
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)