



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 924**

LCO No. 3698



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

***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

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require the preparation of a report by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection that provides an accounting of agency staffing positions paid for from the revenues of the Passport to the Parks account and that assesses the effect of impending agency staff retirements on the viability and efficacy of current and planned agency programs and responsibilities.

*[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.]*