



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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House Bill No. 6670

House of Representatives, April 4, 2023

The Committee on Transportation reported through REP. LEMAR of the 96th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT STUDYING THE CONSOLIDATION OF METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) For the purposes of this section,
2 "metropolitan planning organization" has the same meaning as
3 provided in 23 USC 134, as amended from time to time. The Connecticut
4 Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, established
5 pursuant to section 2-79a of the general statutes, in consultation with the
6 Department of Transportation, shall study and make recommendations
7 regarding the consolidation of metropolitan planning organizations to
8 achieve a greater level of consistency and efficiency in transportation
9 planning. Not later than January 1, 2024, the commission shall submit
10 the results of such study and its recommendations to the Governor and
11 the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
12 cognizance of matters relating to transportation, in accordance with the
13 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The results of such
14 study shall, at a minimum, (1) recommend a minimum population to be

15 represented by a metropolitan planning organization, (2) recommend
16 metropolitan planning organizations that can be consolidated or
17 reconfigured to represent a larger population, (3) identify the potential
18 consistencies, efficiencies and benefits to the state and municipalities as
19 a result of consolidating metropolitan planning organizations, (4)
20 identify any barriers that the state or municipalities may encounter
21 while planning, and during, the consolidation of metropolitan planning
22 organizations, (5) identify any state resources that can assist
23 municipalities to overcome any such barrier, (6) include transition
24 planning to address the staffing and funding needs of metropolitan
25 planning organizations that are consolidated or reconfigured, and (7)
26 identify any conclusions that can be drawn from the configuration of
27 metropolitan planning organizations in other states.

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

TRA *Joint Favorable*

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: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill, which requires the Connecticut Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (ACIR), in consultation with the Department of Transportation (DOT), to study the consolidation of metropolitan planning organizations and submit a report by January 1, 2024, does not result in a fiscal impact as it is anticipated the ACIR and DOT can meet the bill's requirements within existing resources.

The Out Years

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

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable

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