

SB 55

Relating to debt collection

SB 55 makes a number of changes to state debt collection and debt management processes. The bill includes provisions requiring notification on certain forms that Social Security numbers which are provided voluntarily may be used for debt collection and requires the Department of Administrative Services to establish procedures for the sharing of Social Security numbers between state agencies.

The measure requires DAS to adopt policies regarding state agency debt collection, provide training and technical assistance to state agencies on debt collection, develop performance standards, and monitor state agency debt collection functions to improve collections. DAS is also required to produce an annual report to the Legislative Assembly identifying issues and significant trends in state agency debt collection practices. To fund these activities the measure allows DAS to assess a fee to state agencies and establishes additional Other Funds expenditure limitation in the amount of \$660,474.

The measure allows for state agencies to add collection costs to a debt assigned to the Department of Revenue for collection and specifies the process for the proposal and acceptance of offers of compromise for the settlement of debts. In addition to the existing agencies required to annually report to the Legislative Fiscal Office, the bill includes semi-independent agencies, a number of public entities, and the public universities to report on liquidated and delinquent accounts receivable and expand the information that must be reported and included in the report produced by LFO.

The General Government Subcommittee recommends SB 55 be amended by the -A14 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.