



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 496**

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House Bill No. 5452

*House of Representatives, April 14, 2022*

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. FOX of the 148th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE CONCERNING THE ACCESSIBILITY OF STATE AGENCY INTERNET WEB SITES.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established the State  
2 Agency Internet Web Site Accessibility Task Force to study the  
3 accessibility of the Internet web sites of state agencies. Such study shall  
4 include, but need not be limited to, an examination of whether (1) the  
5 information and services on the state agency Internet web sites are  
6 designed to be accessible to people with disabilities; (2) state agencies  
7 and the developers of their Internet web sites apply the guidelines for  
8 achieving universal accessibility principles when designing and  
9 creating any official Internet web site of a state agency; and (3) to  
10 recommend reinstating the Connecticut Web Site Accessibility  
11 Committee.

12 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

- 13 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;
- 14 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;
- 15 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
16 Representatives;
- 17 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;
- 18 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
19 Representatives;
- 20 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;
- 21 (7) The Commissioner of Administrative Services, or the  
22 commissioner's designee;
- 23 (8) The Chief Data Officer within the Office of Policy and  
24 Management;
- 25 (9) The Commissioner of Developmental Services, or the  
26 commissioner's designee;
- 27 (10) The chairperson of the Advisory Board for Persons Who are  
28 Deaf, Hard of Hearing or Deafblind, who is the Governor's liaison to the  
29 disability community;
- 30 (11) The state Americans with Disabilities Act coordinator, as defined  
31 in section 4-61aa of the general statutes;
- 32 (12) The Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services, or  
33 the commissioner's designee;
- 34 (13) The Labor Commissioner, or the commissioner's designee;
- 35 (14) The executive director of the Commission on Human Rights and  
36 Opportunities, or the executive director's designee; and
- 37 (15) The Commissioner of Aging and Disability Services, or the  
38 commissioner's designee.

39 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),  
40 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member  
41 of the General Assembly.

42 (d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later  
43 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall  
44 be filled by the appointing authority.

45 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro  
46 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from  
47 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule  
48 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty  
49 days after the effective date of this section.

50 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
51 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to government  
52 administration shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

53 (g) Not later than January 1, 2023, the task force shall submit a report  
54 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of  
55 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
56 government administration, in accordance with the provisions of  
57 section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on  
58 the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2023, whichever is later.

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

**GAE**      *Joint Favorable*

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

The bill establishes the State Agency Internet Web Site Accessibility Task Force to study the accessibility of the Internet web sites of state agencies. The task force shall submit its findings and recommendations to the Government Administration and Elections Committee by January 1, 2023.

This bill has no fiscal impact as PA 17-236 prohibits transportation allowances for task force members.

**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**

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 19 Nay 0 (03/29/2022)