



# House of Representatives

**File No. 639**

General Assembly

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**(Reprint of File No. 578)**

Substitute House Bill No. 5909  
As Amended by House  
Amendment Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner  
April 19, 2000

***An Act Implementing The Legislative Commissioners'  
Recommendations For Technical Revisions To Certain Statutes  
Concerning State Employees, Health Insurance Plans Procured  
By The Comptroller And The Payment In Lieu Of Taxes (PILOT)  
On State-Owned Real Property.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 5-248j of the general statutes, as  
2 amended by section 33 of public act 99-1 of the June special session, is  
3 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

4 (a) (1) On and after June 1, 1998, each full-time employee in a  
5 permanent position in the state service, who is not represented by a  
6 collective bargaining representative, who worked at least one full  
7 calendar year, shall be granted one week of additional annual vacation,  
8 with pay, based upon [their] such employee's normal work schedule  
9 for each calendar year that [they are] such employee is a Big Brother or  
10 Big Sister in the Big Brothers and Big Sisters program. The first year  
11 period shall be measured annually from September, 1998. [Effective  
12 January 1, 1999, the year period shall be measured annually from

13 January first of each year.] In no event shall an individual receive more  
14 than one week of vacation for the period from September, 1998,  
15 through December 31, 1999. (2) On and after January 1, 1999, each full-  
16 time employee in a permanent position in the state service, who is not  
17 represented by a collective bargaining representative, or who is in a  
18 participating collective bargaining unit, who worked at least one full  
19 year measured annually from the first full month of participation by  
20 such employee in the Big Brothers and Big Sisters Program, shall be  
21 granted one week of additional annual vacation, with pay, based upon  
22 such employee's normal work schedule for each full year that such  
23 employee is a Big Brother or Big Sister in the Big Brothers and Big  
24 Sisters Program. In no event shall an employee receive more than one  
25 week of vacation for any one full year of participation in the program.  
26 (3) The Big Brothers and Big Sisters program shall provide a list to the  
27 state of the employees who are certified as eligible under this program  
28 within one month of full acceptance into the program and shall certify  
29 to the state the names of the employees who have completed a year of  
30 full participation in the program as a Big Brother or Big Sister. If such  
31 an employee does not participate for the full year or does not satisfy  
32 the expected regular time commitments, no additional vacation time  
33 shall be granted. The decision to grant the additional vacation time  
34 shall be subject to approval by the Office of Policy and Management  
35 and shall not be subject to appeal under section 5-202 or under any  
36 collectively bargained agreement. The regulations regarding the  
37 utilization of vacation shall govern the utilization of the additional  
38 time earned hereunder.

39 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 5-259 of the general statutes, as  
40 amended by section 25 of public act 99-240 and section 52 of public act  
41 99-241, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

42 (a) The Comptroller, with the approval of the Attorney General and  
43 of the Insurance Commissioner, shall arrange and procure a group  
44 hospitalization and medical and surgical insurance plan or plans for  
45 (1) state employees, (2) members of the General Assembly who elect  
46 coverage under such plan or plans, (3) employees of the Connecticut

47 Institute for Municipal Studies established by section 1-135, (4)  
48 participants in an alternate retirement program who meet the service  
49 requirements of section 5-162 or subsection (a) of section 5-166, (5)  
50 anyone receiving benefits under section 5-144 or from any  
51 state-sponsored retirement system, except the teachers' retirement  
52 system and the municipal employees retirement system, (6) judges of  
53 probate and Probate Court employees, (7) the surviving spouse, until  
54 remarriage, and any dependent children until they reach the age of  
55 eighteen, of a member of an organized local police department or a  
56 constable who performs criminal law enforcement duties who dies as  
57 the result of injuries received while acting within the scope of such  
58 officer's or constable's employment and not as the result of illness or  
59 natural causes and (8) employees of the Capital City Economic  
60 Development Authority established by section 32-601. The minimum  
61 benefits to be provided by such plan or plans shall be substantially  
62 equal in value to the benefits which each such employee or member of  
63 the General Assembly could secure in such plan or plans on an  
64 individual basis on the preceding first day of July. The state shall pay  
65 for each such employee and each member of the General Assembly  
66 covered by such plan or plans the portion of the premium charged for  
67 such [member] member's or employee's individual coverage and  
68 seventy per cent of the additional cost of the form of coverage and  
69 such amount shall be credited to the total premiums owed by such  
70 employee or member of the General Assembly for the form of such  
71 [member] member's or employee's coverage under such plan or plans.  
72 On and after January 1, 1989, the state shall pay for anyone receiving  
73 benefits from any such state-sponsored retirement system one  
74 hundred per cent of the portion of the premium charged for such  
75 [member] member's or employee's individual coverage and one  
76 hundred per cent of any additional cost for the form of coverage. The  
77 balance of any premiums payable by an individual employee or by a  
78 member of the General Assembly for the form of coverage shall be  
79 deducted from the payroll by the State Comptroller. The total  
80 premiums payable shall be remitted by the Comptroller to the  
81 insurance company or companies or nonprofit organization or

82 organizations providing the coverage. The amount of the state's  
83 contribution per employee for a health maintenance organization  
84 option shall be equal, in terms of dollars and cents, to the largest  
85 amount of the contribution per employee paid for any other option  
86 which is available to all eligible state employees included in the health  
87 benefits plan, but shall not be required to exceed the amount of the  
88 health maintenance organization premium.

