

# Planning and Development Committee

## JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No:** SB-445 / [Bill Status](#) / [Public Hearing Testimony](#)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADVISORY COMMISSION ON

**Title:** INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS.

**Vote Date:** 3/13/2026

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable Substitute

**PH Date:** 3/11/2026

**File No.:**

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### SPONSORS OF BILL:

Planning and Development

### REASONS FOR BILL:

To require the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations to display certain information on mandates online and create three or more reports on mandates and publish the report on their website. This will allow for detailed reports on certain topics to be easily accessible to anyone visiting the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations website.

### SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE (IF APPLICABLE):

This substitute changes the timing of the reporting requirement in Subsect. (d) from every six months to every two years.

### RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

**Office of Policy and Management, Undersecretary, Martin L. Heft** Supports SB 445 as it makes Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations reports more streamlined and accessible and allow for analysis of costs and savings while making recommendations.

### NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

**Capitol Region Council of Governments, Executive Director, Matt Hart**, supports SB 445 as it would make the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, which is dedicated to relationships between state and local governments, have their work streamlined

and more accessible, and allow for more efficient use of staff time and more detailed information.

**Connecticut Association of Boards of Education, Admin Associate, Gail Heath** supports SB 445, and they request Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations work with the Education Mandate Review Advisory Council to identify three mandates to review if they focus on education mandates versus municipal mandates.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

**Anonymous** opposes SB445 because of costs.

**Lena Gjonaj** opposes SB445 as they feel it does not oppose the idea taking over of their land and local zoning.

**Cynthia Steckler** opposes SB445 due to opposing a Democrat supermajority.

**Reported by: Giovanni DeSantis**

**Date: 3/16/26**