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AN ACT CONCERNING GENDER AND RACIAL DIVERSITY ON CERTAIN STATE APPOINTIVE BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS AND AN ONLINE SYSTEM FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS WITHIN THE LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

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## ***OFA Fiscal Note***

### ***State Impact:***

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 22 \$
Department of Administrative Services	GF - Cost	250,000

Note: GF=General Fund

***Municipal Impact:*** None

### ***Explanation***

Beginning January 1, 2025, this bill requires appointing authorities, in cooperation with one another, to ensure that the appointed membership, except ex-officio members, of each state board, commission, committee, and council having members appointed by the governor or General Assembly members is qualified and reflects the state's gender and racial diversity.

The bill requires the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to develop public education and outreach strategies with each community and similar organizations. This would require DAS to hire consultants with expertise on this topic. It is estimated that these responsibilities could be accomplished for approximately \$250,000.

The bill requires the appointing authorities by January 1, 2025 to consider representing the interests of gender or racial diversity when

making a recommendation for appointing a member to any such board, commission, council, or other agency made by any community.

Under the bill, an appointing authority must submit data concerning a newly appointed member's gender and race at the time of appointment to the Secretary of the State. It requires the secretary to develop and publish by January 1, 2022, and every four years thereafter, including on her office's website, a report regarding the composition of each state appointive board, commission, committee, or council. This will have no fiscal impact.

The bill also requires the Office of Legislative Management executive director to create, maintain, and make accessible on the General Assembly's website, a system through which an individual may electronically submit a name to be considered for appointment as a member to a board, commission, council, or other agency within the legislative department. The system must include information about each of these boards, commissions, councils, or other agencies and specify any requirements for membership on them. This will have no fiscal impact.

### ***The Out Years***

The fiscal impact identified above is for FY 22 only.