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**AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CERTAIN BONDS BY
THE CITY OF WATERBURY.**

1 Before the effective date section, add the following and renumber
2 the remaining section accordingly:

3 "Sec. 24. (NEW) (a) As used in this section and section 13a-175a of
4 the general statutes, as amended by section 25 of this act:

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

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

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

12 (4) "Adjusted equalized net grand list per capita" means the most
13 recent adjusted equalized net grand list per capita determined for each

14 municipality pursuant to section 10-261 of the general statutes;

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

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

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

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

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

46 requested. Each chief elected official receiving a notice under this
47 section shall participate in the process set forth in this section.

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

59 (e) The Governor, within available funds, shall provide necessary
60 staff and resources to assist municipalities in preparing the
61 methodology and strategy required under subsection (c) of this
62 section.

63 Sec. 25. Section 13a-175a of the general statutes is repealed and the
64 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

65 (a) For each fiscal year there shall be allocated fourteen million six
66 hundred thousand dollars out of the funds appropriated to the
67 Department of Transportation, or from any other source, not otherwise
68 prohibited by law, to be used by the towns for construction,
69 reconstruction, improvement or maintenance of highways, sections of
70 highways, bridges or structures incidental to highways and bridges or
71 the improvement thereof, including the plowing of snow, the sanding
72 of icy pavements, the trimming and removal of trees, the installation,
73 replacement and maintenance of traffic signs, signals and markings,
74 and for traffic control and vehicular safety programs, traffic and
75 parking planning and administration, and other purposes and
76 programs related to highways, traffic and parking, and for the
77 purposes of providing and operating essential public transportation

78 services and related facilities.

79 (b) The Governor may require the Commissioner of Transportation
80 to withhold all or a portion of the funds allocated under this section to
81 a municipality that the Governor determines has failed to participate
82 in the process set forth in section 24 of this act."