



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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House Bill No. 5267

House of Representatives, April 14, 2025

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. BLUMENTHAL of the 147th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ELECTRONIC PORTAL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR STATE GRANT PROGRAMS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 4-68dd of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) [The] Not later than July 1, 2026, the Secretary of the Office of
4 Policy and Management shall, within available appropriations,
5 establish and maintain a single electronic portal available on the Internet
6 and located on the Office of Policy and Management's Internet web site
7 concerning grants administered or provided by state agencies for the
8 purpose of posting all state-funded [municipal] grant applications. Such
9 electronic portal shall be known as the [Municipal] State Grant Portal.

10 (b) The [Municipal] State Grant Portal shall include, but not be
11 limited to: (1) All state-funded [municipal] grant applications, [and
12 municipal reimbursement request forms,] (2) a searchable database for

13 locating information regarding state-funded [municipal] grants, [and]
14 (3) an Internet web page dedicated to state-funded municipal grant
15 applications and municipal reimbursement request forms, and (4)
16 features to encourage the active recruitment and participation of
17 municipalities and other interested parties in the state-funded
18 [municipal] grant application process.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	4-68dd
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GAE *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Policy & Mgmt., Off.	GF - Cost	200,000	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill expands the requirements for a Municipal Grant Portal on the Office of Policy and Management's (OPM) website to include (1) all state-funded grant applications, and (2) a webpage dedicated to state-funded municipal grant applications and municipal request forms by July 1, 2026. This results in a one-time cost of \$200,000 to OPM in FY 26 for a consultant to assist in completing this work.

The Out Years

None.

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 5267*****AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ELECTRONIC PORTAL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR STATE GRANT PROGRAMS.*****SUMMARY**

Current law requires the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) secretary, within available appropriations, to establish and maintain on OPM's website the Municipal Grant Portal for posting all state-funded municipal grant applications. (In practice, OPM is in the process of developing the portal.)

This bill (1) expands the portal's purpose to cover all state-funded grant applications for grants administered or provided by state agencies; (2) renames the portal as the "State Grant Portal"; (3) requires it to include a webpage dedicated to state-funded municipal grant applications and municipal request forms (as current law requires for the Municipal Grant Portal); and (4) sets a July 1, 2026, deadline for the secretary to establish the portal.

As under current law, the portal must include (1) a searchable database for locating information about the grants and (2) features to encourage active recruitment and participation in the grant application process. (The bill makes conforming changes so that these requirements apply to all state-funded grants and not just municipal ones.)

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND***Related Bill***

sHB 7184, §§ 7 & 8, reported favorably by the Government Oversight Committee, requires any municipality that receives a state grant for a study to report the study's findings to OPM for posting on the

Municipal Grant Portal. It also sets a January 1, 2026, deadline for OPM to establish the portal and expands the information that must be available on the portal to include, by July 1, 2026, a searchable database of the reported findings of any study funded by a state grant.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 19 Nay 0 (03/26/2025)