



House of Representatives

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Substitute House Bill No. 5359

House of Representatives, March 29, 2022

The Committee on Planning and Development reported through REP. MCCARTHY VAHEY of the 133rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF PERMITTING THE ONLINE ADVERTISEMENT OF LEGAL NOTICES BY MUNICIPALITIES.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Connecticut Advisory
2 Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, established pursuant to
3 section 2-79a of the general statutes, shall convene a working group to
4 study the feasibility of permitting the online advertisement of legal
5 notices by municipalities under section 1-2 of the general statutes. The
6 working group shall analyze any impacts that permitting such online
7 advertisement may have on municipalities and newspapers, and
8 barriers that municipalities may face in publishing such advertisements
9 online.

10 (b) The working group shall consist of, but not be limited to, (1) the
11 chairperson of the Connecticut Advisory Commission on
12 Intergovernmental Relations, or the chairperson's designee; (2) the
13 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the secretary's
14 designee; (3) five members appointed by the Connecticut Advisory

15 Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, one of whom (A) has
 16 expertise in information technology security, (B) is a representative of
 17 the Freedom of Information Commission established pursuant to
 18 section 1-205 of the general statutes, (C) is an attorney who has expertise
 19 in municipal law, (D) is a representative of a regional council of
 20 governments, and (E) is a representative of a weekly newspaper; (4) one
 21 representative from each of the following entities, designated by the
 22 entity: (A) The Connecticut Town Clerks Association, (B) the
 23 Connecticut Conference of Municipalities, (C) the Connecticut Council
 24 of Small Towns, (D) the Connecticut Chapter of the American Planning
 25 Association, and (E) the Connecticut Daily Newspapers Association;
 26 and (5) any other person the Connecticut Advisory Commission on
 27 Intergovernmental Relations deems appropriate. All appointments to
 28 the working group shall be made not later than September 1, 2022. Any
 29 member of the working group may be a member of the General
 30 Assembly.

31 (c) The chairperson of the Connecticut Advisory Commission on
 32 Intergovernmental Relations shall select the chairperson of the working
 33 group from among the members of the working group.

34 (d) Not later than January 1, 2023, the working group shall submit a
 35 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
 36 statutes, on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
 37 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
 38 relating to planning and development. The working group shall
 39 terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2023,
 40 whichever is later.

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

PD Joint Favorable Subst.

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill has no fiscal impact. It establishes a working group to study the feasibility of online advertising of legal notices by municipalities. The bill specifies the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations to convene the working group (ACIR). It is anticipated that ACIR can meet the bill's requirements within existing resources.

The Out Years

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 21 Nay 5 (03/18/2022)