



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 369

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Substitute House Bill No. 6819

House of Representatives, April 1, 2015

The Committee on Transportation reported through REP. GUERRERA of the 29th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT REQUIRING AN INVESTIGATION INTO OPTIONS FOR OPERATION OF STATE RAIL LINES.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Legislative Program Review
2 and Investigations Committee shall investigate the available options
3 for operation of the state rail lines. Such investigation shall include: (1)
4 Outreach to a variety of companies that operate rail lines, including
5 Metro North Commuter Railroad, to ascertain, for each company, such
6 company's (A) past experience in the field of rail line operation, (B)
7 terms of the contracts under which such companies operate, and
8 mechanisms used to enforce such terms, (C) the quality of service and
9 safety provided, and (D) experience in working with other
10 stakeholders to respond promptly and effectively to concerns about
11 the operation of a rail line; and (2) the feasibility of, and costs involved
12 in, contracting with a new company to operate the state rail lines.

13 (b) Not later than February 1, 2016, the Legislative Program Review
14 and Investigations Committee shall report, in accordance with the

15 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing
16 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
17 relating to transportation, on the results of the investigation conducted
18 in accordance with subsection (a) of this section.

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

TRA *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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

The bill requires the Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee to evaluate the available options for operation of the state rail lines and issue a report by February 1, 2016. This is not expected to result in a fiscal impact as it is likely that the committee would rearrange its' 2016 project agenda to accommodate this study.

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OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Transportation Committee

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Yea 31 Nay 0 (03/18/2015)