



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 5516

House of Representatives, April 8, 2014

The Committee on Commerce reported through REP. PERONE of the 137th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF KITCHEN INCUBATORS.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective October 1, 2014*) The Commissioner of Economic
2 and Community Development shall conduct a study of the kitchen
3 incubator programs established in the states of New Jersey, New York
4 and Vermont. On or before January 1, 2015, the commissioner shall
5 report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the
6 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance
7 of matters relating to commerce and higher education on such study.
8 Such report shall include, but not be limited to, (1) an overview of said
9 kitchen incubator programs, (2) the potential economic benefits
10 resulting from establishing a kitchen incubator program in the state,
11 (3) a recommendation concerning the need for a kitchen incubator
12 program, and (4) legislative recommendations to implement a kitchen
13 incubator program, provided the commissioner determines there is a
14 need for such program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	New section

CE *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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

The bill has no fiscal impact by requiring the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) (1) to study kitchen incubator programs in New Jersey, New York and Vermont and (2) to develop a report that provides an overview of those programs, as well as the potential economic benefits of a kitchen incubator program in this state. The report must also include recommendations on implementing a kitchen incubator program if the agency determines there is need for such a program.

It is anticipated that DECD will be able to effectively complete the study and report without additional resources. DECD currently implements policies, strategies and programs that support business growth in the state.

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OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Commerce Committee

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Yea 18 Nay 0 (03/25/2014)