



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 629**

February Session, 2026

Substitute House Bill No. 5422

*House of Representatives, April 14, 2026*

The Committee on Appropriations reported through REP. WALKER of the 93rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENA.**

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) The Office of Legislative  
2 Management shall, within available resources, contract with a nonprofit  
3 organization that advises state government and industry in the  
4 application of science and engineering to study unidentified aerial  
5 phenomena. In conducting such study, such organization shall consult  
6 with personnel from the Department of Emergency Services and Public  
7 Protection, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection,  
8 the Office of Military Affairs and the director of the Connecticut chapter  
9 of the national nonprofit organization dedicated to the investigation of  
10 UFO sightings, abductions and other unexplained phenomena, as  
11 deemed necessary to obtain information. Such study shall include, but  
12 need not be limited to: (1) Benefits of establishing a state center for the  
13 study of unidentified aerial phenomena; and (2) resources necessary to  
14 establish and operate such center. At the conclusion of the study, such

15 organization shall report the results of the study to the executive  
16 director of the Office of Legislative Management.

17 (b) Not later than July 1, 2027, the executive director of the Office of  
18 Legislative Management shall report the results of the study to the joint  
19 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
20 matters relating to public safety, the environment, military affairs and  
21 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, in accordance with the  
22 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2026	New section

**APP**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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

The bill requires the Office of Legislative Management (OLM) to contract with a nonprofit organization to study unidentified aerial phenomena resulting in no fiscal impact to the state. OLM has a standing contract with the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering (CASE) to conduct legislative directed studies and CASE has the expertise to meet the requirements of the bill.

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

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**OFA Bill Analysis**

**HB 5422**

***AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENA.***

**SUMMARY:**

The bill requires the Office of Legislative Management (OLM) to contract with a nonprofit that advises state government in the application of science and engineering to study unidentified aerial phenomena, within available resources.

The bill requires the organization to consult with the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Office of Military Affairs, and the director of the Connecticut chapter of the national nonprofit organization dedicated to the investigation of UFO sightings, abductions and other unexplained phenomena while conducting the study.

The study is required to include:

1. Benefits of establishing a state center for the study of unidentified aerial phenomena
2. Resources necessary to establish and operate such center.

The executive director of OLM is required to report the results of the study to the Public Safety, Environment, Military Affairs, and Appropriations Committees not later than July 1, 2027.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2026

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 35    Nay 16    (4/1/2026)