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House Bill No. 5317
As Amended by House Amendment
Schedules "A" and "B"

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**AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY CONCERNING THE FUNDING FOR
THE COMMUNITY GUN VIOLENCE INTERVENTION AND
PREVENTION PROGRAM AND A REPORT CONCERNING THE
EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROGRAM.**

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Public Health
2 and the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, in
3 collaboration with the Commission on Community Gun Violence
4 Intervention and Prevention, established pursuant to section 19a-112j of
5 the general statutes, shall study the sustainability of funding for the
6 community gun violence intervention and prevention program
7 established pursuant to section 19a-112i of the general statutes, as
8 amended by this act. Such study shall include, but need not be limited
9 to, an examination of the potential sources of funding for such program.
10 Not later than January 1, 2025, the commissioner and secretary shall
11 jointly report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
12 general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General
13 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health and

14 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies regarding the outcome
15 of the study.

16 Sec. 2. Section 19a-112i of the general statutes, as amended by this
17 act, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
18 *from passage*):

19 (a) The Department of Public Health shall establish a community gun
20 violence intervention and prevention program to (1) fund and support
21 the growth of evidence-informed, community-centric community
22 violence and gun violence prevention and intervention programs in the
23 state, (2) strengthen partnerships among the community, state and
24 federal agencies involved in community violence prevention and
25 intervention, (3) collect timely data on firearm-involved injuries and
26 deaths and make such data publicly available, (4) evaluate effectiveness
27 of violence intervention and prevention strategies implemented under
28 the program, (5) determine community-level needs by engaging with
29 communities impacted by gun violence, and (6) secure state, federal and
30 other funds for the purposes of reducing community gun violence.

31 (b) Not later than January 1, 2023, and annually thereafter, the
32 Commissioner of Public Health shall submit a report to the joint
33 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
34 matters relating to public health, in accordance with the provisions of
35 section 11-4a, concerning the activities of the program during the
36 preceding twelve-month period. Not later than January 1, 2025, and
37 annually thereafter, such report shall include any updates related to the
38 effectiveness of the program in preventing and otherwise reducing gun
39 violence in the state.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec.	<i>from passage</i>	19a-112i

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

OFA Fiscal Note

The bill has two sections that are not anticipated to not result in a fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

Section 1 of the bill tasks the Department of Public Health (DPH) and the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) with studying funding sustainability for DPH's community gun violence intervention and prevention program, which does not result in a fiscal impact as DPH and OPM have the necessary expertise to complete this study. **Section 2** requires specified annual reporting by DPH, which is also not anticipated to have a fiscal impact as DPH has the necessary expertise to fulfill this reporting requirement.

House "A" strikes the language of the underlying bill and its associated fiscal impact. **Section 1** tasks DPH and the Department of Revenue Services (DRS) with studying the sustainability of funding for DPH's community gun violence intervention and prevention program, which was not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact. **Section 2** requires specified annual reporting by DPH that is not anticipated to have a fiscal impact.

House "B" removes DRS from study obligations with DPH tasking, instead, OPM to work with DPH on the study.

The Out Years

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 5317 (as amended by House "A" and "B")******AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY CONCERNING THE FUNDING FOR AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE COMMUNITY GUN VIOLENCE INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION PROGRAM.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) commissioner and Office of Policy and Management (OPM) secretary to study the funding sustainability, including potential funding sources, for DPH's community gun violence intervention and prevention program (see BACKGROUND). They must do so in consultation with the Commission on Community Gun Violence Intervention and Prevention. By January 1, 2025, the commissioner and secretary must report on the study to the Public Health and Appropriations committees.

By law, the DPH commissioner must annually report to the Public Health Committee on the activities of the community gun violence intervention and prevention program. The bill requires the annual reports to also include any updates related to the program's effectiveness in preventing and otherwise reducing gun violence in the state.

*House Amendment "A" replaces the underlying bill. It adds the provisions requiring the (1) study to be done in consultation with the Commission on Community Gun Violence Intervention and Prevention and (2) annual reports to include updates on the program's effectiveness (replacing a similar provision in the underlying bill's required study).

*House Amendment "B" removes the revenue services commissioner from the list of officials required to do the study.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND

Gun Violence Intervention and Prevention Program and Commission

PA 22-118 required DPH to create a community gun violence intervention and prevention program to, among related tasks, (1) fund and support the growth of evidence-informed, community-centric community and gun violence prevention and intervention programs in the state; (2) determine community-level needs by engaging with communities impacted by gun violence; and (3) secure state, federal, and other funds to reduce community gun violence.

PA 22-118 also created a Commission on Community Gun Violence Intervention and Prevention to advise the DPH commissioner on developing evidence-based, evidence-informed, community-centric gun programs and strategies to reduce community gun violence in the state. (By law, some of the initial members are from a related advisory committee created the year before.)

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 28 Nay 9 (03/11/2024)