



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 521**

February Session, 2016

Senate Bill No. 437

*Senate, April 6, 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 bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT CONCERNING GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 2-35a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2016*):

3 The joint standing committee of the General Assembly having  
4 cognizance of matters relating to government administration [,  
5 organization and reorganization] shall be charged with the duty and  
6 responsibility of overseeing all government organization and  
7 reorganization and in particular any transfer, allocation or  
8 consolidation of any state department or agency. The committee shall  
9 have responsibility for continuing review of the organization and  
10 reorganization of state departments and agencies and may from time  
11 to time make recommendations to the General Assembly with regard  
12 to government organization and reorganization.

13 Sec. 2. Section 4-38j of the general statutes is repealed and the

14 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2016*):

15 The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and each  
16 department head, as defined by section 4-5, shall submit to the joint  
17 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
18 matters relating to government administration [, organization and  
19 reorganization] a report upon request, on the progress and  
20 implementation of reorganization and upon request shall also furnish  
21 to the committee any information concerning reorganization or appear  
22 before the committee to provide such information as may be  
23 determined by the chairpersons of said committee.

24 Sec. 3. Subsection (h) of section 4b-91 of the general statutes is  
25 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
26 *October 1, 2016*):

27 (h) Any agency that seeks to have a project awarded without being  
28 subject to competitive bidding procedures shall certify to the joint  
29 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
30 relating to government administration [and elections] that the project  
31 is of such an emergency nature that an exception to the competitive  
32 bidding procedures of this section is required. Such certification shall  
33 include input from all affected agencies, detail the need for the  
34 exception and include any relevant documentation.

35 Sec. 4. Section 19a-16 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
36 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2016*):

37 In order to provide a systematic and uniform legislative review  
38 process to limit the proliferation of additional regulatory entities and  
39 programs, requests for regulation of emerging occupations or  
40 professions as defined by section 19a-13, shall be received first by the  
41 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance  
42 of matters relating to public health and then referred to the joint  
43 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
44 matters relating to government administration, [, organization and  
45 reorganization.] Requests for regulation may be initiated by the

46 department, a board or commission, any group or individual or by  
47 said committee.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2016</i>	2-35a
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2016</i>	4-38j
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2016</i>	4b-91(h)
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2016</i>	19a-16

**GAE**      *Joint Favorable*

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

The bill, which makes technical statutory changes to the statutes regarding the Government Administration and Elections Committee, has no fiscal impact.

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

**SB 437**

***AN ACT CONCERNING GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION.***

**SUMMARY:**

This bill makes technical changes in certain statutes that refer to the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2016

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 14    Nay 0    (03/21/2016)