



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 114**

January Session, 2019

Substitute House Bill No. 5683

*House of Representatives, March 25, 2019*

The Committee on Children reported through REP. LINEHAN of the 103rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DRY-LAND WATER SAFETY INSTRUCTION PILOT PROGRAM.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) For the fiscal years ending June  
2 30, 2020, and June 30, 2021, there is established, within available  
3 appropriations, a dry-land water safety instruction pilot program. The  
4 pilot program shall be administered by the Commission on Women,  
5 Children and Seniors, and shall provide dry-land water safety  
6 instruction to children in not more than fifteen municipalities in the  
7 state. Municipalities shall be chosen for participation in the pilot  
8 program based on the lack of availability of public school swimming  
9 facilities and water safety education programs in such municipalities,  
10 and priority shall be given to municipalities with high concentrations  
11 of minority populations that lack such facilities and programs.

12 (b) Not later than January 1, 2022, the Commission on Women,  
13 Children and Seniors shall report, in accordance with the provisions of  
14 section 11-4a of the general statutes, on the implementation of the pilot

15 program to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
16 having cognizance of matters relating to children. Such report shall  
17 evaluate the effectiveness of the pilot program and include  
18 recommendations for legislation concerning a state-wide  
19 implementation of the pilot program.

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

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

Throughout the bill, "dry land" was changed to "dry-land" for consistency with standard drafting conventions.

**KID**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:**

Municipalities	Effect	FY 20 \$
Various Municipalities	Cost	up to \$1,875

**Explanation**

The bill establishes a dry-land water safety inspection pilot program to be administered by the Commission of Women, Children and Seniors (CWS). The pilot program shall provide dry-land water safety instruction to children in less than 15 municipalities.

Those municipalities that are selected to attend the training session will have to hire a substitute teacher to handle the responsibilities while the teacher is in training. A substitute teacher is paid approximately \$125/day; the total cost to municipalities in the pilot program would be up to \$1,875.

CWS shall submit a report to the Children’s Committee not later than January 1, 2022 regarding the implementation of the program including recommendations for legislation concerning a state-wide implementation of the pilot program.

**The Out Years**

As this training is a one-time cost, there is no fiscal impact in the out years.

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Committee on Children

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 14 Nay 0 (03/07/2019)