



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 7401

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**AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE IMPACT ON
MUNICIPALITIES OF CERTAIN PROPERTY TAX ISSUES.**

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
2 to study the impact on municipalities of the grants in lieu of taxes
3 received from the state, and the exemptions from property tax granted
4 to different classes of property owners. Such study shall include, but
5 need not be limited to: (1) Consideration of the appropriate level of
6 state payments to municipalities as grants in lieu of taxes; (2) the
7 impact on municipalities of the current level of state funding of such
8 grants; (3) recommendations for addressing the level of such funding;
9 (4) an examination of changes in property tax exemptions, both
10 through legislation and case law; and (5) how such changes have
11 impacted tax-exempt institutions and municipalities.

12 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

13 (1) One representative from a municipality with a population of
14 twenty-five thousand or more, and one representative of a tax-exempt
15 institution, appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

16 (2) One representative from a municipality with a population of less
17 than twenty-five thousand, and one representative of a tax-exempt
18 institution, appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

19 (3) One representative from academia, appointed by the majority
20 leader of the House of Representatives;

21 (4) One representative from a class of business that receives an
22 exemption from the property tax, appointed by the majority leader of
23 the Senate;

24 (5) One representative of a state-wide organization of towns and
25 cities, appointed by the minority leader of the House of
26 Representatives;

27 (6) One representative with a background and experience in
28 agriculture, appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

29 (7) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the
30 secretary's designee; and

31 (8) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
32 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
33 relating to finance, revenue and bonding, or such chairpersons'
34 designees.

35 (c) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
36 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
37 filled by the appointing authority.

38 (d) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
39 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task
40 force, from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons
41 shall schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held
42 not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

43 (e) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
44 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to finance,
45 revenue and bonding shall serve as administrative staff of the task
46 force.

47 (f) Not later than January 1, 2008, the task force shall submit a report

48 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee
49 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
50 finance, revenue and bonding, in accordance with the provisions of
51 section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on
52 the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2008, whichever is
53 later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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