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House Bill No. 5614
As Amended by House Amendment
Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner
May 16, 2013

AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF ELECTRONIC BOOKS TO USERS OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Within available appropriations,
2 the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, in consultation with the
3 State Librarian and the Attorney General, shall conduct a study
4 regarding the availability of electronic books to users of public libraries
5 in this state. When conducting the study, said commissioner shall
6 consider information provided by interested third parties, including,
7 but not limited to, authors, representatives of public libraries, book
8 publishers and third-party electronic book distributors.

9 (b) The study conducted pursuant to subsection (a) of this section
10 shall include, but not be limited to, (1) a survey of whether and how
11 book publishers and third-party electronic book distributors sell,
12 license or otherwise make electronic books available to users of public
13 libraries in this state, (2) what problems, if any, exist with current
14 practices regarding the availability of electronic books to users of

15 public libraries in this state, and (3) recommendations to increase the
16 availability of electronic books to users of public libraries in this state.

17 (c) Not later than February 1, 2014, the Commissioner of Consumer
18 Protection, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes,
19 shall report the results of the study conducted pursuant to subsection
20 (a) of this section to the joint standing committee of the General
21 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to consumer
22 protection.

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

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

There is no fiscal impact in requiring the Department of Consumer Protection in consultation with the State Librarian and the Attorney General to conduct a study regarding the availability of electronic books to users in public libraries. It is assumed that the Attorney General will provide the necessary expertise in legal issues including constitutionality and the State Librarian will provide expertise in the operation and practices within public libraries.

House "A" (LCO 6850) struck the original bill and results in the fiscal impact as stated above.

The Out Years

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis

HB 5614 (as amended by House "A")

AN ACT CONCERNING "E-BOOKS" AND LIBRARIES.

SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 18 Nay 0 (03/12/2013)