Bill No.: HB-7235
Title: AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS BY BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED PERSONS TO PUBLIC INFORMATION.
Vote Date: 3/19/2019
Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute
PH Date: 3/7/2019

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SPONSORS OF BILL:
Human Services Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:
Substitute Language for House Bill 7235 substitutes the Office of Policy and Management for the Department on Administrative Services as administrator of the potential grant program which would help municipalities make websites available.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:
Department on Administrative Services: supports the legislation in this bill but states concerns. They believe OPM is the agency which should be addressing this legislation [the substitute language amends this] and states that without adequate appropriations to whatever state agency is tasked with meeting the requirements of the bill, this legislation would be difficult to achieve.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:
Honorata Kazmierczak: in support of this legislation. As a blind citizen, she emphasizes the additional barriers placed between her and public information due to lack of accessibility. She spoke of specific issues with the new CT transit line and it being inaccessible to those using screen readers.

Phillip A. Magalnick, in support of this legislation

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:
No sources of opposition were submitted on this legislation.

Reported by: Kayleigh Royston    Date: 03/22/2019