



Senate

General Assembly

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Senate Bill No. 924

Senate, April 14, 2021

The Committee on Environment reported through SEN. COHEN of the 12th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE STAFFING AND RESOURCES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 15, 2022, the
2 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall submit a
3 report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the
4 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
5 matters relating to the environment. Such report shall consist of the
6 following: (1) An accounting of each department or other public agency
7 position, whether permanent, temporary, part-time or full-time, that is
8 or was paid for from the revenues or moneys of the Passport to the Parks
9 account established in section 23-15h of the general statutes; and (2) an
10 assessment of the reasonably foreseeable impacts that retirements of
11 eligible department personnel during the 2022 calendar year will have
12 on the viability, functioning, efficacy and efficiency of each program of
13 the department based, in part, upon a comparison of the reasonably
14 foreseeable post-2022 staffing levels for each class of employee to

15 perform the responsibilities of each program with the average number
 16 of employees within each class of employee undertaking the
 17 responsibilities of each program during the immediately preceding five-
 18 year period. Such assessment shall include, but not be limited to, an
 19 identification of any agency or programmatic function, responsibility or
 20 enforcement eliminated, reduced or not performed during such
 21 preceding five-year period as a direct result of reductions in personnel
 22 during the immediately preceding ten-year period. Additionally, such
 23 assessment shall include a description of any new department program
 24 or responsibility implemented or developed, or anticipated to be
 25 implemented or developed, as a consequence of any special or public
 26 act of the General Assembly or legislative proposal of the agency during
 27 the 2021 and 2022 regular legislative sessions and the reasonably
 28 foreseeable requisite personnel to perform each such new program or
 29 responsibility.

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

ENV *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to submit a report to the Environment Committee including: (1) an accounting of positions paid for from Passport to Parks revenue, and (2) an assessment on the effect of impending retirements on agency programs and responsibilities.

This has no fiscal impact since DEEP has staff with the expertise to prepare the report.

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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

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 32 Nay 0 (03/29/2021)