



House of Representatives

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House Bill No. 5514

House of Representatives, April 8, 2010

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 bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING STATE AGENCY 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 Section 11-4a of the general statutes is repealed and the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 October 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 to the clerks of the Senate and the
8 House of Representatives, and shall file one copy 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 Office of Legislative Research.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2010</i>	11-4a
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GAE *Joint Favorable*

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.

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.

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.

It should be noted that there is \$50 million in savings in the FY 11 Budget to implement the Enhancing Agency Outcomes Commission recommendations. Expanding the use of paperless processes was one of the Commission's recommendations.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 5514****AN ACT CONCERNING STATE AGENCY REPORTS.****SUMMARY:**

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 Senate and House clerks, state librarian, and 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 and instead requires that only one copy be filed with the library.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2010

BACKGROUND***Related bill***

sHB 5325, reported favorably by the Government Administration and Elections Committee, 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.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 15 Nay 0 (03/22/2010)