



# Senate

General Assembly

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 418

*Senate, April 12, 2010*

The Committee on Energy and Technology reported through SEN. FONFARA, J. of the 1st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING AUDIT OF THE STATE'S  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS EXPENSES AND CERTAIN FILINGS WITH  
THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITY CONTROL.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 2-90 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
3 *passage*):

4 (c) (1) Said auditors shall audit, on a biennial basis if deemed most  
5 economical and efficient, or as frequently as they deem necessary, the  
6 books and accounts of each officer, department, commission, board  
7 and court of the state government, all institutions supported by the  
8 state and all public and quasi-public bodies, politic and corporate,  
9 created by public or special act of the General Assembly and not  
10 required to be audited or subject to reporting requirements, under the  
11 provisions of chapter 111. Each such audit may include an examination  
12 of performance in order to determine effectiveness in achieving

13 expressed legislative purposes. The auditors shall report their findings  
14 and recommendations to the Governor, the State Comptroller, the joint  
15 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
16 matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies,  
17 and the Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee.

18 (2) For the audit of the Department of Information Technology  
19 conducted on or after the effective date of this section, said auditors  
20 shall include an audit of the state's telecommunications expenses and  
21 recommendations to reduce such expenses.

22 Sec. 2. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2010) The date and time of filing of  
23 each document by a telephone company or its affiliate with the  
24 Department of Public Utility Control shall be the date and time by  
25 which the department first receives a complete electronic or paper  
26 version of such document, provided such electronic or paper version is  
27 properly filed. If payment of a fee is required to accompany such  
28 document, the department shall not deem a document to be filed until  
29 the department receives the fee. If a document is electronically  
30 submitted outside of the department's normal business hours, the  
31 department shall deem the document to be filed at the time the  
32 department's offices next open. The department shall not require paper  
33 versions of electronic filings to be filed, except (1) at the request of the  
34 department, three paper copies shall be sent to the department via  
35 regular first class United States mail, and (2) at the request of any party  
36 or intervenor in a specific department docket who does not have  
37 computer access, the department may request one paper copy be sent  
38 to such party or intervenor via first class United States mail.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	2-90(c)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	New section

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**  
In section 2, references to the regulations of Connecticut state agencies were removed for proper statutory form.

*ET*      *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.

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**OFA Fiscal Note****State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill creates certain stipulations concerning the filing of documents with the Department of Public Utility Control (DPUC) and requires the Auditors to audit the Department of Information Technology (DoIT) telecommunication expenses. These provisions are not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact.

**The Out Years****State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****sSB 418*****AN ACT CONCERNING AUDIT OF THE STATE'S  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS EXPENSES AND CERTAIN FILINGS  
WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITY CONTROL.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill specifies when documents submitted by a telephone company to the Department of Public Utility Control (DPUC) are considered to be filed and limits the number of paper copies that must be filed. There are two telephone companies in the state, Verizon, which serves part of Greenwich, and AT&T, which serves the rest of the state.

The bill requires the next audit of the Department of Information Technology by the state auditors to include an audit of the state's telecommunications expenses and the auditors' recommendations on how to reduce these expenses.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Upon passage for the telecommunications audit and July 1, 2010 for the telephone company provisions.

**TELEPHONE COMPANY FILINGS**

Under the bill, each document submitted by a telephone company or its affiliate with DPUC is considered to be filed on the date and at the time when DPUC first receives a complete electronic or paper version of the document, so long as it filed in accordance with relevant DPUC regulations. If a fee must accompany the document, DPUC may not consider a document filed until it receives the fee. If a document is electronically submitted outside of DPUC's normal business hours, DPUC must consider the document to be filed when its offices next open.

Under the bill, DPUC may not require paper versions of electronic filings to be filed, except it may require that (1) three paper copies be mailed to it and (2) one paper copy be mailed to a party or intervenor in a specific DPUC docket who does not have computer access.

Energy and Technology Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

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