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## **OLR Bill Analysis**

### **HB 5206**

#### ***AN ACT CONCERNING HOUSING AUTHORITIES.***

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill requires housing authorities to annually contract with an independent certified public accountant for a financial audit (§ 3). The audit results must be included in an authority's annual report that it must submit by law to the housing commissioner and the chief executive officer of the municipality where it is located. Under the bill, this audit is in addition to audits under existing law that require:

1. the housing commissioner to ensure local housing authorities are audited biennially, with the authority covering the audit's costs, if the commissioner requires it (CGS § 7-392(d)) and
2. housing authorities to audit themselves if they have annual revenue of more than \$1 million and spend more than \$300,000 in a fiscal year (CGS § 4-231).

The bill also requires (1) existing housing authority commissioners to participate in a federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) commissioner training by January 1, 2023, and (2) new commissioners to participate in the training upon appointment (§ 1).

Additionally, the bill requires housing authorities receiving state assistance and the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority (if it or its subsidiaries are successor owners to housing previously owned by a local authority) to annually provide tenants, beginning when they sign their initial lease, with the following information: (1) contact information for the authority's management, local health department, and Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities and (2) a copy of the judicial branch's guidance on tenants' and landlords' rights and responsibilities (§ 2).

Finally, the bill makes minor technical and conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2022

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Housing Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 15 Nay 0 (03/10/2022)