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Committee Bill No. 667

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENTS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 19a-202 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

3 Upon application to the Department of Public Health any municipal
4 health department shall annually receive from the state an amount
5 equal to [ninety-four] one dollar and forty-one cents per capita,
6 provided such municipality (1) employs a full-time director of health,
7 except that if a vacancy exists in the office of director of health or the
8 office is filled by an acting director for more than three months, such
9 municipality shall not be eligible for funding unless the Commissioner
10 of Public Health waives this requirement; (2) submits a public health
11 program and budget [which] that is approved by the Commissioner of
12 Public Health; and (3) appropriates not less than one dollar per capita,
13 from the annual tax receipts, for health department services. Such
14 municipal department of health [is authorized to] may use additional
15 funds, which the Department of Public Health may secure from federal
16 agencies or any other source and which it may allot to such municipal

17 department of health. The money so received shall be disbursed upon
18 warrants approved by the chief executive officer of such municipality.
19 The Comptroller shall annually in July and upon a voucher of the
20 Commissioner of Public Health, draw the Comptroller's order on the
21 State Treasurer in favor of such municipal department of health for the
22 amount due in accordance with the provisions of this section and
23 under rules prescribed by the commissioner. Any moneys remaining
24 unexpended at the end of a fiscal year shall be included in the budget
25 of such municipal department of health for the ensuing year. This aid
26 shall be rendered from appropriations made from time to time by the
27 General Assembly to the Department of Public Health for this purpose.

28 Sec. 2. Section 19a-202a of the general statutes is repealed and the
29 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

30 (a) Upon application to the Department of Public Health, each part-
31 time health department shall annually receive from the state an
32 amount equal to [forty-nine] seventy-four cents per capita.

33 (b) Any municipality may designate itself as having a part-time
34 health department if: (1) The municipality has not had a full-time
35 health department or been in a full-time health district prior to January
36 1, 1998; (2) the municipality has the equivalent of at least one full-time
37 employee, as determined by the Commissioner of Public Health; (3)
38 the municipality annually submits a public health program plan and
39 budget to the commissioner; and (4) the commissioner approves the
40 program plan and budget.

41 (c) The Commissioner of Public Health shall adopt regulations, in
42 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, for the development and
43 approval of the program plan and budget required by subdivision (3)
44 of subsection (b) of this section.

45 Sec. 3. Section 19a-245 of the general statutes is repealed and the
46 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

47 Upon application to the Department of Public Health, each health
 48 district shall annually receive from the state an amount equal to [one
 49 dollar and ninety-four] two dollars and ninety-one cents per capita for
 50 each town, city and borough of such district [which] that has a
 51 population of five thousand or less, and [one dollar and sixty-six] two
 52 dollars and forty-nine cents per capita for each town, city and borough
 53 of such district [which] that has a population of more than five
 54 thousand, provided (1) the Commissioner of Public Health approves
 55 the public health program and budget of such health district, and (2)
 56 the towns, cities and boroughs of such district appropriate for the
 57 maintenance of the health district not less than one dollar per capita
 58 from the annual tax receipts. Such district departments of health [are
 59 authorized to] may use additional funds, which the Department of
 60 Public Health may secure from federal agencies or any other source
 61 and which it may allot to such district departments of health. The
 62 district treasurer shall disburse the money so received upon warrants
 63 approved by a majority of the board and signed by its chairman and
 64 secretary. The Comptroller shall quarterly, in July, October, January
 65 and April, upon such application and upon the voucher of the
 66 Commissioner of Public Health, draw the Comptroller's order on the
 67 State Treasurer in favor of such district department of health for the
 68 amount due in accordance with the provisions of this section and
 69 under rules prescribed by the commissioner. Any moneys remaining
 70 unexpended at the end of a fiscal year shall be included in the budget
 71 of the district for the ensuing year. This aid shall be rendered from
 72 appropriations made from time to time by the General Assembly to the
 73 Department of Public Health for this purpose.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	19a-202
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	19a-202a
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	19a-245

Statement of Purpose:

To restore funding for local health departments in order to improve their ability to meet increasing local health demands, including, but not limited to, emergency preparedness; and to increase per capita aid to health districts by fifty per cent.

[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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