



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 551

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Substitute House Bill No. 5437

House of Representatives, April 20, 2022

The Committee on Appropriations reported through REP. WALKER of the 93rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING EQUITY AND THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET.

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

1 Section 1. Section 4-74a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

3 The budget document shall include: [the] (1) The recommendations
4 of the Governor concerning the economy, [and shall include] including,
5 but not limited to, an analysis of the impact of both proposed spending
6 and proposed revenue programs on the employment, production and
7 purchasing power of the people and industries within the state; and (2)
8 an explanation of the manner in which provisions of the budget further
9 the Governor's efforts to ensure equity in the state. For purposes of this
10 section, "equity" means efforts, regulations, policies, programs,
11 standards, processes and any other functions of government or
12 principles of law and governance intended to: (A) Identify and remedy
13 past and present patterns of discrimination or inequality against and
14 disparities in outcome for any class protected in chapter 814c; (B) ensure
15 that such patterns of discrimination, inequality and disparities in

16 outcome, whether intentional or unintentional, are neither reinforced
17 nor perpetuated; and (C) prevent the emergence and persistence of
18 foreseeable future patterns of discrimination against or disparities in
19 outcome for any class protected in chapter 814c.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2022	4-74a

APP *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Governor's annual budget proposal to include an explanation of how such budget ensures equity in the state. This has no fiscal impact, as it is anticipated that the Office of Policy and Management can meet this requirement with existing resources.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OFA Bill Analysis

HB 5437

AN ACT CONCERNING EQUITY AND THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET.

SUMMARY:

The bill requires the Governor's annual budget proposal to include a discussion of how such budget helps to achieve equity in the state.

The bill defines equity as "efforts, regulations, policies, programs, standards, processes and any other functions of government or principles of law and governance intended to: (A) Identify and remedy past and present patterns of discrimination or inequality against and disparities in outcome for any class protected in chapter 814c; (B) ensure that such patterns of discrimination, inequality and disparities in outcome, whether intentional or unintentional, are neither reinforced nor perpetuated; and (C) prevent the emergence and persistence of foreseeable future patterns of discrimination against or disparities in outcome for any class protected in chapter 814c"

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2022

COMMITTEE ACTION

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 50 Nay 0 (04/07/2022)