

**STATE MANDATES ON MUNICIPALITIES:
ACTIONS IN 2005**

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**State Mandate Definition
Connecticut General Statutes**

Sec. 2-32b(a)(2). (a) As used in this section:

(1) "Local government" means any political subdivision of the state having power to make appropriations or to levy taxes, including any town, city or borough, consolidated town and city or consolidated town and borough, any village, any school, sewer, fire, water or lighting district, metropolitan district, any municipal district, any beach or improvement association, and any other district or association created by any special act or pursuant to chapter 105, or any other municipal corporation having the power to issue bonds;

(2) "State mandate" means any constitutional, statutory or executive action that requires a local government to establish, expand or modify its activities in such a way as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues, excluding any order issued by a state court and any legislation necessary to comply with a federal mandate;

(3) "Local government organization and structure mandate" means a state mandate concerning such matters as: (A) The form of local government and the adoption and revision of statutes on the organization of local government; (B) the establishment of districts, councils of governments, or other forms and structures for interlocal cooperation and coordination; (C) the holding of local elections; (D) the designation of public officers, and their duties, powers and responsibilities and (E) the prescription of administrative practices and procedures for local governing bodies;

(4) "Due process mandate" means a state mandate concerning such matters as: (A) The administration of justice; (B) notification and conduct of public hearings; (C) procedures for administrative and judicial review of actions taken by local governing bodies and (D) protection of the public from malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance by local government officials;

(5) "Benefit spillover" means the process of accrual of social or other benefits from a governmental service to jurisdictions adjacent to or beyond the jurisdiction providing the service;

(6) "Service mandate" means a state mandate as to creation or expansion of governmental services or delivery standards therefor and those applicable to services having substantial benefit spillover and consequently being wider than local concern. For purposes of this section, applicable services include but are not limited to elementary and secondary education, community colleges, public health, hospitals, public assistance, air pollution control, water pollution control and solid waste treatment and disposal. A state mandate that expands the duties of a public official by requiring the provision of additional services is a "service mandate" rather than a "local government organization and structure mandate";

(7) "Interlocal equity mandate" means a state mandate requiring local governments to act so as to benefit other local governments or to refrain from acting to avoid injury to, or conflict with neighboring jurisdictions, including such matters as land use regulations, tax assessment procedures for equalization purposes and environmental standards;

(8) "Tax exemption mandate" means a state mandate that exempts privately owned property or other specified items from the local tax base;

(9) "Personnel mandate" means a state mandate concerning or affecting local government: (A) Salaries and wages; (B) employee qualifications and training except when any civil service commission, professional licensing board, or personnel board or agency established by state law sets and administers standards relative to merit-based recruitment or candidates for employment or conducts and grades examinations and rates candidates in order of their relative excellence for purposes of making appointments or promotions to positions in the competitive division of the classified service of the public employer served by such commission, board or agency; (C) hours, location of employment, and other working conditions and (D) fringe benefits including insurance, health, medical care, retirement and other benefits.

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NEW 2005 STATE MANDATES

PA 05-104 (SSB 1312) An Act Concerning Food Allergies And The Prevention Of Life-Threatening Incidents In Schools.

Mandate Description

This bill requires boards of education to implement a plan based on guidelines set by the Department of Education for the management of students with life-threatening food allergies enrolled in the schools under their jurisdiction.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Education – Committee of Cognizance

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

This portion of the bill was not addressed by OFA. ACIR believes that this bill will result in a workload increase and cost for municipalities.

PA 05-144 (SHB 6286) An Act Concerning The Emergency Use Of Cartridge Injectors.

Mandate Description

This bill requires that, upon the request and with the written authorization of the parent or guardian of a child attending any before or after school program, day camp or day care facility, the operator of such facility to approve and provide general supervision to an identified staff member trained to administer medication with a cartridge injector to such child if the child has a medically diagnosed allergic condition that may require prompt treatment in order to protect the child against serious harm or death. Such staff member shall be trained in a manner specified by this section.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Judiciary – Committee of Cognizance
Public Health
Appropriations

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

The bill results in a state mandate with a cost due to training requirements in the use of cartridge injectors.

PA 05-190 (SB 1085) An Act Concerning Buffers To Inland Wetlands Areas And Concerning Application Of The Conveyance Tax To Land Classified As Farm Land, Forest Land Or Open Space Land.

