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LCO No. 1604

Referred to Committee on Planning and Development

Introduced by:
(PD)

AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL FISCAL DISPARITIES.

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

1 Section 1. Public act 01-158 is repealed and the following is
2 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) As used in this section:

4 (1) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
5 Management, or the secretary's designee;

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, pursuant to section 19a-2a;

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, as amended;

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;

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.

24 (b) [On or before September 15, 2001, and annually thereafter,]
25 Annually, on or before the fifteenth day of October, the secretary shall
26 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 adjusted equalized net grand list per capita that is forty per cent
30 less than the average adjusted equalized net grand list per capita of the
31 region in which the municipality is located; (3) a median household
32 income which is thirty per cent less than the average median
33 household income of the region in which the municipality is located;
34 and (4) a decrease in population in the year of the latest equalized mill
35 rate from the average population of the previous five years.

36 (c) Within thirty days of submission of the list 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 [December] the thirty-first day of January in the
49 year [of] following identification of a municipality under subsection (b)
50 of this section, the chief elected officials shall submit to the Governor
51 and the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
52 cognizance of matters relating to local government recommendations
53 to address the problems of the municipality, including intertown
54 collaboration and action. On or before [December] the thirty-first [in
55 the second year after identification] the Secretary of the Office of Policy
56 and Management, in consultation with the] day of January next
57 following the chief elected officials, with technical assistance provided
58 by the secretary, shall prepare a specific implementation strategy that
59 addresses the fiscal capacity of the municipality. Thereafter, the plan
60 shall be revised annually until the municipality no longer meets the
61 qualifying standards of subsection (b) of this section.

62 (e) The [Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management]
63 secretary, within available funds, shall provide necessary staff and
64 resources to assist municipalities in preparing the recommendations
65 and [in implementing] the strategy required under subsection (d) of
66 this section.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To revise the process for designating municipalities with fiscal disparities by (1) extending, by one month, the date by which the annual list is prepared, meetings are convened and recommendations and strategy plans are submitted; (2) providing a statutory citation with respect to the Department of Public Health’s population estimates; and (3) clarifying that the Office of Policy and Management provides technical assistance to local officials with respect to the

preparation of recommendations and strategies, but does not assist in their implementation.

[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.]