



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 492

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Senate Bill No. 1408

Senate, April 3, 2025

The Committee on Government Oversight reported through SEN. GADKAR-WILCOX of the 22nd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF STATE AGENCY RESPONSE TIMES TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS.

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

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Secretary of the Office of Policy
- 2 and Management shall conduct a study of the response times of state
- 3 agencies to requests for public records made under the Freedom of
- 4 Information Act, as defined in section 1-200 of the general statutes. Not
- 5 later than February 15, 2026, the secretary shall submit a report of the
- 6 findings of such study, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-
- 7 4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General
- 8 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to government
- 9 oversight. Such report shall include a summary of average state agency
- 10 response times, information about when unreasonable response times
- 11 were the basis of a complaint filed with the Freedom of Information
- 12 Commission and any recommended legislation to address any findings
- 13 of such study.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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GOS *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Policy & Mgmt., Off.	GF - Cost	300,000	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a one-time cost of \$300,000 in FY 26 to the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) for a consultant. The bill requires OPM to conduct a study of the response times of state agencies to requests for public records made under the Freedom of Information Act and submit a report by February 15, 2026. The consultant will be required to gather, organize, and report on this information.

The Out Years

This cost is one-time only.



OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Oversight Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 12 Nay 0 (03/18/2025)