Mandate Description

This bill requires any property needed as a buffer pursuant to any permit issued by an inland wetlands agency, as specified by this bill, to be assessed at a value equal to the value of such property if it were an inland wetland or watercourse area.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Planning and Development – Committee of Cognizance

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

To the extent that the bill results in certain property being reassessed at a lower value, municipalities could experience a reduction in their grand list.

PA 05-193 (SSB 1251) An Act Concerning Owner Controlled Insurance Programs On State And Municipal Construction Projects.

Mandate Description

This bill prohibits, with certain specified exceptions, contracts for municipal construction projects that allow or require the municipality to maintain an owner-controlled insurance program (OCIP).

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Insurance and Real Estate – Committee of Cognizance

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

OCIPs are estimated to reduce construction costs by 1-3%. This bill precludes cost savings to municipalities to the degree that using OCIPs would have reduced the cost of those capital construction projects.

PA 05-205 (SHB 6570) An Act Concerning Plans Of Conservation And Development.

Mandate Description

This bill requires local planning commissions consider additional factors, including identification and promotion of areas to have transit accessible, pedestrian-oriented mixed use development patterns and land reuse, including the mapping of proposed land uses. Also, municipalities with a website must post the plan on such website at least 65 days prior to the public hearing. After the hearing, the plan must be submitted to the legislative body for approval. The commission must notify OPM of any differences between the plan adopted by the towns and the state plan of conservation and development. If a resident submits a written proposal to change the plan, the commission must determine within 35 days if a public hearing should be held on the proposal. If the commission accepts the proposal it must do so in accordance with this section.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Planning and Development - Committee of Cognizance
Environment
Legislative Management
Appropriations
Transportation

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

This portion of the bill was not addressed by OFA. ACIR believes that this bill will result in a workload increase and cost for municipalities.

PA 05-208 (SHB 6639) An Act Concerning Offsets Against Disability Retirement Benefits For State Employees And Stress-Related Workers' Compensation Benefits For Police Officers.

Mandate Description

This bill expands workers' compensation coverage for local police to include counseling for mental and emotional impairments for officers who use deadly force, or are the target of the attempted use of deadly force, even if no physical injury occurs from such incident in a manner specified by this section.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Labor and Public Employees - Committee of Cognizance

Appropriations

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

This bill is a state mandate on municipalities, particularly to those municipalities that are self-insured and will result in additional costs, the extent of which will depend on the number of claims filed.

PA 05-218 (SSB 1116) An Act Amending Certain Motor Vehicle Statutes.

Mandate Description

This bill amends the statutes to define an antique, rare or special interest motor vehicle as one twenty (down from twenty-five) years old or older, in a manner specified by this section.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Transportation - Committee of Cognizance
Judiciary
Planning and Development

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

This portion of the bill was not addressed by OFA. ACIR believes that this bill will result in a cost for municipalities due to lower assessments on antique cars.

PA 05-235 (SHB 6669) An Act Concerning Absentee Voting, Elections Enforcement, A Voting Technology Standards Board, Nomination Procedures, Training For Election Officials, Campaign Finance Reporting, Restoration Of Voting Rights And Voter Registration.

Mandate Description

This bill adds assisted living facilities to those institutions that require onsite supervision by the registrar or other official whenever 20 or more requests have been made for absentee ballots.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Government Administration & Elections – Committee of Cognizance
Planning and Development
Judiciary
Legislative Management
Appropriations

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

OFA believes this bill is a state mandate which will result in a workload increase and cost to municipalities.

MINIMAL MANDATES

PA 05- 1 (HB 7501 June Special Session) An Act Concerning Energy Independence.

Mandate Description

This bill requires the owners or lessees of structures and equipment used to reduce, control or eliminate air and water pollution to file for their tax exemption with the assessor or board of assessors in the town where they are located. If the owner or lessee changes, the new owner or lessee must file a revised application, in a manner prescribed by this legislation.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Emergency Certification to the House Floor

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

This portion of the bill was not addressed by OFA. ACIR believes that this bill will result in a minimal workload increase and cost for municipalities.

SA 05- 9 (HB 5785) An Act Concerning The Powers Of The Zoning Commission Of The Noank Fire District And Voting At Meetings Of The Fall Mountain Lake Property Owners Association.

Mandate Description

This bill requires the Noank fire district to vote by referendum on the question of authorization of establishment of village districts.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Planning and Development - Committee of Cognizance

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

This portion of the bill was not addressed by OFA. ACIR believes that this bill will result in a minimal workload increase and cost.

