



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 678

January Session, 2025

Substitute House Bill No. 6044

House of Representatives, April 14, 2025

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. BLUMENTHAL of the 147th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF ACCESSIBLE SEATING FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED PERSONS AT VENUES THAT RECEIVE STATE FUNDING.

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

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Administrative
- 2 Services shall conduct a study concerning requiring venues that receive
- 3 state funding to provide seats for visually impaired persons close to
- 4 performance areas. Such study shall include, but need not be limited to,
- 5 which types of venues should be subject to such requirement, the
- 6 potential costs of such requirement and any barriers to achieving
- 7 compliance with such requirement. Not later than February 1, 2026, the
- 8 commissioner shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions
- 9 of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee
- 10 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
- 11 government administration. Such report shall include the results of such
- 12 study and any recommendations for necessary legislation.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In the second sentence, "but" was changed to "but need" for consistency with standard drafting conventions.

GAE *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Admin. Serv., Dept.	GF - Cost	750,000	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a one-time cost of \$750,000 in FY 26 for the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to conduct a study of accessible seating for visually impaired persons at venues that receive state funding. DAS does not have the expertise within the agency to perform the study and would need to hire consultants.

The Out Years

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 18 Nay 1 (03/27/2025)