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SB-336

AN ACT CONCERNING THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF  
HARTFORD COUNTY'S INDEPENDENT CONSUMER ADVOCATE.

As Amended by Senate "A" (LCO 5228)

Senate Calendar No.: 250

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## ***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** See Below

## ***Explanation***

The bill increases the maximum annual costs for the consumer advocate from \$50,000 to \$70,000 and makes changes to the advocate's term length. This may result in a cost to the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) of up to \$20,000 in FY 25 and FY 26 as the MDC pays the costs for the consumer advocate.<sup>1</sup> There is a potential cost to the MDC member and some non-member towns to the extent that the MDC increases water and sewer usage fees or imposes assessments on member towns to cover the additional costs.<sup>2</sup>

Senate "A" alters the bill to keep certain language in statute, and amends requirements for the Independent Consumer Advocate position, which do not result in a fiscal impact.

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<sup>1</sup> MDC is a public non-profit municipal corporation established by the General Assembly.

<sup>2</sup> Member towns include Bloomfield, East Hartford, Hartford, Newington, Rocky Hill, West Hartford, Wethersfield, and Windsor. Non-member towns that the MDC provides drinking water to include Farmington, Glastonbury, East Granby, and South Windsor.

### ***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

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