OLR Bill Analysis
sHB 7290

AN ACT CONCERNING STUDIES OF GAMING IN THIS STATE.

SUMMARY

This bill expands the scope and delays a mandated Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) study on the effects of legalized gambling on Connecticut residents. It does so by requiring the department to examine the potential impact of authorizing online gaming in the state and the impact of developing new gaming technologies. By law, DCP must already examine the types of gambling the public engages in and the desirability of expanding, maintaining, or reducing the amount of legalized gambling the state allows.

Current law requires DCP to conduct such study as often as the commissioner deems necessary but at least every 10 years. The last study was conducted in 2009. The bill extends the deadline by one year by requiring DCP to submit the study by October 1, 2020, and every 10 years thereafter. As under current law, the commissioner must submit the study to the Public Safety and Security Committee.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute
Yea 20 Nay 4 (03/19/2019)