89 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 12-19a of the general statutes, as  
90 amended by section 11 of public act 99-1 of the June special session, is  
91 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

92 (a) On or before January first, annually, the Secretary of the Office of  
93 Policy and Management shall determine the amount due, as a state  
94 grant in lieu of taxes, to each town in this state wherein state-owned  
95 real property, reservation land held in trust by the state for an Indian  
96 tribe or a municipally owned airport, except that which was acquired  
97 and used for highways and bridges, but not excepting property  
98 acquired and used for highway administration or maintenance  
99 purposes, is located. The grant payable to any town under the  
100 provisions of this section in the state fiscal year commencing July 1,  
101 1999, and each fiscal year thereafter, shall be equal to the total of (1) (A)  
102 one hundred per cent of the property taxes which would have been  
103 paid with respect to any facility designated by the Commissioner of  
104 Correction, on or before August first of each year, to be a correctional  
105 facility administered under the auspices of the Department of  
106 Correction or a juvenile detention center under direction of the  
107 Department of Children and Families that was used for incarcerative  
108 purposes during the preceding fiscal year. If a list containing the name  
109 and location of such designated facilities and information concerning  
110 their use for purposes of incarceration during the preceding fiscal year  
111 is not available from the Secretary of the State on the first day of  
112 August of any year, said commissioner shall, on said first day of  
113 August, certify to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
114 Management a list containing such information, [and] (B) one hundred  
115 per cent of the property taxes which would have been paid with

116 respect to that portion of the John Dempsey Hospital located at The  
117 University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington that is used as  
118 a permanent medical ward for prisoners under the custody of the  
119 Department of Correction. Nothing in this section shall be construed as  
120 designating any portion of The University of Connecticut Health  
121 Center John Dempsey Hospital as a correctional facility, and (C) in the  
122 state fiscal year commencing July 1, 2001, and each fiscal year  
123 thereafter, one hundred per cent of the property taxes which would  
124 have been paid on any land designated within the 1983 Settlement  
125 boundary and taken into trust by the federal government for the  
126 Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation on or after June 8, 1999, (2) subject  
127 to the provisions of subsection (c) of this section, forty per cent of the  
128 property taxes which would have been paid with respect to the  
129 buildings and grounds comprising Connecticut Valley Hospital in  
130 Middletown. Such grant shall commence with the fiscal year beginning  
131 July 1, 1995, and continuing each year thereafter, (3) notwithstanding  
132 the provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of this section, with respect to  
133 any town in which more than fifty per cent of the property is state-  
134 owned real property, one hundred per cent of the property taxes  
135 which would have been paid with respect to such state-owned  
136 property. Such grant shall commence with the fiscal year beginning  
137 July 1, 1997, and continuing each year thereafter, (4) subject to the  
138 provisions of subsection (c) of this section, forty-five per cent of the  
139 property taxes which would have been paid with respect to all other  
140 state-owned real property, and (5) forty-five per cent of the property  
141 taxes which would have been paid with respect to all municipally  
142 owned airports; except for the exemption applicable to such property,  
143 on the assessment list in such town for the assessment date two years  
144 prior to the commencement of the state fiscal year in which such grant  
145 is payable. The grant provided pursuant to this section for any  
146 municipally owned airport shall be paid to any municipality in which  
147 the airport is located, except that the grant applicable to Sikorsky  
148 Airport shall be paid half to the town of Stratford and half to the city of  
149 Bridgeport. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, and in each fiscal  
150 year thereafter, the amount of the grant payable to each municipality

151 in accordance with this section shall be reduced proportionately in the  
152 event that the total of such grants in such year exceeds the amount  
153 appropriated for the purposes of this section with respect to such year.

154 Sec. 4. Subsection (d) of section 16-2 of the general statutes, as  
155 amended by section 1 of public act 99-248, is repealed and the  
156 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

157 (d) The commissioners of the authority shall serve full time and  
158 shall make full public disclosure of their assets, liabilities and income  
159 at the time of their appointment, and thereafter each member of the  
160 authority shall make such disclosure on or before July thirtieth of each  
161 year of [their] such member's term, and shall file such disclosure with  
162 the office of the Secretary of the State. Each commissioner shall receive  
163 annually a salary equal to that established for management pay plan  
164 salary group seventy-five by the Commissioner of Administrative  
165 Services, except that the chairperson shall receive annually a salary  
166 equal to that established for management pay plan salary group  
167 seventy-seven.

168 Sec. 5. This act shall take effect from its passage.

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:

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Affected Agencies:** Office of Policy and Management

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

**State Impact:**

The bill as amended makes various technical changes that have no fiscal impact.

House Amendment "A" makes a minor change in the measurement of one full year of participation in the Big Brother and Big Sister program that is not anticipated to have any fiscal impact.

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**OFA Bill Analysis**

sHB 5909 (as amended by House "A")\*

**AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO CERTAIN STATUTES CONCERNING STATE EMPLOYEES, HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS PROCURED BY THE COMPTROLLER AND THE PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES (PILOT) ON STATE-OWNED REAL PROPERTY.**

**SUMMARY:**

The bill as amended makes technical revisions to certain statutes concerning state employees and the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) on state-owned real property.

\*House Amendment "A" makes a minor change in the measurement of one full year of participation in the Big Brother and Big Sister program.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon Passage

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute  
Yea 50    Nay 0