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Substitute Senate Bill No. 1004

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The Committee on Aging reported through SEN. FLEXER of the 29th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING SENIOR HOUSING.

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" means sixty-two years of age and older. The Commissioner of
3 Housing, in consultation with the Connecticut Housing Finance
4 Authority, the Department on Aging, the Department of Mental
5 Health and Addiction Services, the Department of Developmental
6 Services, the Office for Protection and Advocacy for Persons with
7 Disabilities and representatives from independent living centers for
8 persons with disabilities, shall conduct a study concerning state-
9 assisted housing for elderly tenants authorized pursuant to chapter 128
10 of the general statutes. The study shall include, but not be limited to:
11 (1) The financial impact of an increase in younger tenants with
12 disabilities on the availability of such housing, (2) the number of
13 negative incidents between elderly tenants and younger tenants with
14 disabilities from the beginning of calendar year 2010 to the end of
15 calendar year 2014 and the number of evictions related to such

16 incidents, (3) support services available to assist tenants with
 17 disabilities and any gaps in such services, (4) recommendations
 18 concerning the provision of comparable housing to tenants if the state
 19 reserves units in state-assisted housing for elderly tenants or younger
 20 tenants with disabilities, (5) recommendations for additional support
 21 services needed for tenants, and (6) an estimate of any additional state
 22 appropriations needed to implement recommendations made
 23 pursuant to subdivisions (4) and (5) of this subsection.

24 (b) The Commissioner of Housing shall submit a report, in
 25 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
 26 on the study to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
 27 having cognizance of matters relating to aging and housing not later
 28 than January 15, 2016.

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

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In the introductory language to the section, "(NEW)" was deleted in conformance with drafting conventions regarding special acts.

AGE *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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 - Cost	Up to 71,000	None
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Cost	27,055	None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a one-time cost of \$98,055 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 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

The bill requires DOH to report the results of the study to the committees of cognizance by January 15, 2016. There is therefore no

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.

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

Aging Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 13 Nay 0 (03/05/2015)