



House of Representatives

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General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 5428
As Amended by House Amendment
Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner
April 27, 2022

**AN ACT CONCERNING RECORDS RELATING TO THE
ADMINISTRATION OF THE STATE BUILDING CODE AND THE
PROMOTION OF CAREERS IN RELATED FIELDS.**

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of
2 Administrative Services shall convene a working group comprised of
3 the State Librarian and representatives of the Connecticut Association
4 of Zoning Enforcement Officials, the Connecticut Building Officials
5 Association, two regional councils of governments, the Connecticut
6 Business and Industry Association, the Home Builders and Remodelers
7 Association of Connecticut, the Connecticut Construction Industries
8 Association, the Connecticut Town Clerks Association, the CT Data
9 Collaborative and the Connecticut Association of Municipal Attorneys
10 to develop a standardized system for the scanning or other digitization
11 of records relating to the State Building Code and storage of such
12 records on a searchable web-based public database. In developing such
13 system, the working group shall (1) consider best practices for (A) the
14 use of various digital file types, (B) security protocols for electronic file

15 storage, and (C) backup and recovery of electronic files, and (2) identify
16 funding sources for the implementation and maintenance of such
17 system.

18 (b) Not later than January 1, 2023, the working group shall submit a
19 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
20 statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
21 having cognizance of matters relating to planning and development.
22 Such report shall include the findings of the working group and
23 legislative recommendations for the implementation of the system
24 developed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

25 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) The Office of Education and Data
26 Management within the Department of Administrative Services shall, in
27 consultation with the Office of Higher Education, Office of
28 Apprenticeship Training within the Labor Department, Connecticut
29 Building Officials Association and one or more administrators of the
30 regional community-technical college system, study options for (1)
31 expanding coursework and programs in community colleges to provide
32 training to students pursuing careers as building officials, (2) financial
33 and other incentives for such students to pursue such careers, and (3)
34 the development of internship and apprenticeship programs for such
35 students, in cooperation with municipalities and regional councils of
36 governments. Not later than January 1, 2023, the commissioners shall
37 submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
38 general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General
39 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to planning and
40 development. Such report shall include the commissioners' findings and
41 any legislative recommendations.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

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 \$
Admin. Serv., Dept.	GF - Cost	55,000	110,000
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Cost	25,000	45,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

The bill requires the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to 1) convene a working group related to digitizing and storing State Building Code records; and 2) conduct a study regarding training options for students pursuing careers as building officials

It is anticipated that DAS will need to hire a position to handle these provisions, for an estimated annual cost of \$110,000 for salary and \$45,000 for fringe benefits. It is anticipated that costs in FY 23 would be \$55,000 for salary and \$25,000 for fringe benefits, reflecting a 1/1/23 start date.

House "A" eliminates from the underlying bill a pilot program for regional building inspection and eliminates a study regarding reciprocal licensure for building officials. This eliminates the cost in the underlying bill related to these provisions.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

¹The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes is 40.53% of payroll in FY 23.

OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 5428 (as amended by House "A")

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RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE STATE BUILDING
CODE AND THE PROMOTION OF CAREERS IN RELATED FIELDS.***

SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 25 Nay 1 (03/25/2022)