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Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by:
(PD)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM REGARDING BUILDING OFFICIALS AND RESOURCES RELATED TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE STATE BUILDING CODE.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2021*) (a) (1) Not later than
2 January 1, 2022, the Commissioner of Administrative Services shall
3 establish a pilot program for the (A) standardization of procedures and
4 forms and other materials relating to the administration of the State
5 Building Code by municipal building officials appointed pursuant to
6 section 29-260 of the general statutes, (B) scanning or other digitization
7 of records relating to such administration into an electronic format and
8 inclusion of such electronic records in a searchable web-based public
9 database, and (C) shared provision of services by such building officials
10 and the staffs of such building officials to multiple municipalities within
11 the same planning region, as defined in section 4-124i of the general
12 statutes.

13 (2) Any municipality may submit an application to the commissioner,
14 in a form and manner prescribed by the commissioner, for participation

15 in such pilot program. The commissioner shall select not less than two
16 and not more than five municipalities in each planning region based on
17 criteria established by the commissioner for such purpose, including,
18 but not limited to, the staffing, information technology and other
19 resources of any such municipality and the potential that any such
20 municipality's procedures or services relating to the administration of
21 the State Building Code can be expanded to other municipalities in the
22 same planning region.

23 (b) (1) Not later than sixty days after the Commissioner of
24 Administrative Services selects the municipalities in each planning
25 region for participation in the pilot program described in this section,
26 each such municipality shall enter into one or more interlocal
27 agreements with one or more other such municipalities to (A) share
28 resources and best practices in the administration of the State Building
29 Code, (B) identify efficiencies and other opportunities to realize cost
30 savings in such administration, and (C) generally further the purposes
31 of such pilot program, provided the term of any such interlocal
32 agreement shall not exceed the duration of such pilot program.

33 (2) Notwithstanding any such interlocal agreement, the
34 commissioner shall prescribe the minimum standards for the (A)
35 scanning or other digitization of records relating to such administration
36 into an electronic format and inclusion of such electronic records in a
37 searchable web-based public database, and (B) the integration and
38 interoperability of information technology resources among the
39 municipal parties to any such interlocal agreement.

40 (c) (1) Not later than January 1, 2023, and annually thereafter, each
41 municipality participating in the pilot program described in this section
42 shall submit to the Commissioner of Administrative Services and the
43 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management a report on the
44 measures taken by such municipality in the most recent calendar year
45 under such pilot program, both singularly and in conjunction with one
46 or more municipalities pursuant to an interlocal agreement described in
47 subsection (b) of this section, and measures intended or expected to be

48 taken by such municipality or municipalities in the current calendar
49 year.

50 (2) Not later than February 1, 2023, and annually thereafter, the
51 commissioner, in consultation with the secretary, shall submit to the
52 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance
53 of matters relating to public safety and planning and development, in
54 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
55 a report on the status of such pilot program and any recommendations
56 for legislation concerning such pilot program.

57 (d) In the municipalities selected for the pilot program described in
58 this section and for the duration of such pilot program, no building
59 official may be dismissed except in accordance with the provisions of
60 section 29-260 of the general statutes, and no member of the staff of any
61 building official may be terminated or laid off except for cause.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>October 1, 2021</i> | New section |

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a pilot program regarding building officials and resources related to the administration of the State Building Code.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]