



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 317**

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Substitute House Bill No. 5251

*House of Representatives, April 1, 2026*

The Committee on Government Oversight reported through REP. DATHAN of the 142nd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING REPORTING ON IMPLEMENTATION OF CERTAIN CONSULTANT REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section:

2 (1) "Consultant" means any person who (A) (i) is a professional who  
3 is registered or licensed to practice such profession in accordance with  
4 the applicable provisions of the general statutes, or (ii) is a planner or an  
5 environmental, management or financial specialist, and (B) provides  
6 consultant services to a state agency pursuant to a contract with such  
7 state agency, including, but not limited to, any architect, professional  
8 engineer, accountant, planner or environmental, management or  
9 financial specialist;

10 (2) "Consultant services" includes administrative, planning, analysis,  
11 statistical or research services rendered by any consultant, as well as  
12 incidental services that members of such consultant's profession and  
13 those in their employ are authorized to perform, for purposes of  
14 recommending a state agency course of action;

15 (3) "Firm" means any individual, partnership, corporation, joint  
16 venture, association or other legal entity authorized by law to offer  
17 consultant services; and

18 (4) "State agency" means any office, department, board, council,  
19 commission, institution, constituent unit of the state system of higher  
20 education, technical education and career school or other agency in the  
21 executive branch of state government.

22 (b) Any state agency that contracts with a firm to provide consultant  
23 services at a cost of one hundred thousand dollars or more for purposes  
24 of producing a study or other report with recommendations for future  
25 actions for the state agency to undertake that is required to be  
26 transmitted to a joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
27 pursuant to the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes shall,  
28 not later than one year after receipt of the results of such study or a final  
29 report from such firm, also submit a report, in accordance with the  
30 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing  
31 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
32 relating to government oversight, (1) summarizing the findings of the  
33 entity's report, (2) indicating whether any recommendations have been  
34 implemented by the agency, and (3) indicating whether the state agency  
35 intends to implement any such recommendations in the future and, if  
36 applicable, by what date.

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

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**  
Subsecs. (a)(1) and (2) were reworded to avoid duplication and for clarity, and in Subsec. (b), "joint standing" was added before "committee" for accuracy and Subdiv. designators (1) to (3) were added for clarity.

**GOS**      *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*

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:**

| Agency Affected        | Fund-Effect              | FY 27 \$  | FY 28 \$  |
|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Various State Agencies | Various - Potential Cost | See Below | See Below |

Note: Various=Various

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill requires any state agency that contracts for consultant services that (1) are valued at least \$100,000 and (2) provide recommendations to submit a report to the legislative Government Oversight Committee regarding implementation of the recommendations, resulting in a potential cost to various state agencies beginning in FY 27.

There is a potential cost to various state agencies<sup>1</sup> beginning in FY 27, to the extent that additional administrative burden will be created for agencies that rely heavily on contracting, and a potential additional cost to the extent that current contracts impacted by the bill would need to be amended.

**The Out Years**

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

<sup>1</sup> Potentially impacted agencies include the Department of Administrative Services (DAS), State Department of Education (DOE), Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD), Office of Early Childhood (OEC), Office of Policy and Management (OPM), and Department of Social Services (DSS), among others.

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**OLR Bill Analysis****sHB 5251*****AN ACT CONCERNING REPORTING ON IMPLEMENTATION OF CERTAIN CONSULTANT REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires any state agency that contracts for at least \$100,000 in consulting services for a study with recommendations for the agency's future actions to submit a report to the Government Oversight Committee if the law already required the report's submission to another legislative committee. The report must summarize the findings of the consultant's report and whether the agency has implemented or intends to implement any of its recommendations, and if so, by what date. The agency must submit the report to the committee within one year after receiving the consulting service's study results or final report.

The bill applies to contracts with any executive branch agency or entity, including any office, department, board, council, commission, institution, constituent unit of the state higher education system, or technical education and career school.

Under the bill, a "consultant" is a professional who (1) is registered or licensed to practice a profession, a planner, or any environmental, management, or financial specialist, and (2) provides consultant services to a state agency under a contract with the state agency, including among others, architects, professional engineers, accountants, planners, and environmental, management, or financial specialists.

"Consultant services" include administrative, planning, analysis, statistical, or research services rendered by a consultant (including incidental services that consultants and their employees are authorized to perform) to recommend a state agency's course of action.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Government Oversight Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 12 Nay 0 (03/17/2026)