

House of Representatives, April 6, 1998. The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. BYSIEWICZ, 100th DIST., Chairman of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COOPERATIVE MUNICIPAL PURCHASING OF FIRE SAFETY AND OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY EQUIPMENT.

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

1 Section 1. Section 4a-53 of the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is
3 substituted in lieu thereof:

4 (a) The Commissioner of Administrative
5 Services may join with federal agencies, other
6 state governments, political subdivisions of this
7 state or nonprofit organizations in cooperative
8 purchasing plans UNDER WHICH THE COMMISSIONER
9 MAKES PURCHASES FOR THE STATE, when the best
10 interests of the state would be served thereby.

11 (b) The Commissioner of Administrative
12 Services, in conjunction with the Department of
13 Environmental Protection and within available
14 appropriations, shall make known to the chief
15 executive officer of each municipality the
16 existence of cooperative plans UNDER SUBSECTION
17 (a) OF THIS SECTION for the purchase of recycled
18 paper.

19 (c) THE COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATIVE
20 SERVICES MAY ESTABLISH, OR ASSIST IN THE
21 ESTABLISHMENT OF, COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PLANS FOR

22 THE PURCHASE OF FIRE SAFETY AND OTHER PUBLIC
23 SAFETY EQUIPMENT SOLELY BY MUNICIPALITIES AND
24 OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE STATE. THE
25 COMMISSIONER SHALL MAKE KNOWN TO THE CHIEF
26 EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF EACH MUNICIPALITY THE
27 EXISTENCE OF ANY COOPERATIVE PLAN UNDER THIS
28 SUBSECTION.

29 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect July 1,
30 1998.

31 GAE COMMITTEE VOTE: YEA 17 NAY 0 JF

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER HB 5635

STATE IMPACT	Potential Minimal Cost, Can Be Absorbed, see explanation below
MUNICIPAL IMPACT	Potential Indeterminate Savings, see explanation below
STATE AGENCY(S)	Department of Administrative Services (Business Services)

EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:

STATE AND MUNICIPAL IMPACT: The passage of this bill could result in minimal, absorbable costs to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS), and could also result in savings to municipalities that are indeterminate. The bill authorizes the Commissioner of DAS to establish cooperative plans for the purchase of public safety and fire equipment to be solely used by municipalities and other political subdivisions of the State. Municipalities currently may purchase goods and equipment through master contracts negotiated by DAS for the purchase of items for State agencies. DAS would establish such cooperative purchasing plans within available resources. The magnitude of potential savings to municipalities, i.e. the potential discounts, would depend on the number of municipalities participating and the amount of public safety and fire equipment to be purchased.

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OLR BILL ANALYSIS

HB 5635

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SUMMARY: This bill authorizes the administrative services commissioner to establish, or assist in establishing, cooperative plans for the purchase by municipalities and other political subdivisions of public safety equipment, including fire equipment. The commissioner must make municipal chief executive officers aware of the plan.

By law, the commissioner may enter cooperative purchasing plans with federal agencies, other state governments, local municipalities, or nonprofit organizations if it serves the state's best interests. The bill limits the commissioner's authority by specifying that he can enter such plans only when making state purchases that serve the state's best interest.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 1998

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Report
Yea 17 Nay 0