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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

AN ACT PROVIDING A STATE GRANT IN LIEU OF TAXES TO TOWNS FOR PROPERTY OWNED BY NONPROFIT HUMAN SERVICES ORGANIZATIONS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 12-19a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005, and*
3 *applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2005*):

4 (a) On or before January first, annually, the Secretary of the Office of
5 Policy and Management shall determine the amount due, as a state
6 grant in lieu of taxes, to each town in this state wherein state-owned
7 real property, reservation land held in trust by the state for an Indian
8 tribe, real property owned by a nonprofit social services agency or a
9 municipally owned airport, except that which was acquired and used
10 for highways and bridges, but not excepting property acquired and
11 used for highway administration or maintenance purposes, is located.
12 For purposes of this subsection "nonprofit social services agency"
13 means a nonprofit corporation organized under 26 USC 501(c)(3) for

14 the purpose of providing assistance to individuals in meeting their
15 basic needs including services that provide food, clothing, shelter,
16 transportation and literacy assistance to such individuals. The grant
17 payable to any town under the provisions of this section in the state
18 fiscal year commencing July 1, 1999, and each fiscal year thereafter,
19 shall be equal to the total of (1) (A) one hundred per cent of the
20 property taxes which would have been paid with respect to any facility
21 designated by the Commissioner of Correction, on or before August
22 first of each year, to be a correctional facility administered under the
23 auspices of the Department of Correction or a juvenile detention center
24 under direction of the Department of Children and Families that was
25 used for incarcerative purposes during the preceding fiscal year. If a
26 list containing the name and location of such designated facilities and
27 information concerning their use for purposes of incarceration during
28 the preceding fiscal year is not available from the Secretary of the State
29 on the first day of August of any year, said commissioner shall, on said
30 first day of August, certify to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
31 Management a list containing such information, (B) one hundred per
32 cent of the property taxes which would have been paid with respect to
33 that portion of the John Dempsey Hospital located at The University of
34 Connecticut Health Center in Farmington that is used as a permanent
35 medical ward for prisoners under the custody of the Department of
36 Correction. Nothing in this section shall be construed as designating
37 any portion of The University of Connecticut Health Center John
38 Dempsey Hospital as a correctional facility, and (C) in the state fiscal
39 year commencing July 1, 2001, and each fiscal year thereafter, one
40 hundred per cent of the property taxes which would have been paid
41 on any land designated within the 1983 Settlement boundary and
42 taken into trust by the federal government for the Mashantucket
43 Pequot Tribal Nation on or after June 8, 1999, (2) subject to the
44 provisions of subsection (c) of this section, sixty-five per cent of the
45 property taxes which would have been paid with respect to the
46 buildings and grounds comprising Connecticut Valley Hospital in
47 Middletown. Such grant shall commence with the fiscal year beginning

48 July 1, 2000, and continuing each year thereafter, (3) notwithstanding
 49 the provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of this section, with respect to
 50 any town in which more than fifty per cent of the property is state-
 51 owned real property, one hundred per cent of the property taxes
 52 which would have been paid with respect to such state-owned
 53 property. Such grant shall commence with the fiscal year beginning
 54 July 1, 1997, and continuing each year thereafter, (4) subject to the
 55 provisions of subsection (c) of this section, forty-five per cent of the
 56 property taxes which would have been paid with respect to all other
 57 state-owned real property, (5) fifty per cent of the property taxes that
 58 would have been paid with respect to real property owned by a
 59 nonprofit social services agency, and [(5)] (6) forty-five per cent of the
 60 property taxes which would have been paid with respect to all
 61 municipally owned airports; except for the exemption applicable to
 62 such property, on the assessment list in such town for the assessment
 63 date two years prior to the commencement of the state fiscal year in
 64 which such grant is payable. The grant provided pursuant to this
 65 section for any municipally owned airport shall be paid to any
 66 municipality in which the airport is located, except that the grant
 67 applicable to Sikorsky Airport shall be paid half to the town of
 68 Stratford and half to the city of Bridgeport. For the fiscal year ending
 69 June 30, 2000, and in each fiscal year thereafter, the amount of the
 70 grant payable to each municipality in accordance with this section
 71 shall be reduced proportionately in the event that the total of such
 72 grants in such year exceeds the amount appropriated for the purposes
 73 of this section with respect to such year.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2005, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2005</i>	12-19a

Statement of Purpose:

To lessen the financial burden on municipalities that have substantial tax revenue loss due to property owned by nonprofit social services agencies.

[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.]

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