



General Assembly

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Amendment

LCO No. 7272

Offered by:
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To: Subst. House Bill No. 6994 File No. 537 Cal. No. 382

"AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL FISCAL DISPARITIES."

1 Strike out everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (a) As used in this section:

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

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

8 (3) "Population" for each municipality means the number of people
9 according to the most recent estimate of the Department of Public
10 Health;

11 (4) "Adjusted equalized net grand list per capita" means the most
12 recent adjusted equalized net grand list per capita determined for each
13 municipality pursuant to section 10-261 of the general statutes;

14 (5) "Equalized mill rate" means the tax rate derived from the most
15 recent available grand levy of a municipality divided by the equalized
16 net grand list on which such levy is based as determined by the
17 secretary in accordance with section 10-261a of the general statutes;

18 (6) "Grand levy" means the mill rate of the municipality multiplied
19 by the net taxable grand list of the municipality and includes the value
20 of special service districts if such districts contain fifty per cent or more
21 of the value of total taxable property within the municipality; and

22 (7) "Region" means a planning region designated or redesignated by
23 the secretary pursuant to section 16a-4a of the general statutes.

24 (b) On or before September 15, 2001, and annually thereafter, the
25 secretary shall submit to the Governor a list of municipalities that have
26 (1) an equalized mill rate that is fifty per cent more than the average
27 equalized mill rate of the region in which the municipality is located;
28 (2) an adjusted equalized net grand list per capita that is forty per cent
29 less than the average adjusted equalized net grand list per capita of the
30 region in which the municipality is located; (3) a median household
31 income which is thirty per cent less than the average median
32 household income of the region in which the municipality is located;
33 and (4) a decrease in population in the year of the latest equalized mill
34 rate from the average population of the previous five years.

35 (c) Within thirty days of submission of the list prepared pursuant to
36 subsection (b) of this section, the Governor shall convene a meeting of
37 the chief elected officials in each region in which a municipality
38 identified on the list is located. If any such municipality does not have
39 a chief elected official, a member of its legislative body shall be chosen
40 by a majority vote of such body to represent the municipality at the
41 meeting. The member of the legislative body chosen under this section
42 shall be deemed to be the chief elected official of such municipality for
43 the purposes of the meeting. The Governor shall provide notice of such
44 meeting to each chief elected official by certified mail, return receipt
45 requested. Each chief elected official receiving a notice under this

46 section shall participate in the process set forth in this section.

47 (d) On or before December thirty-first in the year of identification of
48 a municipality under subsection (b) of this section, the chief elected
49 officials shall submit to the Governor and the joint standing committee
50 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to local
51 government recommendations to address the problems of the
52 municipality, including intertown collaboration and action. On or
53 before December thirty-first in the second year after identification, the
54 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, in consultation with
55 the chief elected officials, shall prepare a specific implementation
56 strategy that addresses the fiscal capacity of the municipality.
57 Thereafter, the plan shall be revised annually until the municipality no
58 longer meets the qualifying standards of subsection (b) of this section.

59 (e) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, within
60 available funds, shall provide necessary staff and resources to assist
61 municipalities in preparing the recommendations and in implementing
62 the strategy required under subsection (d) of this section.

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