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Senate Bill No. 935

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The Committee on Housing reported through SEN. LOPES of the 6th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING HOUSING.

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

1 Section 1. Section 8-37mmm of the general statutes is repealed and
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

3 (a) For the purposes of this section, "visitable housing" means one-to-
4 four family residential construction that includes three basic
5 architectural features to allow persons with disabilities to easily visit: (1)
6 Interior doorways that provide a minimum thirty-two inch wide
7 unobstructed opening, (2) an accessible means of egress, as defined in
8 Appendix A to 28 CFR Part 36, and (3) a full or half bathroom on the
9 first floor that is compliant with the provisions of the Americans with
10 Disabilities Act of 1990, [as amended,] 42 USC 12101, as amended from
11 time to time.

12 (b) The Department of Housing, in consultation with the Connecticut
13 Housing Finance Authority, may establish a program to encourage the
14 development of visitable housing in the state. The program shall (1)

15 provide a single point of contact for any person seeking financial or
16 technical assistance from the state to construct visitable housing, (2)
17 identify financial incentives for developers who construct visitable
18 housing, and (3) include public education about such housing. [The
19 department shall submit a report on the status of the program, in
20 accordance with section 11-4a, to the joint standing committee of the
21 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to housing not
22 later than October 1, 2012.]

23 (c) The Department of Housing shall establish, within available
24 appropriations, an informational web page in a conspicuous place on
25 such department's Internet web site with a list of links to available
26 visitable housing resources.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	8-37mmm

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 reporting requirement for the Department of Housing and makes other technical changes.

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

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 935*****AN ACT CONCERNING HOUSING.*****SUMMARY**

This bill eliminates an obsolete requirement that the Department of Housing (DOH) submit a one-time status report on its Visitable Housing Program to the Housing Committee by October 1, 2012.

Existing law, unchanged by the bill, authorizes DOH to establish the program in consultation with the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority to encourage developers to build residential homes that are easy for people with disabilities to visit.

The bill also makes technical changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2021

COMMITTEE ACTION

Housing Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 15 Nay 0 (03/09/2021)