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Senate Bill No. 894

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The Committee on Environment reported through SEN. COHEN of the 12th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE NONLETHAL MANAGEMENT OF THE BLACK BEAR POPULATION IN CONNECTICUT.

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

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than February 1, 2020, the
2 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall submit a
3 report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the
4 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance
5 of matters relating to the environment on best nonlethal management
6 practices that are effective in deterring black bear from habituating in
7 areas that are densely populated by humans. In developing such
8 practices, the commissioner shall consider, but is not limited to, the
9 following: (1) Attractant management practices and recommendations
10 that limit black bear access to food sources originating from humans,
11 (2) nonlethal hazing devices, including noises and physical deterrents
12 that decrease black bear use of densely populated human areas, (3)
13 education programs that instruct and encourage the general public to
14 improve their use of attractant management practices, and (4)

15 community planning strategies that consider black bear territory in
16 making land use and waste management plans within municipalities.

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

ENV *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill requires, by February 1, 2020, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to issue a report to the Environment Committee on the best nonlethal practices that are effective in deterring black bear from habituating in areas that are densely populated by people.

There is no fiscal impact since: (1) DEEP has expertise in wildlife biology, and (2) these practices are already known to the agency.

The Out Years**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

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