows:
28 One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one
29 appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, one appointed by the
30 minority leader of the Senate, one appointed by the speaker of the
31 House of Representatives, one appointed by the majority leader of the
32 House of Representatives and one appointed by the minority leader of
33 the House of Representatives. Appointments by legislative leaders
34 may be public members or legislators. The Governor shall appoint a
35 cochairperson who is not a legislator from among the members
36 appointed by him. The other cochairperson shall be a legislator elected
37 by the legislative members of the commission at its first meeting. All
38 appointments shall be made on or before July 15, 1993. The
39 cochairperson appointed by the Governor shall convene the first
40 meeting on or before July 31, 1993.

41 (b) The commission shall recommend innovations for the
42 improvements of cost-effectiveness and efficiency in state government.
43 It shall examine ways to increase state government productivity,
44 reduce costs and provide the highest quality services. The commission
45 shall report its findings and recommended innovations to the
46 Governor and the General Assembly not later than February 1, 1994,

47 and annually thereafter, in accordance with the provisions of section
48 11-4a, as amended by this act. The innovations shall include
49 recommendations for the reduction of expenditures of at least ten
50 million dollars for each of the two fiscal years succeeding the fiscal
51 year in progress. On and after October 1, 1996, the report shall be
52 submitted to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
53 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and budgets of
54 state agencies and government administration and, upon request, to
55 any member of the General Assembly. A summary of the report shall
56 be electronically submitted to each member of the General Assembly if
57 the summary is two pages or less and a notification of the report shall
58 be electronically submitted to each member if the summary is more
59 than two pages. Submission shall be by [mailing] electronically
60 sending the report, summary or notification to [the legislative address
61 of] each member of the committees or the General Assembly, as
62 applicable.

63 Sec. 3. Subsection (b) of section 17b-369 of the 2010 supplement to
64 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
65 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2010*):

66 (b) (1) The Commissioner of Social Services shall submit, in
67 accordance with this subdivision, a copy of any report on the Money
68 Follows the Person demonstration project that the commissioner is
69 required to submit to the Secretary of Health and Human Services and
70 that pertains to (A) the status of the implementation of the Money
71 Follows the Person demonstration project, (B) the anticipated date that
72 the first eligible person or persons will be transitioned into the
73 community, or (C) information concerning when and how the
74 Department of Social Services will transition additional eligible
75 persons into the community. The commissioner shall submit any such
76 [copy] report to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
77 having cognizance of matters relating to human services and to the
78 select committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
79 matters relating to aging, in accordance with the provisions of section
80 11-4a, as amended by this act. Copies of reports prepared prior to

81 October 1, 2009, shall be submitted by said date and [copies of] reports
82 prepared thereafter shall be submitted semiannually.

83 (2) After October 1, 2009, if the commissioner has not prepared any
84 new reports for submission to the Secretary of Health and Human
85 Services for any six-month submission period under subdivision (1) of
86 this subsection, the commissioner shall prepare and submit a written
87 report in accordance with this subdivision to the joint standing
88 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
89 relating to human services and to the select committee of the General
90 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to aging, in
91 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, as amended by this
92 act. Such report shall include (A) the status of the implementation of
93 the Money Follows the Person demonstration project, (B) the
94 anticipated date that the first eligible person or persons will be
95 transitioned into the community, and (C) information concerning
96 when and how the Department of Social Services will transition
97 additional eligible persons into the community.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2010	11-4a
Sec. 2	July 1, 2010	2-110
Sec. 3	July 1, 2010	17b-369(b)

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

Sections 2 and 3 were added for statutory consistency.

GAE *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 11 \$	FY 12 \$
All	Various Funds - Savings	See Below	See Below

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a savings to all state agencies by requiring state agencies and task forces, commissions, and committees to electronically submit their reports and removes the state librarian's authority to require multiple hard copy submissions of a report. Additionally the bill results in a savings to the Commission on Innovation and Productivity for State Government and the Department of Social Services by requiring the electronic submittal rather than paper submittal of certain reports.

Currently, Connecticut General Statute and Special Legislative Acts mandate approximately 500 reports and publications be produced annually for the General Assembly. Of these, 419 are mandated reports. In FY 09 the state spent approximately \$4.3 million on printing and binding and \$249,381 on photocopying¹. The cost of producing a single report is difficult to quantify.

By way of example, the Department of Administrative Services' (DAS) average report is about 20 pages long. DAS is required to produce a minimum of 20 copies per report, 17 of which are for the

State Library. Depending on when each report needs to be printed and disseminated, and the length of each report, the cost of printing mandated reports could exceed \$805 a year.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of reports required.

¹ These figures represent printing, binding and photocopying expenditures for the state's ten operating funds. The figures generally reflect the cost of contracts with outside vendors and do not include state agencies' internal printing costs.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

This bill requires state agencies and task forces, commissions, and committees to electronically submit their reports and removes the state librarian's authority to require multiple hard copy submissions of a report. By law, if (1) a task force, commission, or committee is appointed by the governor, the General Assembly, or both and required to report its findings or (2) a state agency is required to submit a report to the General Assembly or a legislative committee, that report must be submitted to the House and Senate clerks, the state librarian, and the Office of Legislative Research. The bill removes the requirement that the submitting entity file as many copies with the state librarian as it and the librarian jointly agree are appropriate.

The bill also requires the Commission on Innovation and Productivity for State Government to electronically transmit its reports, summaries, or notifications of its reports to any legislator who requests a copy. Under current law, a copy of the report, summary, or notification is mailed to the legislator's legislative address.

Additionally, the bill requires the commissioner of social services to electronically submit reports on the Money Follows the Person demonstration project. By law, these semiannual reports are submitted to the Human Services Committee and the Select Committee on Aging.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2010

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 14 Nay 0 (03/18/2010)