



DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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Senate Bill 1125

**AN ACT IMPLEMENTING RECOMMENDATIONS
OF THE COMMISSION ON ENHANCING AGENCY OUTCOMES**

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Committee on Appropriations

The Department of Administrative Services (DAS) thanks the Committee for the opportunity to comment on **Senate Bill 1125, An Act Implementing the Recommendations of the Commission on Enhancing Agency Outcomes**.

Senate Bill 1125 would require DAS, in consultation with the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, to prepare a plan by December 1, 2011 to implement the recommendations of the Commission on Enhancing Agency Outcomes (CEAO).

The CEAO worked for over a year and a half to study numerous and diverse areas of Connecticut state government in an effort to find savings, and DAS commends the Commission for its dedication and hard work. In its final report published on December 30, 2010, the CEAO listed "30 potential savings ideas ultimately recommended by the commission," and "also developed a second list of 15 proposals that have the potential to enhance agency outcomes, but may not directly save the state money, as well as 17 additional areas that merit further exploration." When these ideas and recommendations were published, the Commission recognized that each item requiring statutory change would have to be separately vetted by the legislature before it could be implemented.

DAS, OPM and several other Departments provided comments on many of the specific ideas and recommendations listed in the report to the CEAO during the Commission's meetings, and to the Government Administration and Elections Committee on March 2, 2011 when it conducted its public hearing on Senate Bill 1059, An Act Concerning the Recommendations of the Commission on Enhancing Agency Outcomes. In these comments, a number of concerns have been raised about the feasibility of implementing some of the CEAO recommendations. Additionally, Governor Malloy has made a series of budget recommendations to streamline Connecticut state government and find savings and efficiencies in state programs, and some of CEAO recommendations conflict with the Governor's proposals. Since negotiations between the legislature and the Governor regarding specific streamlining and savings proposals are continuing this session, DAS respectfully submits that Senate Bill 1125 should not move forward.

Thank you for your consideration of DAS's views. We would be happy to meet with the Committee at any time to discuss it further.