



Senate

General Assembly

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 218

Senate, March 12, 2015

The Committee on Environment reported through SEN. KENNEDY of the 12th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TO STUDY THE EXPANSION OF WASTEWATER DISPOSAL SYSTEMS IN EASTERN CONNECTICUT.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Energy and
2 Environmental Protection, in consultation with the Commissioner of
3 Public Health and any applicable regional council of government, shall
4 conduct a study on the need for expansion of wastewater disposal
5 facilities and systems in eastern Connecticut. Such study shall include,
6 but need not be limited to, the development of a master plan to
7 identify and prioritize areas in eastern Connecticut that are in urgent
8 need of such expansion and recommendations on ways in which such
9 expansion can be achieved while easing the fiscal burden of such
10 facilities on local municipalities in eastern Connecticut. Not later than
11 February 1, 2016, the commissioner shall submit a report, in
12 accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint
13 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
14 matters relating to the environment. Such report shall include, but not

15 be limited to, any requisite legislation to facilitate the implementation
16 of the recommendations developed pursuant to such study.

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:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 16 \$	FY 17 \$
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection	GF - Cost	200,000	None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to develop a master plan, by February 1, 2016, to identify and prioritize areas in eastern Connecticut that are in urgent need of wastewater disposal facilities and systems. The bill also specifies that the master plan must make certain recommendations on ways in which the facilities expansion can be achieved while easing the municipal fiscal burden.

It is anticipated that DEEP would contract with an outside consultant firm for preparation of the master plan, resulting in a cost of approximately \$200,000 in FY 16.

The Out Years

There is no annualized ongoing fiscal impact in the outyears, as the study must be completed by February 1, 2016.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 27 Nay 0 (02/27/2015)