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House Bill No. 5155
As Amended by House Amendment
Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner
April 28, 2026

AN ACT CONCERNING PESTICIDE REPORTING MODERNIZATION.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a working
2 group within the legislative branch to examine the creation of a
3 searchable database that is capable of receiving, organizing and storing
4 data associated with the sales and use of pesticides that the
5 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection may require or
6 request pursuant to chapter 441 of the general statutes. In undertaking
7 such examination, such working group shall review the searchable
8 pesticide databases of not less than two other states, including, but not
9 limited to: (1) Reviewing the costs of creating, licensing and maintaining
10 such databases and the costs associated with complying with the use of
11 such databases for any applicator, farmer, retailer or other person who
12 reports any such sales or use information, and (2) learning the
13 parameters, uses, outcomes and end users of such databases, including,
14 but not limited to, any security or proprietary information issues related

15 to the use of such databases.

16 (b) Not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section,
17 the cochairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
18 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
19 relating to the environment shall jointly select two cochairpersons of
20 such working group who shall, not later than thirty days after such
21 appointment, select the membership of such working group, which
22 shall include: (1) A representative of the Department of Energy and
23 Environmental Protection, (2) a representative of the Department of
24 Agriculture, (3) a representative of a national trade association that
25 represents manufacturers, retailers or formulators of consumer,
26 industrial and institutional products used for pest control management,
27 (4) the director of the Sea Grant Program at The University of
28 Connecticut, or the director's designee, (5) a representative of licensed
29 commercial pesticide applicators, (6) a representative of the Connecticut
30 Farm Bureau, (7) a representative of an advocacy group that represents
31 invertebrate conservation, (8) a representative of a watershed group that
32 advocates for pesticide reform, (9) a representative of an organization
33 that advocates for bird conservation, (10) a representative of the nursery
34 association, (11) a representative of organic farmers, and (12) a
35 representative of the Connecticut association of golf course
36 superintendents.

37 (c) The cochairpersons of such working group shall convene the
38 working group not later than thirty days after the appointment of such
39 membership pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

40 (d) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
41 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the
42 environment shall serve as administrative staff to the working group.

43 (e) Not later than January 15, 2027, such working group shall submit
44 a report on its examination, findings and recommendations, including,
45 but not limited to, any legislative proposals, to the joint standing
46 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters

47 relating to the environment, in accordance with the provisions of section
48 11-4a of the general statutes. Such working group shall terminate on the
49 date that it submits such report or January 15, 2027, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

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 creates a working group to examine the creation of a searchable database associated with the sales and use of pesticides resulting in no fiscal impact to the state. The working group has the resources and expertise to meet the requirements of the bill.

House "A" strikes the underlying bill and its associated fiscal impact resulting in the impact described above.

The Out Years

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis

HB 5155 (as amended by House "A")

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 22 Nay 11 (03/04/2026)