PA 05-52 (SB 1135) An Act Concerning The Electronic Transmission Of Photographs And Fingerprints.

Mandate Description

This bill requires police departments to immediately transmit to the State Police Bureau of Identification the electronic image of any arrested person's fingerprints or photograph anytime such images are collected by said department.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Public Safety and Security – Committee of Cognizance
Judiciary

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

This portion of the bill was not addressed by OFA. ACIR believes that this bill will result in a minimal expenditure increase for municipalities.

PA 05-159 (SHB 6722) An Act Concerning The Use Of Hand-Held Mobile Telephones By Operators Of Motor Vehicles.

Mandate Description

This bill requires law enforcement officers who issue a summons for violation of using a hand-held phone or engaging in any other activity not related to the operation of the motor vehicle to write on the summons what the activity was that was seen by the officer that caused him to issue the summons.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Transportation - Committee of Cognizance
Judiciary

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

This bill could result in a minimal cost to municipalities.

PA 05-161 (SHB 6894) An Act Requiring The Installation Of Carbon Monoxide Detectors In New Residential Buildings.

Mandate Description

This bill requires the local Fire Marshall or building official to certify carbon monoxide detectors have been installed in new residential building before a certificate of occupancy can be issued.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Public Safety and Security - Committee of Cognizance
Planning and Development

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

Municipalities with new residential buildings could incur minimal costs.

PA 05- 173 (SHB 6744) An Act Concerning Restrictions On The Operation Of Mini-Motorcycles.

Mandate Description

This bill requires any police officer who issues a summons for any alleged violation regarding the operation of a mini-motorcycle to have said mini-motorcycle impounded for forty-eight hours.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Judiciary - Committee of Cognizance
Transportation

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

The bill is anticipated to result in additional workload for police officers.

PA 05- 188 (SSB 55) An Act Concerning Voter Registration, Certain Nominating Procedures, Campaign Accountability, A Voter Guide, Push Polling And Electronic Voting Machines.

Mandate Description

This bill requires the registrars of voters, representing at least two political parties, to conduct a manual audit of the votes recorded on at least two direct recording electronic voting machines used in each assembly district, in a manner provided by this section.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Government Administration & Elections - Committee of Cognizance

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

This portion of the bill was not addressed by OFA. ACIR believes that this bill will result in a minimal workload increase and cost for municipalities.

PA 05-190 (SB 1085) An Act Concerning Buffers To Inland Wetlands Areas And Concerning Application Of The Conveyance Tax To Land Classified As Farm Land, Forest Land Or Open Space Land.

Mandate Description

This bill requires the town clerk to notify the tax assessor on the sale of any farm land and the tax assessor to notify the new owner of the tax benefits of classification of such land as farm land, forest land or open space.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Planning and Development - Committee of Cognizance

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

This portion of the bill was not addressed by OFA. ACIR believes that this bill will result in a minimal cost for municipalities.

PA 05-200 (SHB 6746) An Act Concerning The Cancellation Or Revocation Of The Certification Of Police Officers And The Conditions For The Reinstatement Of Police Officers Upon Return From International Peacekeeping Operations.

Mandate Description

This bill requires that any police officer who takes a leave of absence or resigns from employment on or after September 11, 2001 to volunteer for an international peace keeping operation shall be returned to his or her original position, or an equivalent position, upon returning to the United States.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Judiciary – Committee of Cognizance

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

This bill is a state mandate and could result in a minimal cost to municipalities.

PA 05-218 (SSB 1116) An Act Amending Certain Motor Vehicle Statutes.

Mandate Description

This bill expands the criminal actions regarding motor vehicle operation, including; transportation of a dog in the back of a pick-up

truck without being secured, proof of insurance or an insurance substitute in the case of a special use registration, operating a vehicle that exceeds posted height or weight restrictions when going over, on or under any bridge and stopping at a railroad crossing when signaled to by either a law enforcement officer or manual system and crossing such railroad crossing in an unsafe manner.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Transportation – Committee of Cognizance
Judiciary
Planning and Development

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

The bill may result in additional workload for local police.

PA 05-235 (SHB 6669) An Act Concerning Absentee Voting, Elections Enforcement, A Voting Technology Standards Board, Nomination Procedures, Training For Election Officials, Campaign Finance Reporting, Restoration Of Voting Rights And Voter Registration.

