



Senate Bill 1240

AN ACT CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CODES AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Testimony of the Department of Administrative Services

Public Safety and Security Committee

February 11, 2025

Senator Gaston, Representative Boyd, Senator Cicarella, Representative Howard, and distinguished members of the Public Safety and Security Committee. We thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on ***Senate Bill 1240: An Act Concerning the Membership of the Codes and Standards Committee.***

Senate Bill 1240 proposes to make various changes to the Codes and Standards Committee membership, including, but not limited to, decreasing the number of members from 23 to 20, changing the total number of various professions on the Committee, and adding two licensed contractor members, one licensed to install commercial fire sprinkler systems and one licensed to install commercial fire alarm systems.

As the agency that houses the Codes and Standards Committee and the Offices of the State Building Inspector and State Fire Marshal, we appreciate the Public Safety and Security Committee's dedication to building and fire safety. However, we have concerns regarding this proposal and some of the proposed changes to the Committee membership. The department would be happy to work with the bill's proponents to discuss changes to the Committee's membership to ensure that it is balanced and has the appropriate mix of stakeholders represented.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony and share our thoughts with the Committee.