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Public Act No. 25-27

AN ACT CONCERNING RACIAL AND ETHNIC IMPACT STATEMENTS.

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

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 Section 2-24b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

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

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

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

(c) (1) Any public agency, as defined in section 1-200, or quasi-public agency, as defined in section 1-120, receiving a request for records or information by the commission for purposes of preparing a racial and ethnic impact statement pursuant to this section, shall submit, not later than five days after the date of such request and in the manner requested by the commission, such records or information.

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

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

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Governor's Action:
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