



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 219**

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 326

*Senate, April 4, 2018*

The Committee on General Law reported through SEN. LEONE of the 27th Dist. and SEN. WITKOS of the 8th Dist., Chairpersons of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT REQUIRING THE COMMISSIONER OF CONSUMER PROTECTION TO UNDERTAKE A STUDY REGARDING OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2018*) (a) The Commissioner of Consumer  
2 Protection shall conduct a study regarding occupational licensing.

3 (b) The study conducted pursuant to subsection (a) of this section  
4 shall not include licenses issued pursuant to chapter 393 of the general  
5 statutes. The study shall include (1) whether any other existing  
6 occupational licenses currently issued by the Department of Consumer  
7 Protection should be eliminated, (2) what problems, if any, exist with  
8 the current system of occupational licensing in this state, (3) a survey  
9 of how other states operate their occupational licensing programs, and  
10 (4) recommendations, if any, for improvement of the current system of  
11 occupational licensing in this state.

12 (c) Not later than December 31, 2018, the Commissioner of  
13 Consumer Protection, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general  
14 statutes, shall report the results of the study conducted pursuant to  
15 subsection (a) of this section to the joint standing committee of the  
16 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to consumer  
17 protection and occupational licensing.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2018	New section

**GL**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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 19 \$	FY 20 \$
Consumer Protection, Dept.	GF - Cost	50,000 to 100,000	None

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

This bill requires the Commissioner of Consumer Protection to conduct a study on occupational licensing and results in a cost to the state of approximately \$50,000 to \$100,000. The study features multiple reporting requirements on the 248 credential types specified in the bill and would require the Department to hire an outside consultant because they don't have the necessary staff to maintain normal operations and conduct this study.

**The Out Years**

None.

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 17 Nay 0 (03/20/2018)