



House of Representatives

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House Bill No. 5152

House of Representatives, April 4, 2019

The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through REP. VERRENGIA of the 20th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF MARIJUANA-IMPAIRED DRIVING AND METHODS TO DETECT MARIJUANA-IMPAIRED DRIVING.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2019*) (a) The Commissioner of Emergency
2 Services and Public Protection shall (1) review research on how
3 marijuana use impairs drivers, (2) identify the extent of motor vehicle
4 accidents involving marijuana impairment in the state and identify any
5 trends in accident data over time, (3) examine policies and laws in other
6 states on marijuana-impaired driving and impairment detection, (4)
7 examine and assess the accuracy of methods and devices that may be
8 used to detect marijuana-impaired driving, (5) make recommendations
9 regarding methods and devices that law enforcement may use to
10 detect marijuana-impaired driving, and (6) make recommendations for
11 training requirements for law enforcement officers on marijuana
12 impairment detection.

13 (b) Not later than January 15, 2020, the commissioner shall submit a

14 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
15 statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
16 having cognizance of matters relating to public safety and security.
17 Such report shall include the commissioner's findings and
18 recommendations pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	New section

PS *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 20 \$	FY 21 \$
Emergency Services and Public Protection, Dept.	GF - Cost	Up to \$50,000	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

There is a cost to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) resulting from the bill, which requires DESPP study the devices used in the detection of marijuana impairment and best practices by other states, and to make recommendations related to law enforcement training. DESPP does not have the expertise or capacity to conduct such a study and is expected to hire a contractor to fulfill this requirement, with an associated cost of up to \$50,000.

The Out Years

There is no fiscal impact in the out years, as the study is a one-time cost in FY 20.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 24 Nay 0 (03/19/2019)