



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1308

LCO No. 4333

Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Aging

Introduced by:
(AGE)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM
FOR ELDERLY AND DISABLED DEMAND RESPONSIVE
TRANSPORTATION.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 13b-38bb of the general statutes is repealed and
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) Not later than January 1, 2000, then not later than October 1,
4 2000, and annually after October 1, 2000, the Commissioner of
5 Transportation, within available General Fund appropriations, shall
6 establish a state matching grant program, in accordance with the
7 provisions of this section, which shall be available to any municipality
8 upon application of such municipality. Such grants shall be expended
9 by such municipalities for elderly and disabled demand responsive
10 transportation programs that shall be available to persons age sixty or
11 older.

12 (b) Not later than thirty days after the commissioner determines an
13 allocation amount, the commissioner shall notify municipalities of the
14 availability of such amount.

15 (c) Municipalities shall apply to the state, individually, through a
16 designated regional planning organization or transit district within the
17 transportation service region, as established in section 13b-38m, or as a
18 compact of two or more municipalities for funding allocations. The
19 regional planning organization or transit district and municipalities
20 interested in applying for the funds allocated to municipalities within
21 that transportation service region shall collaborate on service design to
22 determine how to use the funding most effectively in that municipality
23 and region. The commissioner shall have the authority to approve or
24 disapprove the method for delivery of service.

25 (d) The maximum amount allocated to a municipality shall be
26 determined by the commissioner in accordance with the following
27 formula: Fifty per cent of such funds shall be apportioned on the basis
28 of the share of the population of persons age sixty or older in the
29 municipality relative to the state's total population of persons age sixty
30 or older, as defined in the most recent federal decennial census or in
31 estimates provided in the five-year interim by the Office of Policy and
32 Management. Fifty per cent of such funds shall be apportioned on the
33 basis of a municipality's square mileage relative to the state's total
34 square mileage.

35 (e) Each municipality applying for such grant funds shall provide a
36 fifty per cent match to such funds. If a municipality chooses not to
37 apply for such funds, its portion shall revert to the General Fund.

38 (f) A municipality, receiving a grant provided pursuant to this
39 section, shall annually submit to the Commissioner of Transportation,
40 on forms provided by said commissioner, the following data on such
41 transportation programs: (1) The number of unduplicated riders; (2)
42 the number of one-way trips; (3) the number of miles traveled; (4) the
43 number of trip denials; (5) the number of hours vehicles are in use
44 annually; (6) all federal, state, municipal and other revenues received
45 and expenditures incurred in the provision of dial-a-ride services; and
46 (7) any other information determined to be necessary by the

47 commissioner.

48 (g) A municipality receiving a grant pursuant to this section shall
49 annually submit to the Commissioner of Transportation a certification
50 that any state grant shall be in addition to current municipality levels
51 of spending on such programs.

52 (h) Any funds appropriated for the purposes of this section shall not
53 be expended for any other purpose.

54 Sec. 2. The sum of one million dollars is appropriated, from the
55 General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, to the
56 Department of Transportation to fund the State Matching Grant
57 Program for Elderly and Disabled Demand Responsive
58 Transportation, as provided in section 13b-38bb of the general statutes.

Statement of Purpose:

To provide municipalities the option of applying individually or as a compact for matching funds and to fund said program.

[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.]