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The Committee on Aging reported through SEN. HOCHADEL of the 13th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND
DISABILITY SERVICES' RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING
MUNICIPAL AGENTS FOR AGING.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 7-127b of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) The chief elected official or the chief executive officer if by
4 ordinance of each municipality shall appoint a municipal agent for
5 [elderly persons] aging. Such agent (1) shall be a (A) staff member of a
6 senior center, [a] (B) member of an agency that serves [elderly persons]
7 older adults in the municipality, or [a] (C) responsible resident of the
8 municipality who has demonstrated an interest in assisting [elderly
9 persons] older adults or has been involved in programs in the field of
10 aging, and (2) shall not have a conflict of interest or a perceived conflict
11 of interest that may interfere with the municipal agent's ability to
12 provide unbiased information, assistance or referral services. Two or
13 more municipalities may jointly appoint one or more municipal agents
14 to carry out the duties and responsibilities of a municipal agent,
15 provided such municipalities enter into a memorandum of agreement
16 or understanding for such purpose, which may include, but need not be

17 limited to, terms concerning the sharing of any expenses relating to the
18 municipal agent or agents.

19 (b) The duties of the municipal agent shall include, but need not be
20 limited to: (1) Disseminating information to [elderly persons] older
21 adults, assisting such persons in learning about the community
22 resources available to them and publicizing such resources and benefits;
23 (2) assisting [elderly persons] older adults in applying for federal and
24 state benefits, and accessing community resources, available to such
25 persons; and (3) reporting to the chief elected official or chief executive
26 officer of the municipality and the Department of Aging and Disability
27 Services any needs and problems of [the elderly] older adults and any
28 recommendations for action to improve services to [the elderly] older
29 adults. For the purposes of this subsection, "community resources"
30 means resources that assist [elderly persons] older adults in gaining
31 access to housing opportunities, including, but not limited to,
32 information regarding access to waitlists for housing designated for
33 [elderly persons] older adults, applications and consumer reports.

34 (c) Each municipal agent shall serve for a term of two or four years,
35 at the discretion of the appointing authority of each municipality, and
36 may be reappointed. If more than one agent is necessary to carry out the
37 purposes of this section, the appointing authority, in its discretion, may
38 appoint one or more assistant agents. The town clerk in each
39 municipality shall notify the Department of Aging and Disability
40 Services immediately of the appointment of a new municipal agent.
41 Each municipality may provide to its municipal agent resources
42 sufficient for such agent to perform the duties of the office.

43 (d) The Department of Aging and Disability Services shall adopt and
44 disseminate to municipalities guidelines as to the role and duties of
45 municipal agents and such informational and technical materials as may
46 assist such agents in performance of their duties. The department, in
47 cooperation with the area agencies on aging, may provide training for
48 municipal agents within the available resources of the department and
49 of the area agencies on aging.

50 (e) On or before January 1, 2025, the Commissioner of Aging and
 51 Disability Services shall create a directory of municipal agents
 52 appointed pursuant to the provisions of this section, which shall
 53 include, but need not be limited to, the name, title, telephone number,
 54 electronic mail address and mailing address of each municipal agent.
 55 The commissioner shall post a link to the directory on the Department
 56 of Aging and Disability Services' Internet web site.

57 (f) On and after July 1, 2026, each municipal agent, at the time of such
 58 municipal agent's appointment or reappointment, shall certify, in
 59 writing, that such municipal agent is unaware of any conflict of interest
 60 or perceived conflict of interest that may interfere with the municipal
 61 agent's ability to provide unbiased information, assistance or referral
 62 services and submit such certification to the Commissioner of Aging and
 63 Disability Services in a form and manner prescribed by the
 64 commissioner. If, during the term of a municipal agent, such a conflict
 65 of interest or perceived conflict of interest arises, any interested party
 66 may, and a municipal agent shall, immediately report such conflict of
 67 interest or perceived conflict of interest to the appointing authority to
 68 determine whether another municipal agent or municipal employee can
 69 act in lieu of the affected municipal agent to nullify such conflict of
 70 interest or perceived conflict of interest. The appointing authority may
 71 consult with the Department of Aging and Disability Services in making
 72 such determination. For the purposes of this subsection, the term
 73 "conflict of interest" includes, but is not limited to, the receipt of any
 74 financial or personal benefit by a municipal agent, such agent's spouse,
 75 parent, sibling, child or child's spouse or a business associated with such
 76 agent.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	7-127b

AGE *Joint Favorable*

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:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 27 \$	FY 28 \$
All Municipalities	Potential Savings	See Below	See Below

Explanation

The bill results in potential savings beginning in FY 27 to municipalities that choose to jointly appoint municipal agents for aging, as expenses relating to the agents can now be shared across multiple municipalities.

The bill also adds a requirement concerning conflicts of interest that does not have a fiscal impact.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of municipalities that choose to jointly appoint municipal agents for aging.

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 124*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES' RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING MUNICIPAL AGENTS FOR AGING.*****SUMMARY**

By law, each municipality must appoint a municipal agent to help seniors learn about community resources and file for benefits, among other things. This bill makes several changes in the law on these agents. Specifically, it:

1. allows municipalities to jointly appoint agents, rather than requiring each municipality to have its own, by entering into a memorandum of understanding that may lay out terms (for example, sharing agent expenses);
2. prohibits appointing or reappointing anyone as a municipal agent who has a real or perceived conflict of interest and establishes a process to handle conflicts that happen after an agent is appointed; and
3. renames them "municipal agents for aging" (under current law they are called "municipal agents for elderly persons") and replaces the word "elderly" with "older adults" throughout.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

MUNICIPAL AGENTS' CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The bill requires anyone appointed as a municipal agent to be free of any real or perceived conflicts of interest that could interfere with his or her ability to give unbiased information, help, or referral services.

Under the bill, a conflict of interest exists if the agent, a business

associated with the agent, or a member of the agent’s immediate family (spouse, parent, sibling, child, or child’s spouse) receive a financial or personal benefit. Other situations may also be conflicts of interest under the bill.

Certification

Beginning July 1, 2026, the bill requires each municipal agent to certify in writing that he or she is unaware of any conflict of interest or perceived conflicts of interest that could interfere with his or her ability to serve in this role, as described above. Agents must provide this certification when they are appointed or reappointed and submit it to the Department of Aging and Disability Services (ADS) commissioner in the way she sets out.

Conflicts That Arise

If a real or perceived conflict of interest happens after an agent has been appointed, the bill requires the agent to immediately report it to the appointing authority (the municipality or municipalities). It allows other interested parties to report an agent’s conflict of interest, or a perceived one, as well.

The bill requires the appointing authority to decide whether the real or perceived conflict of interest would be nullified by having another municipal agent or a municipal employee act instead of the potentially conflicted agent. In doing so, the appointing authority may consult with ADS.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Aging Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 14 Nay 0 (03/05/2026)