



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 229**

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 445

*Senate, March 30, 2026*

The Committee on Planning and Development reported through SEN. RAHMAN of the 4th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADVISORY COMMISSION ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS AND REPORTS CONCERNING STATE MANDATES.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsections (c) and (d) of section 2-79a of the general  
2 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
3 (*Effective from passage*):

4 (c) [On or before the second Wednesday after the convening of the  
5 regular session of the General Assembly in 2020, and every four years  
6 thereafter on such second Wednesday, the commission shall submit to  
7 the General Assembly a report which lists] The commission shall  
8 maintain on the commission's Internet web site a record of each existing  
9 state mandate, as defined in subsection (a) of section 2-32b. [, and which  
10 (1) categorizes] Such record shall categorize each mandate as  
11 constitutional, statutory or executive, and [(2) describes] describe the  
12 potential impacts on local governments implementing the mandate. [In

13 each report the commission may also make recommendations on state  
14 mandates for consideration by the commission. On and after October 1,  
15 1996, the report shall be submitted to the joint standing committee of the  
16 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
17 appropriations and budgets of state agencies, to any other joint standing  
18 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance and, upon  
19 request, to any member of the General Assembly. A summary of the  
20 report shall be submitted to each member of the General Assembly if the  
21 summary is two pages or less and a notification of the report shall be  
22 submitted to each member if the summary is more than two pages.  
23 Submission shall be by mailing the report, summary or notification to  
24 the legislative address of each member of the committees or the General  
25 Assembly, as applicable. The provisions of this subsection shall not be  
26 construed to prevent the commission from making more frequent  
27 recommendations on state mandates.]

28 (d) [Commencing on or before January 15, 1997, and every year] Not  
29 later than January 15, 2027, and not less than every two years thereafter,  
30 [except a year in which a report is filed pursuant to subsection (c) of this  
31 section,] the commission shall [submit to the General Assembly a  
32 supplement to the report required in said subsection identifying any  
33 new mandates adopted and any mandates changed in the previous  
34 year] select not fewer than three state mandates, as defined in section 2-  
35 32b, from the record maintained pursuant to subsection (c) of this  
36 section, pertaining to municipalities or school districts, and create a  
37 report (1) analyzing the net additional cost or savings to municipalities  
38 or school districts realized as a result of each such mandate, (2)  
39 describing any efficiencies or difficulties arising from each such  
40 mandate, and (3) recommending any modifications to or the repeal of  
41 each such mandate, as applicable. The commission shall publish such  
42 report on the commission's Internet web site. The provisions of this  
43 subsection shall not be construed to prevent the commission from  
44 making more frequent recommendations concerning state mandates.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	2-79a(c) and (d)
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**PD**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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**OFA Fiscal Note****State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill places various reporting requirements on the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (ACIR) which is staffed by the Office of Policy and Management (OPM). This does not result in a fiscal impact to the state as OPM has the expertise and resources necessary to meet these requirements.

**The Out Years****State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****sSB 445*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADVISORY COMMISSION ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS AND REPORTS CONCERNING STATE MANDATES.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (ACIR) to keep a record on its website of every state mandate that impacts municipalities, rather than requiring it to publish a report with this information every four years, as current law requires. It also creates a new reporting requirement that focuses on three mandates every two years.

By law, ACIR must report on state mandates (including those in the constitution, in statute, or from the executive branch) that require municipalities to spend their local revenue and describe each mandate's potential impact on them. Under current law, it must do so at least every four years and then (1) mail each legislator a copy, a summary, or notice of the report and (2) submit the full report to the Appropriations Committee. In other years, it must compile a supplement covering any new or changed mandates.

Under the bill, ACIR must instead keep this information updated on its website. And, instead of the supplement, ACIR must select at least three mandates impacting municipalities or school districts and, for each, report on: (1) municipalities' or districts' net costs or savings due to the mandate, (2) any efficiencies or difficulties it caused, and (3) any recommendations ACIR has to change the mandate, which could include repealing it. ACIR must do this report at least every two years, with the first due by January 15, 2027, and post it on its website.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**BACKGROUND**

***Related Bill***

sHB 5324, favorably reported by the Education Committee, requires the Education Mandate Review Advisory Council to annually review each education mandate passed in the previous legislative session and at least 10 existing ones.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 21    Nay 0    (03/13/2026)