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Substitute Senate Bill No. 393

Senate, March 22, 2021

The Committee on Housing reported through SEN. LOPES of the 6th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF METHODS TO ALLEVIATE HIGH ROOM TEMPERATURES IN RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
2 to study methods to alleviate dangerously hot room temperatures
3 within residential buildings containing multiple dwelling units,
4 including, but not limited to, apartment buildings and dormitories at
5 institutions of higher education. The task force shall (1) determine a safe
6 temperature range for residents of such buildings, and (2) study
7 affordable and energy efficient methods to cool such buildings to such
8 safe temperature range during peak high temperature months, to
9 provide a comfortable and safe environment for such residents.

10 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

11 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
12 who is a representative of an organization specializing in home
13 building;

14 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who is
15 a representative of an organization representing landlords;

16 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
17 Representatives, who is a representative of an organization representing
18 housing authorities;

19 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who
20 represents The University of Connecticut;

21 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
22 Representatives, who represents the Connecticut State Colleges and
23 Universities;

24 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

25 (7) The chairpersons, vice-chairpersons and ranking members of the
26 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
27 matters relating to housing, or their designees;

28 (8) The chairpersons, vice-chairpersons and ranking members of the
29 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
30 matters relating to public health, or their designees;

31 (9) The chairpersons, vice-chairpersons and ranking members of the
32 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
33 matters relating to higher education and employment, or their
34 designees;

35 (10) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's
36 designee;

37 (11) The Commissioner of Housing, or the commissioner's designee;
38 and

39 (12) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, or
40 the commissioner's designee.

41 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivisions (1) to

42 (9), inclusive, of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of the
43 General Assembly.

44 (d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later
45 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall
46 be filled by the appointing authority.

47 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro
48 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from
49 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule
50 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty
51 days after the effective date of this section.

52 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
53 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to housing
54 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

55 (g) Not later than January 1, 2022, the task force shall submit a report
56 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of
57 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to housing,
58 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.
59 The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or
60 January 1, 2022, whichever is later.

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

HSG *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill establishes a fifteen-member task force to study methods to alleviate dangerously hot room temperatures within residential buildings that contain multiple dwelling units, including dormitories. The study shall recommend affordable and energy efficient methods to cool such buildings to provide a comfortable and safe environment for residents.

The task force shall submit its findings and recommendations to the housing committee by January 1, 2022.

This bill has no fiscal impact as PA 17-236 prohibits transportation allowances for task force members.

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Municipal Impact: None



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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Housing Committee

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Yea 15 Nay 0 (03/11/2021)