



Senate

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 140

Senate, March 28, 2022

The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through SEN. OSTEN of the 19th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING STUDIES OF THE EFFECT OF LEGALIZED GAMBLING IN THE STATE.

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

1 Section 1. Section 12-564 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) The commissioner shall make an annual report in writing to the
4 Governor as provided in section 4-60 and shall make such additional
5 reports as the Governor may from time to time reasonably request. The
6 annual report shall include a statement of the receipts and
7 disbursements of the department, a statement of the costs of
8 administering the department, a summary of [its] the department's
9 activities, and any additional information and recommendations which
10 the commissioner may deem of value or which the Governor may
11 request.

12 (b) [The] Not later than February 1, 2023, and every ten years
13 thereafter, and at such other times as the commissioner deems

14 necessary, the commissioner shall conduct [studies] a study concerning
 15 the effect of legalized gambling on the citizens of this state. [including,]
 16 The study shall include, but need not be limited to, [studies to
 17 determine] an examination of the types of gambling activity engaged in
 18 by the public and the desirability of expanding, maintaining or reducing
 19 the amount of legalized gambling permitted in this state. [Such studies
 20 shall be conducted as often as the commissioner deems necessary,
 21 except that no studies shall be conducted before the fiscal year ending
 22 June 30, 2009, and thereafter studies shall be conducted at least once
 23 every ten years.] The commissioner shall submit the findings of any
 24 such study and the costs of conducting such study to the joint standing
 25 [committees] committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
 26 matters relating to [legalized gambling shall each receive a report
 27 concerning each study carried out, stating the findings of the study and
 28 the costs of conducting the study] public safety and security, in
 29 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	12-564

PS *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 23 \$	FY 24 \$
Consumer Protection, Dept.	GF - Cost	1 million to 1.25 million	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) to conduct a study concerning the effect of legalized gambling on citizens in the state and results in a cost to DCP of \$1 million to \$1.25 million in FY 23. The department doesn't have the staffing or expertise to conduct this study within existing resources and will have to hire an outside consultant.

The final cost will be dependent on the responses to the Request for Proposals (RFP) and the contract between DCP and the vendor. The last casino study was completed by the Division of Special Revenue in 2008 and cost \$685,000 for consultant services.

The Out Years

The fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future dependent on when the next study is conducted. The bill requires DCP to conduct this study as often as the Commissioner deems necessary but at least every 10 years.

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 140*****AN ACT CONCERNING STUDIES OF THE EFFECT OF LEGALIZED GAMBLING IN THE STATE.*****SUMMARY**

This bill resets the deadline for the Department of Consumer Protection's (DCP) mandated study on the effects of legalized gambling on Connecticut residents. Existing law requires DCP to conduct this study as often as the commissioner deems necessary, but at least every 10 years. The last study was conducted in 2009. The bill requires the commissioner to submit the next study by February 1, 2023, and every 10 years thereafter.

By law, the study must look at the types of gambling the public does and the desirability of expanding, maintaining, or reducing the amount of legalized gambling the state allows. As under existing law, the commissioner must submit the study's findings and its cost to the Public Safety and Security Committee.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 23 Nay 0 (03/08/2022)