



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 1506

January Session, 2025



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 Section 2-24b of the general statutes is repealed and the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.

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

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	2-24b
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JUD *Joint Favorable Subst.*