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House Bill No. 6239

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The Committee on Housing reported through REP. MCGEE of the 5th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING HOUSING FUNDING ALLOCATION AND SEGREGATION.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Department of
2 Housing shall, within available appropriations, aggregate data related
3 to existing federal and state housing programs in the state to analyze the
4 impact of such programs on economic and racial segregation. Such
5 review shall include, but not be limited to, data relating to (1) housing
6 development programs, (2) housing affordability initiatives, (3)
7 communities where low-income housing tax credits and rental
8 assistance are spent, and (4) specific neighborhood racial and economic
9 demographics. In collecting and measuring such data, the Department
10 of Housing shall implement tools such as the dissimilarity index and the
11 five dimensions of segregation used by the United States Bureau of the
12 Census.

13 (b) Not later than January 1, 2022, and biennially thereafter, the
14 Commissioner of Housing shall submit a report, in accordance with the

15 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing
16 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
17 relating to housing. Such report shall include a summary of any findings
18 and recommendations relating to the data collected pursuant to
19 subsection (a) of this section.

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

HSG *Joint Favorable*

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:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 22 \$	FY 23 \$
Department of Housing	GF - Cost	95,000	72,100
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Cost	29,000	29,800

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill is anticipated to result in a cost to the General Fund of approximately \$124,000 in FY 22 and \$101,900 in FY 23, as the Department of Housing (DOH) currently lacks the staff capacity to conduct the ongoing data collection, analysis, and biennial reporting required under the bill.

It is assumed that DOH would need to hire a research analyst at a cost of approximately \$99,000 (\$70,000 salary and \$29,000 fringe benefits) in FY 22 and \$101,900 in FY 23. Additionally, DOH is anticipated to incur up to \$25,000 in costs for consulting services and/or training, in FY 22 only, to establish the new activities internally at the agency.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above for FY 23

¹The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes is 41.3% of payroll in FY 22 and FY 23.

would continue into the future subject to inflation.

Sources: Department of Housing

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

This bill requires the Department of Housing (DOH), within available appropriations, to collect and analyze data on existing state and federal housing programs to determine how they impact economic and racial segregation. Under the bill, the analysis must review data on:

1. housing development programs,
2. housing affordability initiatives,
3. communities where low-income housing tax credits and rental assistance are spent, and
4. specific neighborhood racial and economic demographics.

Additionally, the bill requires (1) DOH to include measures such as the dissimilarity index and the five dimensions of segregation (these are used by the U.S. Census Bureau) in the analysis and (2) the DOH commissioner to submit a report with findings and recommendations from the analysis to the Housing Committee by January 1, 2022, and then biennially.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Housing Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 15 Nay 0 (03/11/2021)