



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 289

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Senate Bill No. 250

Senate, April 1, 2026

The Committee on Government Oversight reported through SEN. GADKAR-WILCOX of the 22nd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF STATE AGENCY RESPONSE
TIMES TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Secretary of the Office of Policy
2 and Management shall conduct a study of the response times of state
3 agencies to requests for public records made under the Freedom of
4 Information Act, as defined in section 1-200 of the general statutes. Not
5 later than January 15, 2027, the secretary shall submit a report of the
6 findings of such study, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-
7 4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General
8 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to government
9 oversight. Such report shall include a summary of average state agency
10 response times, information about when unreasonable response times
11 were the basis of a complaint filed with the Freedom of Information
12 Commission and any recommendations for legislation to address any
13 findings of such study.

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

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 27 \$	FY 28 \$
Policy & Mgmt., Off.	GF - Cost	Up to \$300,000	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) to conduct a study on the response times of state agencies to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests and submit a report by January 15, 2027. This results in a one-time cost to OPM of up to \$300,000 in FY 27 for a consultant to meet these requirements and complete a report within the time frame.

The consultant will be responsible for developing a mechanism to gather, organize, and report on this information. The cost is partly dependent on the number of complaints regarding FOIA requests.¹

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None.

¹ In 2024 there were approximately 855 complaints.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Oversight Committee

Joint Favorable

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