



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 271

February Session, 2018

Substitute Senate Bill No. 272

Senate, April 5, 2018

The Committee on Planning and Development reported through SEN. CASSANO, S. of the 4th Dist. and SEN. LOGAN of the 17th Dist., Chairpersons of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF CERTAIN NEW MUNICIPAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.

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

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2018*) Notwithstanding the
2 provisions of the general statutes, any special act, municipal charter or
3 ordinance to the contrary, no legislative body of a municipality shall
4 vote to approve any new municipal construction project for which the
5 estimated cost is greater than twenty-five million dollars unless there
6 has been opportunity for public comment on such project at a properly
7 noticed public hearing in such municipality prior to such vote. For
8 purposes of this section, "municipality" means any town, city,
9 consolidated town and city or consolidated town and borough.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2018</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: None

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 19 \$	FY 20 \$
Various Municipalities	Cost	Less than \$1,000	Less than \$1,000

Explanation

The bill results in a cost associated with requiring public hearings for the approval of certain new municipal construction projects. This cost, estimated to be less than \$1,000 annually, is associated with 1) posting notice of such public hearing in newspapers, and 2) any overtime for municipal employees (such as police officers) required to work at such hearings.

The Out Years

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

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 272*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF CERTAIN NEW MUNICIPAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.*****SUMMARY**

This bill prohibits a municipality's legislative body from approving any new municipal construction project estimated to cost more than \$25 million without first allowing for public comment on the project at a properly noticed public hearing in the municipality. The bill does not specify deadlines for posting notice of the hearing.

The bill's public comment requirement applies regardless of any conflicting statute, special act, charter, or ordinance. "Municipalities" are towns, cities, consolidated towns and cities, and consolidated towns and boroughs.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2018

COMMITTEE ACTION

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 20 Nay 2 (03/16/2018)