



General Assembly

February Session, 2006

Raised Bill No. 588

LCO No. 2687



Referred to Committee on **TRANSPORTATION**

Introduced by:
(TRA)

AN ACT CONCERNING TELECOMMUTING.

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

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2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2006*):

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4 develop and implement guidelines, in cooperation with interested
5 employee organizations, as defined in subsection (d) of section 5-270,
6 as amended, authorizing telecommuting and work-at-home programs
7 for state employees where such arrangements are determined to be
8 cost effective.

9 (b) Any employee of a state agency may be authorized to participate
10 in a telecommuting or work-at-home assignment with the approval of
11 his appointing authority and with the approval of the Commissioner
12 of Administrative Services. Approval of such assignment may be
13 granted only where it is determined to be cost effective. Any
14 assignment shall be on a temporary basis only, for a period not to
15 exceed six months and may be extended as necessary.

16 (c) The Commissioner of Administrative Services shall report
17 annually to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
18 having cognizance of matters relating to labor and public employees
19 on the development and implementation of telecommuting guidelines
20 and as to the extent of use by employees as provided pursuant to
21 subsections (a) and (b) of this section.

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Statement of Purpose:

To reduce traffic congestion and fuel use by promoting cost-effective telecommuting across state government.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]



Senate

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LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE SECTION

General Assembly

File No. 339

February Session, 2006

Senate Bill No. 588

Senate, April 4, 2006

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through SEN. DEFRONZO of the 6th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

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TRA *Joint Favorable C/R*

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The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill requires the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to develop and implement guidelines authorizing telecommuting and work-at-home programs for state employees. The bill also requires DAS to submit annual telecommuting reports to the Labor Committee. As DAS developed a Telecommuting Program manual in 1997, this bill has no fiscal impact.

The Out Years

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OLR Bill Analysis**SB 588*****AN ACT CONCERNING TELECOMMUTING.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires, rather than allows, the administrative services commissioner to develop and implement guidelines authorizing telecommuting and work-at-home programs for state employees where this is found to be cost effective. The law, unchanged by the bill, requires the commissioner, when she develops these guidelines, to do so in cooperation with interested employee organizations. The bill requires the commissioner to report annually to the Labor Committee on the development and implementation of the guidelines. She already reports on the extent to which employees use the programs.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2006

COMMITTEE ACTION

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference
Yea 30 Nay 0 (03/13/2006)

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable
Yea 18 Nay 0 (03/17/2006)