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Senate Bill No. 256

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The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through SEN. FLEXER of the 29th Dist. and SEN. MCLACHLAN, M. of the 24th Dist., Chairpersons of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING RACIAL AND ETHNIC IMPACT STATEMENTS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 2-24b of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

3 (a) Beginning with the session of the General Assembly
4 commencing on January [7, 2009] 9, 2019, a racial and ethnic impact
5 statement shall be prepared [with respect to certain bills and
6 amendments that could, if passed, increase or decrease the pretrial or
7 sentenced population of the correctional facilities in this state] at the
8 request of any member of the General Assembly.

9 (b) [Not later than January 1, 2009, the] The joint standing
10 committee of the General Assembly [on judiciary shall] having
11 cognizance of matters relating to government administration may
12 make recommendations for a provision to be included in the joint rules

13 of the House of Representatives and the Senate concerning the
14 procedure for the preparation of such racial and ethnic impact
15 statements, the content of such statements and the types of bills and
16 amendments with respect to which such statements should be
17 prepared.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	2-24b
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GAE *Joint Favorable*

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
Legislative Mgmt.	GF - See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires that racial and ethnic statements be prepared for bills and amendments upon the request of any legislator. It is uncertain how many of these statements will be requested. Additional resources or personnel may be required to 1) develop the capability to produce the quantitative social research necessary to prepare the statements, and 2) handle the volume of requests in excess of the offices' current capacity.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 256****AN ACT CONCERNING RACIAL AND ETHNIC IMPACT STATEMENTS.****SUMMARY**

Beginning with the 2019 legislative session, this bill requires that a racial and ethnic impact statement be prepared at the request of any legislator. Under current law and the legislature's Joint Rules, these statements are prepared (1) at the request of a majority of the committee members present and (2) for bills and amendments that, if passed, could increase or decrease correctional facilities' pretrial or sentenced populations (see BACKGROUND).

The bill allows the Government Administration and Elections Committee to make recommendations for a provision in the Joint Rules concerning the procedure for preparing the statements, their content, and the types of bills and amendments for which they should be prepared. Under current law, the Judiciary Committee had to make these recommendations by January 1, 2009. Both chambers adopted the Judiciary Committee's recommendations as Joint Rule 15(c)(2).

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2018

BACKGROUND***Joint Rule 15(c)(2)***

Under Joint Rule 15(c)(2), if a committee favorably reports a bill that would increase or decrease correctional facilities' pretrial or sentenced populations, a majority of the committee members present may request that a racial and ethnic impact statement be prepared. The Office of Legislative Research and Office of Fiscal Analysis must prepare the statement and, in doing so, may consult with any person or agency, including the judicial branch, Office of Policy and

Management, Department of Correction, and Connecticut Sentencing Commission.

The statement must indicate (1) whether the bill would have a disparate impact on correctional facilities' racial and ethnic composition, (2) that it cannot be determined whether there would be such a disparate impact, or (3) that there is insufficient time to determine whether there would be such a disparate impact. The statement is included with the bill's file copy.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 16 Nay 0 (03/09/2018)