



Senate

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 888

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The Committee on Housing reported through SEN. WINFIELD of the 10th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING ADEQUATE AND SAFE HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY AND YOUNGER PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2015*) (a) For purposes of this section,
2 "elderly tenants" means tenants sixty-two years of age or older. The
3 Commissioner of Housing, in consultation with the Commissioner of
4 Mental Health and Addiction Services, the Department on Aging, the
5 Department of Developmental Services, the Department of
6 Rehabilitation Services and the Office of Protection and Advocacy for
7 Persons with Disabilities, shall, within available appropriations,
8 conduct a study of public housing in the state that houses both elderly
9 tenants and younger tenants with disabilities. The study shall include,
10 but not be limited to: (1) Recommendations concerning the feasibility
11 and means of providing comparable housing to tenants who are
12 displaced due to units being reserved in such housing primarily for
13 either the elderly or younger tenants with disabilities, (2)
14 recommendations for the provision of additional support services

15 needed for both elderly tenants and younger tenants with disabilities,
 16 (3) an estimate of any additional state appropriations needed to
 17 implement any recommendations pursuant to subdivisions (1) and (2)
 18 of this subsection, (4) an assessment of support services available to
 19 assist elderly tenants and younger tenants with disabilities and any
 20 gaps in such services, and (5) a summary of the number of negative
 21 incidents between elderly tenants and younger tenants with
 22 disabilities from calendar years 2010 to 2014, inclusive, and the
 23 number of evictions related to such incidents.

24 (b) On or before December 1, 2015, the Commissioner of Housing
 25 shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
 26 general statutes, the findings of such study to the joint standing
 27 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
 28 relating to housing.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	New section

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The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 16 \$	FY 17 \$
Department of Housing	GF - Potential Cost	Up to 100,000	None
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Potential Cost	Up to 27,055	None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a one-time cost of up to \$100,000 in FY 16 to the Department of Housing (DOH) for conducting a study concerning state-assisted housing for elderly tenants.

It is anticipated that DOH would require either a third party contractor at a cost of up to \$100,000 or two durational staff with a total salary cost of \$70,000 (plus \$27,055 for fringe benefits) as well as up to \$1,000 for necessary expenses such as mileage reimbursement to conduct the study within the timeframe of approximately six months. The bill (1) outlines various components that must be included in the report and (2) requires recommendations in the report related to those components. The Department currently does not track such information and as such would require additional sources to collect the information.

The Out Years

¹The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes is 38.65% of payroll in FY 16 and FY 17.

The bill requires DOH to report the results of the study to the committees of cognizance by December 1, 2015. There is therefore no fiscal impact beyond FY 16.



OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Housing Committee

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Yea 13 Nay 0 (03/11/2015)