



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5521**

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**AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF ELECTRONIC OR DIGITAL  
METHODS OF COMMUNICATION IN LIEU OF MAILED  
COMMUNICATIONS.**

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Department of  
2 Administrative Services shall study the feasibility of amending the  
3 general statutes to permit any state agency, quasi-public agency,  
4 political subdivision of the state or business entity to send  
5 communications using digital or electronic mail instead of by first class  
6 or United States mail, provided the intended recipient of any such  
7 communication has opted to receive communications electronically or  
8 digitally. Such study shall include, but not be limited to, (1) the  
9 implications of the Electronic Signatures in Global and National  
10 Commerce Act 15 USC 96 and chapter 15 of the general statutes on  
11 such communications, (2) methods to avoid infringing upon the due  
12 process rights of the intended recipient, and (3) methods for the sender  
13 to verify receipt of digital or electronic communications. In conducting  
14 such study the department shall solicit the input of interested parties,  
15 including, but not limited to, town clerks, representatives of state  
16 residents who receive benefits from the Department of Social Services  
17 and providers of digital or electronic mail services.

18 (b) Not later than January 1, 2013, the department shall submit its  
19 recommendations concerning such study, in accordance with the

20 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, including a list of  
21 the general statutes that the department finds appropriate to amend to  
22 permit the use of digital or electronic mail, to the joint standing  
23 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
24 relating to government administration.

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

**GAE**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*