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Substitute Senate Bill No. 426

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The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through SEN. SLOSSBERG of the 14th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS
AND GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS DATA SHARING.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) For purposes of this
2 section, "regional planning agency" and "regional council of elected
3 officials" have the same meanings as provided in section 4-124i of the
4 general statutes, "regional council of governments" has the same
5 meaning as "council" in section 4-124i of the general statutes and
6 "electric company" and "electric distribution company" have the same
7 meanings as provided in section 16-1 of the general statutes.

8 (b) Upon the request of the geographic information systems or
9 geospatial information systems analyst or coordinator, or any
10 equivalent official, of any municipality or of any regional planning
11 agency, regional council of elected officials or regional council of
12 governments, an electric company or electric distribution company
13 shall provide to such analyst, coordinator or official any geographic

14 information systems or geospatial information systems data for such
 15 electric or electric distribution company's service area identifying
 16 utility pole data for poles owned or jointly owned by such company.
 17 Such data shall include pole ownership, identification number, XY
 18 coordinate location, pole height, pole classification and wattage size of
 19 street lights or post lights for such municipality or for the area served
 20 by such regional planning agency, regional council of elected officials
 21 or regional council of governments.

22 (c) Upon the request of a municipality for public safety reasons
 23 during an emergency, an electric company or electric distribution
 24 company may provide to such municipality the location of electric
 25 service accounts that are coded by such company as medical hardship
 26 accounts within such municipality.

27 (d) Prior to receipt of data from an electric company or electric
 28 distribution company under this section, a municipality, regional
 29 planning agency, regional council of elected officials or regional
 30 council of governments shall demonstrate to such company that it has
 31 implemented appropriate procedures to protect the confidentiality of
 32 the information. Any data provided by such company to a
 33 municipality, regional planning agency, regional council of elected
 34 officials or regional council of governments pursuant to this section
 35 shall be used by such entity for internal use only, and shall not be
 36 publicly disclosed by the municipality, regional planning agency,
 37 regional council of elected officials or regional council of governments
 38 or be subject to any public disclosure requirement without the prior
 39 consent of the electric company or electric distribution company, as
 40 applicable, and shall be exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of
 41 Information Act, as defined in section 1-200 of the general statutes.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>from passage</i> | New section |

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In section 1(d) "under this section" was inserted for clarity.

GAE *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill, which requires electric and electric distribution companies to provide certain utility pole data to municipalities, regional planning agencies, regional council of elected officials, or regional council of governments, has no fiscal impact on the state or municipalities.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 426*****AN ACT CONCERNING GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS
AND GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS DATA SHARING.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires electric companies to provide certain utility pole data to any municipality, regional planning agency, regional council of elected officials, or regional council of governments upon the request of a geographic or geospatial information systems (GIS) analyst or coordinator, or other equivalent official of such entities.

Under the bill, electric companies must share GIS data for poles they own or jointly own that are located in the municipality or the area served by the regional organization. The data include pole ownership, ID number, XY coordinate location, height, classification, and wattage size of street lights or post lights. The bill also allows the companies to provide the location of medical hardship accounts to a municipality if it requests this information for public safety reasons during an emergency.

Before receiving the data, the municipality or regional organization must demonstrate to the electric company that it has appropriate procedures to keep the data confidential. The municipality or regional organization must use the data internally only and cannot publicly disclose the data without the company's consent. The bill exempts from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act any data shared under the bill.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 15 Nay 0 (03/29/2012)