



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 495**

January Session, 2021

Substitute House Bill No. 5654

*House of Representatives, April 19, 2021*

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. FOX of the 148th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING AN ASSESSMENT OF THE UPDATING OF STATE FORMS, APPLICATIONS AND METHODS OF IDENTIFICATION TO INCLUDE A NONBINARY GENDER OPTION.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section, "state  
2 agency" means any department, board, council, commission, institution  
3 or other executive branch agency of state government, including, but  
4 not limited to, each constituent unit, public institution of higher  
5 education and technical education and career school, but does not  
6 include any health care facility, as defined in section 19a-630 of the  
7 general statutes, that is operated by the state. Each state agency shall  
8 assess its ability to update all printed and electronic forms and  
9 applications used by the public that require the individual who is filling  
10 out such form or application to indicate a sex or gender to include a  
11 nonbinary sex or gender option, which shall be an "X" in lieu of the  
12 options for indicating as male or female.

13 (b) Not later than January 1, 2022, each such state agency shall submit  
14 the results of the assessment conducted under subsection (a) of this  
15 section to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having  
16 cognizance of matters relating to such agency, in accordance with the  
17 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

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

**GAE**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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

The bill requires state agencies to assess their ability to update all printed and electronic forms and applications to include a nonbinary sex or gender option. Not later than January 1, 2022, the results of the assessment must be submitted to the General Assembly. There is no fiscal impact to state agencies to conduct this assessment.

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

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 15 Nay 4 (03/31/2021)