Mandate Description

This bill requires the municipal clerk to maintain a log of all absentee ballot applications, in a manner provided by this section and requires any person who distributes five or more absentees to register with the town clerk and to file a list of prospective absentee ballot applicants with the clerk. In addition, whenever a person who has been denied admission as an elector appeals that decision to the State Elections Commission, the registrar or other appropriate board must send the record of the hearing, where such denial was made, to the Elections Commission.

Also, whenever a registrar provides a party enrollment list to a candidate he must certify, in a manner specified by this section, that it is the most recent and accurate such list. This bill requires that instructors for elections officials include in their report to the town clerk a signed statement from each official stating that they have received such instruction and that this report must now be filed with the Secretary of State. Finally, the registrar, deputy registrar or assistant registrar must be designated annually to receive ten hours of elections training instruction.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Government Administration & Elections – Committee of
Cognizance
Planning and Development
Judiciary
Legislative Management
Appropriations

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

This portion of the bill was not addressed by OFA. ACIR believes that this bill will result in a minimal workload and/or expenditure increase for municipalities.

PA 05-252 (SSB 916) An Act Concerning Pesticides At Schools And Day Care Facilities.

Mandate Description

This bill requires the local health director, or in the case of a public school, the school superintendent, in order to eliminate a threat to human health, to determine if an emergency application of a lawn care pesticide may be made.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Environment – Committee of Cognizance

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

OFA believes that municipal officials will be able to accommodate these duties within their normally budgeted resources. ACIR believes that this bill would result in a minimal cost and workload.

PA 05-272 (SHB 6713) An Act Concerning Revisions To Department Of Public Health Statutes.

Mandate Description

This bill requires boards of education to report to the local health director and the Department of Public Health the total number of students per school with asthma, in a manner specified by this section. It also requires the operator of a before or after school program to approve and provide general supervision to an identified staff member who has been trained to administer medication with a cartridge injector to any child whose parent or guardian has requested and given written authorization to do so.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Public Health - Committee of Cognizance

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

This bill results in a minimal cost to local and regional school districts due to increased record keeping with regard to reporting requirements concerning asthma. The portion of the bill concerning before and after school programs was not addressed by OFA. ACIR believes that this bill will result in a minimal workload increase and cost for municipalities.

PA 05-280 (HB 7000) An Act Concerning Social Services And Public Health Budget Implementation Provisions.

Mandate Description

This bill requires that zoning regulations treat Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services group homes the same as single family homes.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Appropriations – Committee of Cognizance

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

To the extent that this bill causes a property on which real estate taxes are currently assessed to become a nonprofit or state owned property on which real estate taxes are not assessed, a revenue loss to certain municipalities may result.

PA 05-287 (SSB 96) An Act Concerning Government Administration.

Mandate Description

This bill requires that all planning and zoning commissions record, electronically or by transcription, all meetings during which they deliberate on formal petitions, applications, requests or appeals.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Government Administration & Elections - Committee of Cognizance
Judiciary

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

This bill is a state mandate on municipalities and will result in minimal equipment costs to those town agencies that don't currently have recording equipment.

MANDATES NOT SPECIFICALLY DIRECTED AT MUNICIPALITIES

PA 05- 3 (HB 7502) An Act Concerning The Implementation Of Various Budgetary Provisions.

Mandate Description

The bill requires owners of underground storage tanks to comply with regulations regarding inspection of tanks for compliance with laws and regulations concerning their design, construction, installation and operation, in a manner specified by this section. If a tank is found to be noncompliant, the owner will be required to empty out the tank and cannot be used again until violations have been corrected.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Emergency Certification

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

Any fiscal impact to municipalities is anticipated to be minimal.

PA 05- 10 (SSB 963) An Act Concerning Civil Unions.

Mandate Description

The bill requires that parties to a civil union shall have all the same benefits, protections and responsibilities under law, whether derived from the general statutes, administrative regulations or court rules, policy, common law or any other source of civil law, as are granted to spouses in a marriage, which is defined as the union of one man and one woman. Thus, wherever in the general statutes the terms "spouse", "family", "immediate family", "dependent", "next of kin" or any other term that denotes the spousal relationship are used or defined, a party to a civil union shall be included in such use or definition, and wherever in the general statutes, with certain

exceptions, the term “marriage” is used or defined, a civil union shall be included in such use or definition.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Judiciary – Committee of Cognizance
Appropriations
Finance, Revenue, Revenue and Bonding
Planning and Development

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

This is a state mandate on municipalities which will incur costs to those municipalities that do not presently extend benefits to same-sex domestic partners.

