



Senate

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 1214

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The Committee on Appropriations 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 A TASK FORCE TO STUDY PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES TO MUNICIPALITIES AND THE STATE SPENDING CAP.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
2 to study (1) the state's practice of making payments in lieu of taxes to
3 municipalities, and (2) the state spending cap. The task force shall
4 examine (A) the payments in lieu of taxes made by the state to
5 municipalities during the biennium ending June 30, 2023, (B) the current
6 methodology for making such payments, (C) the potential costs for the
7 state to fully fund the program for payments in lieu of taxes, and (D) the
8 history of the spending cap and its impact on state spending and
9 program funding.

10 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

11 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

12 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

13 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
14 Representatives;

15 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

16 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
17 Representatives;

18 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; and

19 (7) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management.

20 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
21 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
22 of the General Assembly.

23 (d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later
24 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall
25 be filled by the appointing authority.

26 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro
27 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from
28 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule
29 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty
30 days after the effective date of this section.

31 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
32 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
33 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies shall serve as
34 administrative staff of the task force.

35 (g) Not later than January 1, 2024, the task force shall submit a report
36 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of
37 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
38 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, in accordance with the
39 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall
40 terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2024,
41 whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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APP *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:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill establishes a task force to study the practice of making payments in lieu of taxes to municipalities and the spending cap resulting in no fiscal impact to the state because the task force has the expertise to meet the requirements of the bill.

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OFA Bill Analysis**SB 1214*****AN ACT CONCERNING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES TO MUNICIPALITIES AND THE STATE SPENDING CAP.*****SUMMARY:**

The bill establishes a 9-member task force to study the state's practice of making payments in lieu of taxes to municipalities and to study the state spending cap. It requires the task force to report its findings and recommendations to the Appropriations Committee by January 1, 2024. The task force terminates when it submits its report or on January 1, 2024, whichever is earlier.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Effective upon passage.

Task Force

The task force is required to examine 1) payments in lieu of taxes during the biennium ending June 30, 2023, 2) the current methodology for making such payments, 3) potential cost to fully fund the program, 4) history of the spending cap.

Under the bill, the task force includes the following members:

1. Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives.
2. Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate.
3. One appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives.
4. One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate.

5. One appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives.

6. One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate.

7. The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management.

The bill requires the appointing authorities to make their appointments within 30 days after the bill’s passage and fill any vacancies.

The bill also requires the House speaker and Senate president pro tempore to select the task force’s chairpersons from among its members. The chairpersons must schedule the first meeting, which must be held within 60 days after the bill’s passage. The administrative staff of the Appropriations Committee will serve as the task force’s administrative staff.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 36 Nay 16 Absent/Not Voting 1