



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5359

February Session, 2022



**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.