

Governor Ned Lamont State of Connecticut



FACT SHEET 2019 Legislative Session

SENATE BILL 879 AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSPARENCY FOR QUASI-PUBLIC AGENCIES

Summary of Proposal:

This proposal adds the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) and the Office of Fiscal Analysis (OFA) to quasi-public agencies' annual report distribution and adds OPM to the quarterly reports provided to OFA on expenditures, revenues and personnel. It also requires quasi-public agencies file a report by January 1, 2020 and each subsequent year with the Governor, OPM, OFA, and the Appropriations and Finance, Revenue, and Bonding Committees with details on wages paid to its employees for the prior three fiscal years and its projected payments for the next fiscal year. Not less than thirty days prior to taking action on projected wage and benefits for the next fiscal year, the quasi-public agencies' boards are to submit them to the Governor.

Reason for Proposal:

Quasi-public agencies were established to be more flexible and independent than state agencies in their mission and function. Because they still access public funds in their operations, their expenditures on wages and benefits should be disclosed to the public's representatives.

Significant Impacts:

The quasi-public agencies should be able to accommodate the additional reporting and the public will be better informed.