



Senate

General Assembly

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 256

Senate, April 7, 2016

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through SEN. CASSANO, S. of the 4th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY THE PERFORMANCE OF CERTAIN LIMITED DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES FUNCTIONS BY TOWN CLERKS.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a working
2 group to study the feasibility, costs and benefits of authorizing town
3 clerks to perform certain limited functions that are statutorily assigned
4 to the Department of Motor Vehicles. The working group shall (1)
5 examine functions of the department that are performed at branch
6 offices of the department, including, but not limited to, original
7 issuance, renewal and replacement of motor vehicle operator's licenses
8 and identity cards, and original issuance and renewal of motor vehicle
9 registrations, (2) identify any such functions that may be performed by
10 town clerks, and (3) analyze the feasibility, costs and benefits of
11 authorizing town clerks to perform such functions.

12 (b) The working group shall consist of the following members:

13 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
14 one of whom shall represent the Connecticut Town Clerks Association
15 and one of whom shall represent the Connecticut Conference of
16 Municipalities;

17 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one
18 of whom shall represent the Connecticut Town Clerks Association and
19 one of whom shall represent the Connecticut Council of Small Towns;

20 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
21 Representatives;

22 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

23 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
24 Representatives;

25 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; and

26 (7) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, or the commissioner's
27 designee.

28 (c) Any member of the working group appointed under subdivision
29 (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of
30 the General Assembly.

31 (d) All appointments to the working group shall be made not later
32 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy
33 shall be filled by the appointing authority.

34 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
35 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the working
36 group from among the members of the working group. Such
37 chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of the working group,
38 which shall be held not later than sixty days after the effective date of
39 this section.

40 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committees of the
41 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to

42 transportation and government administration shall serve as
43 administrative staff of the working group.

44 (g) Not later than January 1, 2017, the working group shall submit a
45 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
46 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
47 relating to transportation and government administration, in
48 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.
49 The working group shall terminate on the date that it submits such
50 report or January 1, 2017, whichever is later.

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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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 17 \$
Various State Agencies	GF - Potential Cost	Less than \$1,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

There may be a cost of less than \$1,000 in FY 17 to those agencies participating in the working group to reimburse legislators and agency staff for mileage expenses.

The Out Years

There is no ongoing fiscal impact because the working group terminates in FY 17.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

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