Senate

General Assembly

File No. 494

January Session, 2025

Substitute Senate Bill No. 1454

Senate, April 3, 2025

The Committee on Commerce reported through SEN. HARTLEY of the 15th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN BROWNFIELD PROGRAMS FOR CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES.

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

Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall conduct a study concerning the feasibility and potential benefits of expanding the eligibility requirements for participation in brownfield programs in the state, including, but not limited to, the abandoned brownfield cleanup program established pursuant to section 32-768 of the general statutes and the brownfield remediation and revitalization program established pursuant to section 32-769 of the general statutes, to municipalities that have established or created a source of pollution at or on a property, provided any such municipality has not established or created any additional pollution at or on such property for a period of not less than ten years. Not later than February 1, 2026, the commissioner shall submit a report on the results of such study to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters

relating to commerce, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	*from passage*	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:
In the first sentence of Section 1, "or the brownfield remediation and revitalization program" was changed to "and the brownfield remediation and revitalization program" for accuracy.

CE *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 $	FY 27 $
Department of Economic & Community Development	GF - Cost	Up to $250,000	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a one-time cost of up to $250,000 to the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) to study the feasibility and potential benefits of expanding the eligibility requirements for participation in brownfield programs in the state and submit the report to the committee of cognizance by February 1, 2026.

DECD will require consulting services at a cost of up to $250,000 in order to complete research required by the bill by February 1st. The cost may be partially mitigated to the extent that the staff at the Office of Brownfield Remediation and Development in DECD are able to assist with the study.

The Out Years

The fiscal impact is one-time only in FY 26 and therefore does not continue into the outyears.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Commerce Committee

Joint Favorable
Yea 20 Nay 0 (03/18/2025)