



House of Representatives

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House Bill No. 6592

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The Committee on Housing reported through REP. LUXENBERG of the 12th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT REQUIRING THE CONSIDERATION OF HOUSING NEEDS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES IN MUNICIPAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLANS.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 8-30j of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
3 *1, 2023*):

4 (a) (1) Not later than June 1, 2022, and at least once every five years
5 thereafter, each municipality shall prepare or amend and adopt an
6 affordable housing plan for the municipality and shall submit a copy of
7 such plan to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management. Such
8 plan shall specify how the municipality intends to (A) increase the
9 number of affordable housing developments in the municipality, and
10 (B) for any affordable housing plan submitted after October 1, 2023,
11 improve the accessibility of affordable housing units for individuals
12 with developmental disabilities.

13 (2) If, at the same time the municipality is required to submit to the
14 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management an affordable housing
15 plan pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, the municipality is
16 also required to submit to the secretary a plan of conservation and
17 development pursuant to section 8-23, such affordable housing plan
18 may be included as part of such plan of conservation and development.
19 The municipality may, to coincide with its submission to the secretary
20 of a plan of conservation and development, submit to the secretary an
21 affordable housing plan early, provided the municipality's next such
22 submission of an affordable housing plan shall be five years thereafter.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2023	8-30j(a)

HSG *Joint Favorable*

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

The bill requires municipal affordable housing plans to address affordable housing unit accessibility for individuals with developmental disabilities. This has no fiscal impact as it expands requirements for a plan that is already required by statute, and it is anticipated that municipalities have sufficient resources to address this aspect.

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

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 6592*****AN ACT REQUIRING THE CONSIDERATION OF HOUSING NEEDS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES IN MUNICIPAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLANS.*****SUMMARY**

This bill expands the municipal affordable housing planning requirement by requiring plans submitted to the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) after October 1, 2023, to specify how the municipality will improve affordable housing unit accessibility for people with developmental disabilities.

Existing law requires all municipalities to adopt an affordable housing plan and submit a copy to OPM by June 1, 2022, and then at least once every five years afterwards. The plan must detail how the municipality will increase its number of affordable housing developments, as defined under CGS § 8-30g. By law, “affordable housing development” generally means a proposed housing development that is either government assisted housing or a set-aside development subject to an affordability deed restriction.

Under existing law, municipalities that fail to submit a plan following the required timeline must send a letter to OPM (1) explaining why the plan was not submitted and (2) designating a date by which it will do so.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2023

BACKGROUND

Related Bill

sHB 6781, § 24, reported favorably by the Housing Committee, contains provisions generally replacing the current municipal affordable housing planning requirement with a requirement that municipalities prepare or amend a plan to affirmatively further fair housing.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Housing Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 15 Nay 0 (02/28/2023)