



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 5540

LCO No. 4547

Referred to Committee on Energy and Technology

Introduced by:
(ET)

**AN ACT CONCERNING AN ALLOCATION OF THE CABLE
PROGRAMMING COMPANIES TAX.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) The Commissioner of Revenue Services shall
2 segregate the tax collected pursuant to subdivision (3) of section 12-258
3 of the general statutes. Such segregated funds shall be allocated in
4 accordance with the following: (1) Fifty per cent of the funds shall be
5 allocated to the municipalities serviced by the community antenna
6 television franchise in proportion to the level of cable subscribership in
7 such municipality in order to fund cable-related educational
8 opportunities for local libraries and schools; and (2) fifty per cent of the
9 funds shall be allocated to the operator of a community access
10 programming operation in proportion to the level of cable
11 subscribership served by such community access programming
12 operation. The Commissioner of Revenue Services may adopt
13 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the
14 general statutes, concerning accounting procedures necessary to carry
15 out the purposes of this section.

16 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

Statement of Purpose:

To support public access television stations and to fund cable-related educational opportunities for local libraries and schools.

[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.]

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