
OLR Bill Analysis

HB 5317 (as amended by House "A" and "B")*

AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY CONCERNING THE FUNDING FOR AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE COMMUNITY GUN VIOLENCE INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION PROGRAM.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) commissioner and Office of Policy and Management (OPM) secretary to study the funding sustainability, including potential funding sources, for DPH's community gun violence intervention and prevention program (see BACKGROUND). They must do so in consultation with the Commission on Community Gun Violence Intervention and Prevention. By January 1, 2025, the commissioner and secretary must report on the study to the Public Health and Appropriations committees.

By law, the DPH commissioner must annually report to the Public Health Committee on the activities of the community gun violence intervention and prevention program. The bill requires the annual reports to also include any updates related to the program's effectiveness in preventing and otherwise reducing gun violence in the state.

*House Amendment "A" replaces the underlying bill. It adds the provisions requiring the (1) study to be done in consultation with the Commission on Community Gun Violence Intervention and Prevention and (2) annual reports to include updates on the program's effectiveness (replacing a similar provision in the underlying bill's required study).

*House Amendment "B" removes the revenue services commissioner from the list of officials required to do the study.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND

Gun Violence Intervention and Prevention Program and Commission

PA 22-118 required DPH to create a community gun violence intervention and prevention program to, among related tasks, (1) fund and support the growth of evidence-informed, community-centric community and gun violence prevention and intervention programs in the state; (2) determine community-level needs by engaging with communities impacted by gun violence; and (3) secure state, federal, and other funds to reduce community gun violence.

PA 22-118 also created a Commission on Community Gun Violence Intervention and Prevention to advise the DPH commissioner on developing evidence-based, evidence-informed, community-centric gun programs and strategies to reduce community gun violence in the state. (By law, some of the initial members are from a related advisory committee created the year before.)

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 28 Nay 9 (03/11/2024)