

File No. 591

(Reprint of File No. 84)

House Bill No. 5018
As Amended by House
Amendment Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner
April 24, 1998

AN ACT CONCERNING DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
CONTRACTS WITH WATER UTILITY CONSULTANTS.

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

1 Section 25-33j of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof:

4 The Commissioner of Public Health may enter
5 into [one contract per year with a consultant]
6 CONTRACTS WITH CONSULTANTS to provide services to
7 [a] water utility coordinating [committee]
8 COMMITTEES. The amount of any contract shall not
9 exceed [one] TWO hundred thousand dollars. Any
10 appropriation made to the Department of Public
11 Health for the purposes of this section shall not
12 lapse until [June thirtieth of the second year
13 following the year for which the appropriation was
14 made] THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH HAS
15 COMPLETED THE PLANNING PROCESS FOR A WATER UTILITY
16 COORDINATING COMMITTEE.

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER HB 5018

STATE IMPACT	Potential Cost, see explanation below
MUNICIPAL IMPACT	None
STATE AGENCY(S)	Department of Public Health

EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:

The bill increases from \$100,000 to \$200,000 the cap on consultant contracts entered into by the Department of Public Health (DPH) intended to assist Water Utility Coordinating Committees (WUCCs) in the development of water system plans. It also allows the agency to enter into more than one such contract. The sum of \$100,000 was first appropriated to the DPH for this purpose in SFY 1985-86 under the Other Expenses account. The agency has one contract in place in the current fiscal year.

Increasing the cap to \$200,000 and allowing more than one contract to be entered into annually may result in a cost to the Department of Public Health, as no additional funding (in excess of the \$100,000) has been included within its budget under Proposed Bill 5021 (the Revised SFY 1998-99 Appropriations Act, as favorably reported by the Appropriations Committee) for this purpose. To the extent that the agency chooses to enter into an individual contract valued at greater than \$100,000 and/or more than one contract per year at a combined cost exceeding \$100,000, a cost will be incurred which would otherwise not have resulted given the restriction in current law.

public water system with a source in the committee's management area and one representative of each regional planning agency in the area. The state is divided into seven management areas; DPH has convened WUCCs in three.

Legislative History

The House referred the bill to the Environment Committee on March 27. That committee favorably reported the bill unchanged on April 3. The House then referred the bill to the Appropriations Committee on April 8, which reported it unchanged on April 16.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Report
Yea 22 Nay 0

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Report
Yea 17 Nay 2

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Report
Yea 45 Nay 0