

Government Oversight Committee

JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-5574

AN ACT REQUIRING THE REPORTING OF THE STATUS OF THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CREATES PROJECT

Title: REPORT CONCERNING DIGITIZATION.

Vote Date: 3/18/2025

Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute

PH Date: 2/4/2025

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Rep Candelora, Rep O'Dea, Rep Rutigliano, Rep Ackert, Rep Perillo, Rep Zupkus, Rep Zawistowski, Rep Carney

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill is to require the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management to report on the status of implementation of the CREATES project report recommendations concerning digitization of agency programs and to report annually concerning overtime worked within agencies. The report shall include but need not be limited to the status of hiring staff as necessary to implement the recommendations, the capital funding, the implementation, and any realized savings for the following programs as of December 31, 2025.

The Department of Revenue Services, The Office of Policy and Management, The Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities, The Office of the Treasurer, Department of Administrative Services and Office of Policy and Management, The Department of Administrative Services, The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and The Labor Department. This bill also requires OPM to submit a report on the summary of overtime granted by each agency and the tools utilized to curtail overtime. Sec 3 of bill requires the Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to issue a report on data for fingerprinting conducted by the DESPP for purposes of a criminal history records.

SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE:

The substitute added a new section 3 requiring DESPP to submit a report to Government Oversight and Public Safety committees concerning fingerprinting done by the department.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None Expressed

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Rep Vincent Candelora: House Minority Leader:

Supports this bill and encourages the committee to act on the CREATES reports recommendations. He feels enacting the recommendations will make our state government more efficient and more transparent.

Frank Anthony: Citizen:

Mr. Anthony supports this bill and feels it will modernize our State's government, improve services, and reduce costs without cutting services. He feels this bill will help will make the state workforce more efficient by digitization.

Ashley Clark: Citizen:

MS Clark supports this bill as it offers suggestion on how the CT can streamline workforce management, modernizes hiring practices and optimize government operations. She feels that implementing the CTREATES report state services will remain stable, workforce planning is proactive and CT is financially prepared.

Christopher Davis: Vice President of Public Policy, CBIA:

Mr. Davis supports this bill as implementing the recommendations of the report will create a more efficient, modern state government which significantly increases the return on investment for paid by Connecticut's residents and employers. The CREATES report features a series of recommendations that CBIA supports.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

Matthew Snyder: Consent of the People:

Generally opposes this bill.

Lena Cummings: Common Sense:

Generally opposes this bill.

Logan Place: Attorney and Co-Coordinator, State Employee Bargaining Agent Coalition

Mr. Place feels that if the legislature wishes to implement any of the recommendations from the CREATES report, there should be specific legislation written.

Reported by: Greg Wolff

Date: 3/25/25