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Referred to Committee on Public Safety and Security

Introduced by:
(PS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING STATE GRANTS IN LIEU OF TAXES FOR
FIRE TRAINING FACILITIES.**

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 Section 12-19a of the general statutes is repealed and the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 July 1, 2007*):

3 (a) On or before January first, annually, the Secretary of the Office of
4 Policy and Management shall determine the amount due, as a state
5 grant in lieu of taxes, to each town in this state wherein state-owned
6 real property, reservation land held in trust by the state for an Indian
7 tribe or a municipally owned airport, except that which was acquired
8 and used for highways and bridges, but not excepting property
9 acquired and used for highway administration or maintenance
10 purposes, is located. The grant payable to any town under the
11 provisions of this section in the state fiscal year commencing July 1,
12 1999, and each fiscal year thereafter, shall be equal to the total of (1) (A)
13 one hundred per cent of the property taxes which would have been
14 paid with respect to any facility designated by the Commissioner of
15 Correction, on or before August first of each year, to be a correctional
16 facility administered under the auspices of the Department of

17 Correction or a juvenile detention center under direction of the
18 Department of Children and Families that was used for incarcerative
19 purposes during the preceding fiscal year. If a list containing the name
20 and location of such designated facilities and information concerning
21 their use for purposes of incarceration during the preceding fiscal year
22 is not available from the Secretary of the State on the first day of
23 August of any year, said commissioner shall, on said first day of
24 August, certify to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
25 Management a list containing such information, (B) one hundred per
26 cent of the property taxes which would have been paid with respect to
27 that portion of the John Dempsey Hospital located at The University of
28 Connecticut Health Center in Farmington that is used as a permanent
29 medical ward for prisoners under the custody of the Department of
30 Correction. Nothing in this section shall be construed as designating
31 any portion of The University of Connecticut Health Center John
32 Dempsey Hospital as a correctional facility, (C) in the state fiscal year
33 commencing July 1, 2007, and each fiscal year thereafter, one hundred
34 per cent of the property taxes which would have been paid with
35 respect to any facility located on private property acquired by the
36 Department of Public Works for use as a Connecticut fire training
37 facility and that was used for such purpose during the preceding fiscal
38 year, and [(C)] (D) in the state fiscal year commencing July 1, 2001, and
39 each fiscal year thereafter, one hundred per cent of the property taxes
40 which would have been paid on any land designated within the 1983
41 Settlement boundary and taken into trust by the federal government
42 for the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation on or after June 8, 1999, (2)
43 subject to the provisions of subsection (c) of this section, sixty-five per
44 cent of the property taxes which would have been paid with respect to
45 the buildings and grounds comprising Connecticut Valley Hospital in
46 Middletown. Such grant shall commence with the fiscal year beginning
47 July 1, 2000, and continuing each year thereafter, (3) notwithstanding
48 the provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of this section, with respect to
49 any town in which more than fifty per cent of the property is state-
50 owned real property, one hundred per cent of the property taxes

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

70 (b) As used in this section "total tax levied" means the total real
71 property tax levy in such town for the fiscal year preceding the fiscal
72 year in which a grant in lieu of taxes under this section is made,
73 reduced by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management in an
74 amount equal to all reimbursements certified as payable to such town
75 by the secretary for real property exemptions and credits on the
76 taxable grand list or rate bill of such town for the assessment year that
77 corresponds to that for which the assessed valuation of the state-
78 owned land and buildings has been provided. For purposes of this
79 section and section 12-19b, any real property which is owned by the
80 John Dempsey Hospital Finance Corporation established pursuant to
81 the provisions of sections 10a-250 to 10a-263, inclusive, or by one or
82 more subsidiary corporations established pursuant to subdivision (13)
83 of section 10a-254 and which is free from taxation pursuant to the
84 provisions of subdivision (13) of section 10a-259 shall be deemed to be

85 state-owned real property. As used in this section and section 12-19b,
86 "town" includes borough.

87 (c) In the fiscal year ending June 30, 1991, and in each fiscal year
88 thereafter, the portion of the grant payable to any town as determined
89 in accordance with subdivisions (2) and (4) of subsection (a) of this
90 section, shall not be greater than the following percentage of total tax
91 levied by such town on real property in the preceding calendar year as
92 follows: (1) In the fiscal year ending June 30, 1991, ten per cent, (2) in
93 the fiscal year ending June 30, 1992, twelve per cent, (3) in the fiscal
94 year ending June 30, 1993, fourteen per cent, (4) in the fiscal year
95 ending June 30, 1994, twenty-seven per cent, (5) in the fiscal year
96 ending June 30, 1995, thirty-five per cent, (6) in the fiscal year ending
97 June 30, 1996, forty-two per cent, (7) in the fiscal year ending June 30,
98 1997, forty-nine per cent, (8) in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998,
99 fifty-six per cent, (9) in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999, sixty-three
100 per cent, (10) in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, seventy per cent,
101 (11) in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, seventy-seven per cent, (12)
102 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002, eighty-four per cent, (13) in the
103 fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, ninety-two per cent, and (14) in the
104 fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, and in each fiscal year thereafter, one
105 hundred per cent.

106 (d) In the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1999, and in each fiscal
107 year thereafter, the Commissioner of Transportation shall pay from the
108 Bradley International Airport Enterprise Fund to the State
109 Comptroller, on or before September fifteenth, the portion of the state
110 grant in lieu of taxes payable under the provisions of this section at the
111 rate of twenty per cent of the property taxes which would have been
112 paid to the towns of East Granby, Suffield, Windsor and Windsor
113 Locks for real property located at Bradley International Airport. Such
114 payment shall be credited to the appropriation from the General Fund
115 for reimbursements to towns for loss of taxes on state property.

116 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section in effect prior to

117 January 1, 1997, any grant in lieu of taxes on state-owned real property
118 made to any town in excess of seven and one-half per cent of the total
119 tax levied on real property by such town is validated.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2007	12-19a

Statement of Purpose:

To compensate towns for the loss of both property and the tax valuation on property used for a Connecticut fire training facility.

[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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