



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 104**

January Session, 2021

Substitute House Bill No. 6554

*House of Representatives, March 23, 2021*

The Committee on Aging reported through REP. PHIPPS of the 100th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON SENIOR CITIZENS AND ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioners of Public  
2 Health, Aging and Disability Services and Social Services shall study the  
3 impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the health, safety and welfare of  
4 senior citizens, including, but not limited to, residents of nursing home  
5 facilities, as defined in section 19a-490 of the general statutes, and  
6 managed residential communities, as defined in section 19a-693 of the  
7 general statutes, and adults with disabilities.

8 (b) Not later than January 1, 2022, the commissioners shall file a  
9 report in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general  
10 statutes to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly  
11 having cognizance of matters relating to aging, human services and  
12 public health. The report shall include (1) the impact of the COVID-19  
13 pandemic on the health, safety and welfare of senior citizens and adults  
14 with disabilities, and (2) recommendations to mitigate the impact of any

15 future pandemic.

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

**AGE**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill, which requires the Departments of Public Health, Aging and Disability Services, and Social Services to study the impact of COVID-19 on senior citizens and adults with disabilities and report recommendations to mitigate the impact of any future pandemic, has no fiscal impact as the agencies have the expertise to undertake this requirement.

**The Out Years**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Aging Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 16 Nay 0 (03/11/2021)