



House of Representatives

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General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 5654
As Amended by House Amendment
Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner
May 26, 2021

**AN ACT CONCERNING AN ASSESSMENT OF THE UPDATING OF
STATE FORMS AND APPLICATIONS 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 office, department, board, council, commission,
3 institution, constituent unit of the state system of higher education,
4 technical education and career school or other agency in the executive,
5 legislative or judicial branch of state government, but does not include
6 any health care facility, as defined in section 19a-630 of the general
7 statutes, that is operated by the state. Each state agency shall (1) assess
8 what changes would be needed to update all printed and electronic
9 forms and applications used by the public that require the individual
10 who is filling out such form or application to indicate a sex or gender to
11 include a nonbinary gender option and estimate the cost of such update,
12 and (2) request any applicable federal agency for approval to update
13 agency processes or forms to include a nonbinary gender option if such

14 approval is required under federal law.

15 (b) Not later than July 1, 2022, each such state agency shall submit a
16 report summarizing (1) the results of the assessment conducted under
17 subsection (a) of this section, including the cost estimate, (2) any changes
18 that have been made to agency processes or forms to permit individuals
19 to indicate a nonbinary gender, (3) any modernization efforts within the
20 agency that are related to such update, and (4) the status of any request
21 made to a federal agency under subsection (a) of this section for
22 approval for such update, to the joint standing committee of the General
23 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to such agency, in
24 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

25 (c) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any state agency
26 that does not provide forms or applications to be filled out by members
27 of the public.

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

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

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 and an estimate of the cost of such update. There is no fiscal impact for state agencies to conduct this assessment.

House "A" strikes the original bill and its associated fiscal impact, thus becoming the bill with the above referenced fiscal impact.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 5654 (as amended by House "A")

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

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)