



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 744

January Session, 2025

Substitute Senate Bill No. 1506

Senate, April 23, 2025

The Committee on Judiciary reported through SEN. WINFIELD of the 10th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING RACIAL AND ETHNIC IMPACT STATEMENTS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 2-24b of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

3 (a) Beginning with the session of the General Assembly commencing
4 on January [9, 2019] 6, 2027, a racial and ethnic impact statement shall
5 be prepared with respect to certain bills and amendments at the request
6 of any member of the General Assembly. With respect to a bill favorably
7 reported during the regular session, any such request shall be made not
8 later than ten days after the deadline for the committee that introduced
9 the bill to vote to report favorably under the joint rules of the House of
10 Representatives and the Senate. With respect to an amendment
11 introduced during the regular session, any such request shall be made
12 at least [ten] fifteen days prior to the deadline for adjournment sine die
13 of the regular session. Any such prepared statement shall be made
14 available electronically on the Internet web site of the General

15 Assembly.

16 (b) The [joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
17 cognizance of matters relating to government administration may make
18 recommendations for a provision to be included in the joint rules of the
19 House of Representatives and the Senate concerning the procedure for
20 the preparation of such racial and ethnic impact statements, the content
21 of such statements and the types of bills and amendments with respect
22 to which such statements should be prepared] Commission on Racial
23 Equity in Public Health, established pursuant to section 19a-133a, shall
24 develop procedures for a member to request and the commission to
25 prepare a racial and ethnic impact statement. The commission shall
26 memorialize such procedures in a letter to the speaker of the House of
27 Representatives, president pro tempore of the Senate, majority leader of
28 the Senate, minority leader of the Senate, majority leader of the House
29 of Representatives and minority leader of the House of Representatives
30 with a request for such procedures to be included in the joint rules of
31 the House of Representatives and the Senate.

32 (c) (1) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes
33 concerning the confidentiality of records and information, the
34 commission may request of any public agency, as defined in section 1-
35 200, or quasi-public agency, as defined in section 1-120, records and
36 information for purposes of preparing a racial and ethnic impact
37 statement pursuant to this section.

38 (2) Any public agency or quasi-public agency receiving a request for
39 records or information pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection
40 shall submit, not later than five days after the date of such request and
41 in the manner requested by the commission, such records or
42 information.

43 (3) If a public agency or quasi-public agency needs additional time to
44 comply with such request, the public agency or quasi-public agency
45 shall specify the reason for such need to the commission not later than
46 two days after the date of the request for records or information. The
47 commission shall provide such public agency or quasi-public agency a

48 reasonable extension of time to fulfill such request.

49 (4) The commission may copy any records and information obtained
50 pursuant to this subsection for purposes of preparing a racial and ethnic
51 impact statement pursuant to this section.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | October 1, 2025 | 2-24b |

JUD *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Commission on Racial Equity in Public Health to produce racial and ethnic impact statements upon request resulting in no fiscal impact to the state because the Commission has the resources and expertise to meet the requirements of the bill.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 1506****AN ACT CONCERNING RACIAL AND ETHNIC IMPACT STATEMENTS.****SUMMARY**

This bill prescribes a new procedure to set the process for legislators to request a racial and ethnic impact statement (REIS) on certain bills and amendments.

Current law allows the Government Administration and Elections Committee to make recommendations for a provision in the Joint Rules on the procedure for preparing the statements, their content, and the types of bills and amendments for which they should be prepared.

The bill instead requires the legislative Commission on Racial Equity in Public Health to develop the procedures for (1) legislators to make the request and (2) the commission to prepare the REIS. The commission must send a letter with the procedures to the House speaker, Senate president pro tempore, and the House and Senate majority and minority leaders asking for their inclusion in the Joint Rules. The bill's new processes and requirements apply beginning with the 2027 legislative session. (The current joint rules do not include a provision on these statements, and by resetting the date by which they may begin to be requested, the bill precludes the legislature from amending the joint rules to include a process for them that would apply to the 2026 legislative session.)

By law, any legislator may request these statements. For bills favorably reported during the regular session, the request must be made within 10 days after the originating committee's reporting deadline. For amendments, the bill decreases the request window by requiring the requests to be made at least 15 days before the end of session, instead of

at least 10 days before as under current law.

The bill (1) allows the commission, regardless of any state law on record and information confidentiality, to ask any public or quasi-public agency for records and information in order to prepare a REIS and (2) requires the agencies to comply within certain deadlines. It also requires any prepared REIS to be posted on the General Assembly's website.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2025

AGENCY RECORDS

Under the bill, an agency that receives this request must submit the records and information within the next five days. But the bill requires the commission to give an agency a reasonable extension to fulfill the request if the agency, within two days after receiving the request, explains why more time is necessary to comply with it. It allows the commission to copy any records and information it obtains so that it can prepare a REIS.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 41 Nay 0 (04/08/2025)