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The Committee on Housing reported through REP. MCGEE of the 5th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING.

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

1 Section 1. Section 8-37r of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) There shall be a Department of Housing, which shall be [within
4 the Department of Economic and Community Development for
5 administrative purposes only, which shall be] the lead agency for all
6 matters relating to housing. The Department of Housing shall be within
7 the Department of Economic and Community Development for
8 administrative purposes only. The department head shall be the
9 Commissioner of Housing, who shall be appointed by the Governor in
10 accordance with the provisions of sections 4-5 to 4-8, inclusive, with the
11 powers and duties [therein] prescribed in said sections. Said
12 commissioner shall be responsible at the state level for all aspects of
13 policy, development, redevelopment, preservation, maintenance and
14 improvement of housing and neighborhoods. Said commissioner shall
15 be responsible for developing strategies to encourage the provision of

16 housing in the state, including housing for very low, low and moderate
17 income families.

18 (b) The Department of Housing shall constitute a successor to the
19 functions, powers and duties of the Department of Economic
20 Development relating to housing, community development,
21 redevelopment and urban renewal as set forth in chapters 128, 129, 130,
22 135 and 136 in accordance with the provisions of sections 4-38d, 4-38e
23 and 4-39. The Department of Housing is designated a public housing
24 agency for the purpose of administering the Section 8 existing certificate
25 program and the housing voucher program pursuant to the Housing
26 Act of 1937.

27 [(c) The commissioner shall, in consultation with the interagency
28 council on affordable housing established pursuant to section 8-37nnn,
29 review the organization and delivery of state housing programs and
30 submit a report with recommendations, in accordance with the
31 provisions of section 11-4a, not later than January 15, 2013, to the joint
32 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
33 matters relating to housing and appropriations.]

34 [(d)] (c) Any order or regulation of the Department of Housing or
35 Department of Economic and Community Development that is in force
36 on January 1, 2013, shall continue in force and effect as an order or
37 regulation until amended, repealed or superseded pursuant to law.

38 [(e)] (d) On and after July 1, 2017, the Department of Housing shall
39 constitute a successor department, in accordance with the provisions of
40 sections 4-38d, 4-38e and 4-39, to the Department of Children and
41 Families with respect to the homeless youth program as set forth in
42 section 17a-62a.

43 Sec. 2. Section 8-37nnn of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*
44 *from passage*)

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

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	8-37r
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	Repealer section

HSG *Joint Favorable*

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

The bill has no fiscal impact as it eliminates an obsolete interagency council and reporting requirement related to the establishment of the Department of Housing in 2013 and makes other technical changes.

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

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 6530*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING.*****SUMMARY**

The bill eliminates the inactive Interagency Council on Affordable Housing (see BACKGROUND) and makes a conforming change to remove an obsolete requirement that the Department of Housing (DOH) commissioner, in consultation with the council, review state housing programs and submit a one-time report to the Housing and Appropriations committees.

The bill also makes technical changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND***Interagency Council on Affordable Housing***

PA 12-1, June Special Session, established DOH and made it the lead agency responsible for all housing matters. The act also created the Interagency Council on Affordable Housing to advise and assist the DOH commissioner in the planning and implementation of the department.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Housing Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 15 Nay 0 (3/09/2021)