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Referred to Committee on Commerce

Introduced by:
(CE)

AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC INVESTMENT COMMUNITIES.

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

1 Section 1. Section 7-545 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

3 (a) As used in this section: [and section 7-546:]

4 (1) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
5 Management;

6 (2) "Municipality" means any town, consolidated town and city or
7 consolidated town and borough;

8 (3) "Per capita income" [and "population"] for each town means that
9 enumerated in the most recent federal decennial census of population
10 or that enumerated in the current population report series issued by
11 the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census,
12 whichever is more recent and available on January first of the fiscal
13 year [three] two years prior to the fiscal year in which [payment is to
14 be made pursuant to this section] the eligibility index is prepared
15 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section;

16 (4) "Adjusted equalized net grand list per capita" means the most
17 recent adjusted equalized net grand list per capita determined for each
18 town pursuant to section 10-261;

19 (5) "Equalized mill rate" means the tax rate derived from the most
20 recent available grand levy of a town divided by the equalized net
21 grand list on which such levy is based as determined by the secretary
22 in accordance with section 10-261a;

23 (6) "Per capita temporary family assistance" means the number
24 obtained by adding together the unduplicated aggregate number of
25 children eligible to receive benefits by town under the temporary
26 family assistance program in October and May of each fiscal year, and
27 dividing by two, such number to be certified and submitted annually,
28 no later than the first day of July of the succeeding fiscal year, to the
29 secretary by the Commissioner of Social Services. Such number shall
30 be expressed as a percentage of the population of a town;

31 (7) "Unemployment rate" means the average unemployment rate of
32 a town as reported by the Labor Commissioner on the first day of July
33 for the latest available twelve-month period;

34 (8) "Eligibility index" is a measure of local burden determined by
35 calculating a town's disparity in relation to all municipalities. Points
36 shall be allocated for each of the following factors: (A) Per capita
37 income, (B) adjusted equalized net grand list per capita, (C) equalized
38 mill rate, (D) per capita temporary family assistance, and (E)
39 unemployment rate. For each factor the variance shall be the difference
40 between the first percentile and the one-hundredth percentile town
41 factors. In calculating the eligibility index for unemployment rate, per
42 capita temporary family assistance and equalized mill rate, the factor
43 for the first percentile town shall be subtracted from the factor for the
44 town and the result divided by the variance and multiplied by one
45 hundred. In calculating the eligibility index for per capita income and
46 adjusted equalized net grand list per capita, the factor for the first
47 percentile town shall be subtracted from the factor for the town and

48 the result shall be divided by the variance and multiplied by one
49 hundred. The product of such multiplication shall then be subtracted
50 from one hundred. The index points for all factors shall be totalled by
51 town resulting in the overall eligibility index. The eligibility index
52 listing shall be ranked for all towns from highest to lowest points
53 according to need;

54 (9) "Public investment communities" are municipalities requiring
55 financial assistance to offset their service burdens with eligibility
56 defined as one which is in the top quartile of the "eligibility index"
57 scale;

58 (10) "Grand levy" means the mill rate of the town multiplied by the
59 net taxable grand list of the town and includes the value of special
60 service districts if such districts contain fifty per cent or more of the
61 value of total taxable property within the town;

62 (11) "Population" of a town means that enumerated in the most
63 recent federal decennial census of the population or that enumerated
64 in the current population report series issued by the United States
65 Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census available on January
66 first of the fiscal year two years prior to the fiscal year in which the
67 eligibility index is prepared pursuant to subsection (b) of this section,
68 whichever is most recent, except that for any town whose enumerated
69 population residing in state or federal institutions within such town
70 and attributed to such town by the census exceeds forty per cent of the
71 population of such town, "population" shall not include persons who
72 are incarcerated or in custodial situations, including, but not limited to
73 jails, prisons, hospitals or training schools or persons who reside in
74 dormitory facilities in schools, colleges, universities or military bases.

75 (b) On or before July 15, 1994, and annually thereafter, the secretary
76 shall prepare the eligibility index for Connecticut municipalities. A
77 municipality shall continue to be a public investment community for
78 the fiscal year in which such municipality is not included in the top
79 quartile of the eligibility index scale and for the following four fiscal

80 years.

81 Sec. 2. Section 7-546 of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective from*
82 *passage*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	7-545
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	Repealer section

Statement of Purpose:

To allow the Office of Policy and Management to update population and per capita income data when preparing the annual Public Investment Community Eligibility Index.

[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.]