



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 5354

LCO No. 655



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Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
REP. DUNSBY, 135th Dist.

AN ACT CONCERNING FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT APPEALS.

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

- 1 That section 1-206 of the general statutes be amended to (1) require
- 2 any person who is not indigent to pay a one hundred twenty-five
- 3 dollar fee for filing a second or subsequent notice of appeal per
- 4 calendar year with the Freedom of Information Commission for denial
- 5 of a right granted under chapter 14 of the general statutes, provided
- 6 such fee shall be refunded if the appeal is withdrawn prior to a hearing
- 7 or if such person prevails in his or her appeal, and (2) give the
- 8 Freedom of Information of Commission the power to (A) require a
- 9 complainant to participate in mandatory mediation, and (B) dismiss
- 10 the appeal after notice and an opportunity for a hearing if the
- 11 complainant refuses to negotiate in good faith to resolve the complaint.

Statement of Purpose:

To reduce frivolous complaints under the Freedom of Information Act.