



General Assembly

January Session, 2025

***Raised Bill No. 1506***

LCO No. 6235



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

***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 Section 2-24b of the general statutes is repealed and the  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  
6       request of any member of the General Assembly. With respect to a bill  
7       favorably reported during the regular session, any such request shall be  
8       made not later than [ten] two days after the deadline for the committee  
9       that introduced the bill to vote to report favorably under the joint rules  
10      of the House of Representatives and the Senate. [With respect to an  
11      amendment introduced during the regular session, any such request  
12      shall be made at least ten days prior to the deadline for adjournment  
13      sine die of the regular session.]

14      (b) The [joint standing committee of the General Assembly having  
15      cognizance of matters relating to government administration may make

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

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

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

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

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

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |  |  |
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| Section 1 | <i>October 1, 2025</i> | 2-24b |
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To provide for (1) the development of procedures for requesting and preparing racial and ethnic impact statements for certain bills before the General Assembly, and (2) access to information for the purpose of preparing such statements.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*