



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 732**

LCO No. 2857

Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE DATA USED IN PREPARING THE ANNUAL PUBLIC INVESTMENT COMMUNITY INDEX.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 7-545 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) As used in this section and section 7-546:

4 (1) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
5 Management;

6 (2) "Municipality" means any town, consolidated town and city or  
7 consolidated town and borough;

8 (3) "Per capita income" and "population" for each town means that  
9 enumerated in the most recent federal decennial census of population  
10 [or that enumerated in the current population report series] issued by  
11 the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census; [,  
12 whichever is more recent and available on January first of the fiscal  
13 year three years prior to the fiscal year in which payment is to be made

14 pursuant to this section;]

15 (4) "Adjusted equalized net grand list per capita" means the most  
16 recent adjusted equalized net grand list per capita determined for each  
17 town pursuant to section 10-261;

18 (5) "Equalized mill rate" means the tax rate derived from the most  
19 recent available grand levy of a town divided by the equalized net  
20 grand list on which such levy is based as determined by the secretary  
21 in accordance with section 10-261a;

22 (6) "Per capita temporary family assistance" means the number  
23 obtained by adding together the unduplicated aggregate number of  
24 children eligible to receive benefits by town under the temporary  
25 family assistance program in October and May of each fiscal year, and  
26 dividing by two, such number to be certified and submitted annually,  
27 no later than the first day of July of the succeeding fiscal year, to the  
28 secretary by the Commissioner of Social Services. Such number shall  
29 be expressed as a percentage of the population of a town;

30 (7) "Unemployment rate" means the average unemployment rate of  
31 a town as reported by the Labor Commissioner on the first day of July  
32 for the latest available twelve-month period;

33 (8) "Eligibility index" is a measure of local burden determined by  
34 calculating a town's disparity in relation to all municipalities. Points  
35 shall be allocated for each of the following factors: (A) Per capita  
36 income, (B) adjusted equalized net grand list per capita, (C) equalized  
37 mill rate, (D) per capita temporary family assistance, and (E)  
38 unemployment rate. For each factor the variance shall be the difference  
39 between the first percentile and the one-hundredth percentile town  
40 factors. In calculating the eligibility index for unemployment rate, per  
41 capita temporary family assistance and equalized mill rate, the factor  
42 for the first percentile town shall be subtracted from the factor for the  
43 town and the result divided by the variance and multiplied by one  
44 hundred. In calculating the eligibility index for per capita income and

45 adjusted equalized net grand list per capita, the factor for the first  
46 percentile town shall be subtracted from the factor for the town and  
47 the result shall be divided by the variance and multiplied by one  
48 hundred. The product of such multiplication shall then be subtracted  
49 from one hundred. The index points for all factors shall be totalled by  
50 town resulting in the overall eligibility index. The eligibility index  
51 listing shall be ranked for all towns from highest to lowest points  
52 according to need;

53 (9) "Public investment communities" are municipalities requiring  
54 financial assistance to offset their service burdens with eligibility  
55 defined as one which is in the top quartile of the "eligibility index"  
56 scale;

57 (10) "Grand levy" means the mill rate of the town multiplied by the  
58 net taxable grand list of the town and includes the value of special  
59 service districts if such districts contain fifty per cent or more of the  
60 value of total taxable property within the town.

61 (b) On or before July 15, 1994, and annually thereafter, the secretary  
62 shall prepare the eligibility index for Connecticut municipalities.

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

***Statement of Purpose:***

To require that per capita income and population data from the decennial census be used in preparing the annual Public Investment Community Index.

*[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.]*