PA 05-32 (SHB 6228) An Act Increasing The Minimum Wage.

Mandate Description

The bill increases the minimum hourly wage to \$7.40, effective January 1, 2006 and to \$7.65 effective January 1, 2007.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Labor and Public Employees – Committee of Cognizance
Planning and Development

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

The bill is a state mandate and will result in minimal costs to municipalities.

PA 05-34 (HB 6751) An Act Concerning The Unemployment Compensation Alternative Base Period.

Mandate Description

The bill extends the sunset date, from December 31, 2005 to December 31, 2007, for unemployment compensation benefits to be calculated on an alternative base period. The alternative method is used to determine the eligibility of unemployment compensation claimants who do not qualify for benefits under the regular base period.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Labor and Public Employee – Committee of Cognizance

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

The bill is a state mandate on various municipalities with costs to them of \$85,000 in FY 06 and \$113,000 in 07 (representing 2.9% of the municipalities unemployment claims).

PA 05-69 (SSB 30) An Act Concerning Health Insurance Coverage For Breast Cancer Screening.

Mandate Description

The bill requires group health insurance policies to cover medically necessary ultrasound screening for breast tumors, subject to any policy provisions applicable to other covered services.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Insurance and Real Estate – Committee of Cognizance

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

The bill's impact on municipal health insurance cost will vary by municipality depending on the current coverage. To the extent that this is not currently covered, there will be increased municipal costs to provide it.

PA 05-134 (SHB 6804) An Act Concerning Restaurant Safety.

Mandate Description

This bill requires each food service establishment to acquire and display a sign that describes how to recognize the signs of choking and states the procedure to be taken if a patron of that establishment is choking.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

General Law - Committee of Cognizance

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

Municipal entities operating food service establishments (i.e., public schools) will incur negligible costs to obtain and post the required sign.

PA 05-142 (SSB 1294) An Act Concerning The Minimum Water Flow

Regulations.

Mandate Description

This bill requires owners of dams or any other structure impounding or diverting water to maintain and operate such structures according to regulations promulgated by this section.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Environment - Committee of Cognizance

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

This portion of the bill was not addressed by OFA. ACIR believes that this bill will result in a minimal workload and/or expenditure increase for municipalities.

PA 05-196 (SSB 508) An Act Concerning Health Insurance Coverage For Infertility Treatment And Procedures.

Mandate Description

The bill requires group health insurance policies to cover medically necessary infertility diagnosis and treatment and specifies permissible coverage limitations and requirements.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Insurance and Real Estate – Committee of Cognizance
Appropriations
Public Health

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

The bill's impact on municipal health insurance cost will vary by municipality depending on the current coverage. To the extent that this is not currently covered, there will be increased municipal costs to provide it.

PA 05-210 (SHB 6720) An Act Concerning The Department Of Transportation.

Mandate Description

The bill requires the rate charged by electric distribution companies for transmission services to be adjusted periodically to reflect recovery of the actual transmission costs. The bill also requires electric companies to create a new line item on the consumer's bill reflecting the transmission cost.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Transportation – Committee of Cognizance
Judiciary
Government Administration and Elections
Energy and Technology
Commerce

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

The affect on municipalities is uncertain, but is expected to be minimal.

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PA 05-31 (SB 1032) An Act Concerning Sprinklers In Educational Occupancies.

Mandate Reduction Description

The bill stipulates that a school district may not have to install sprinkler systems if an alternative to sprinklers is deemed appropriate by the State Fire Marshall or State Building Inspector.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Public Safety and Security – Committee of Cognizance
Education

PA 05-38 (SB 653) An Act Increasing The Contract Amount For Which A Municipality Must Receive A Bond On A Construction Or Public Works Project.

Mandate Reduction Description

The bill raises the threshold for purchasing a payment guarantee bond (which is included in the cost of the project) from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

General Law – Committee of Cognizance

PA 05-65 (HB 6917) An Act Concerning Interlocal Risk Management Agencies.

Mandate Reduction Description

Current law requires each risk management pool to maintain a contingency fund. The bill permits an interlocal risk management pool organized after July 1, 1995 to choose not to maintain a contingency fund until July 1, 2010.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Insurance and Real Estate – Committee of Cognizance

PA 05-218 (SSB 1116) An Act Amending Certain Motor Vehicle Statutes.

Mandate Reduction Description

The bill removes the requirement for police approval of a location certificate regarding a motor vehicle dealers or repairers license.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Transportation– Committee of Cognizance
Judiciary
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