



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 6804

House of Representatives, April 4, 2023

The Committee on Planning and Development reported through REP. KAVROS DEGRAW of the 17th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING A REPORT ON THE ASSESSMENT OF FIRE DISTRICT USER FEES ON COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than February 1, 2024, the
2 Office of Policy and Management shall submit a report, in accordance
3 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint
4 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
5 matters relating to planning and development. Such report shall include
6 an analysis of (1) the potential financial impacts on fire districts and
7 public and independent institutions of higher education located in such
8 districts, if such districts are permitted to assess user fees on such
9 institutions, (2) various formulas for the assessment of such fees,
10 including, but not limited to, assessment on a per-student basis, (3) any
11 payments such districts currently make to municipalities in which they
12 are located, (4) costs associated with the provision of services by such
13 districts to municipalities in which they are located, and (5) any
14 statutory, constitutional or contract constraints on the assessment of

15 such fees on such institutions. For the purposes of this section, "user
16 fees" shall be limited to user fees that are directly related to costs
17 associated with delivering fire prevention and suppression, emergency
18 rescue and related services.

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.*

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 24 \$	FY 25 \$
Policy & Mgmt., Off.	GF - Cost	141,000	None
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Cost	17,500	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) to submit a report by February 1, 2024 on the financial impacts to fire districts and public and independent higher education institutions where districts are located if those fire districts are permitted to assess user fees on the institutions. This results in a one-time cost of \$141,000 in FY 24 to OPM to hire a part-time durational attorney and a consultant. There is also a one-time cost of \$17,500 in FY 24 to the Office of the State Comptroller for associated fringe benefits.

The costs to OPM include \$41,000 for a part-time durational staff attorney to review statutory, constitutional or contract constraints on the assessment of such fees and \$100,000 for a consultant to collect data and to analyze and recommend formulas.

The Out Years

There is no anticipated future fiscal impact.

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 42.82% of payroll in FY 24.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

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