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AN ACT PROMOTING REGIONALIZATION.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding any
2 provision of the general statutes, any public or special act or any local
3 charter or home rule ordinance, the chief executive officers of two or
4 more municipalities seeking to enter into an interlocal agreement
5 regarding the purchase of goods or equipment, the delivery of a
6 service or the provision of a function may select a single attorney from
7 among the counsels for their respective municipalities to review and
8 approve such agreement and any subagreement that is a part thereto.
9 Such agreement may provide for the selection by such chief executive
10 officers of a single office or person to administer the agreement.

11 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) There is created a
12 regionalization incentive grant program that the Secretary of the Office
13 of Policy and Management shall administer to promote the regional
14 provision of required governmental functions or services. Grants shall
15 be available for capital infrastructure costs that are or may be incurred

16 due to the regionalization of a required governmental function or
17 service or the expansion of such a function or service to a greater
18 number of municipalities than are providing such a function or service
19 on a regionalized basis on the effective date of this section. The amount
20 of any such grant shall be: (1) Not more than three million dollars for
21 an application submitted jointly by not less than three municipalities
22 serving a combined population of at least fifty thousand, or (2) not
23 more than one million dollars for an application submitted jointly by
24 not less than four municipalities. Any such application shall be made
25 in the form and manner as the secretary prescribes. In awarding such
26 grants, the secretary may give priority to consideration of the
27 regionalization of a function or service or the expansion of a
28 regionalized function or service that benefits the greatest number of
29 municipalities or the greatest population and that, in the opinion of the
30 secretary, has the potential of providing the greatest savings to
31 participating municipalities. Costs associated with planning shall not
32 be eligible for a grant under this section.

33 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) There is created a municipal
34 capital equipment purchase grant program that the Secretary of the
35 Office of Policy and Management shall administer. The purpose of
36 such program shall be to encourage the joint acquisition by
37 municipalities of equipment necessary to the performance or delivery
38 of a required governmental function or service. Any such equipment
39 may be acquired by exercise of prepayment or purchase options in
40 existing capital leases entered into by such municipalities. Grants shall
41 be available for acquisition costs of (1) equipment that has an
42 anticipated remaining useful life of not less than five years from the
43 date of purchase, including data processing equipment that has a unit
44 price of less than one thousand dollars, or (2) a maintenance vehicle,
45 pick-up truck, tractor, truck tractor or utility trailer, as defined in
46 section 14-1 of the general statutes, or any similar type of vehicle that
47 municipalities use in the performance or delivery of a required
48 governmental function or service. Application for such grant shall be
49 made in the form and manner as the secretary prescribes. The grant

50 payable under this section shall be seventy-five per cent of the total
51 cost each municipality incurs or will incur due to the joint acquisition
52 of eligible equipment, or two hundred fifty thousand dollars,
53 whichever is less.

54 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Any municipality that has
55 entered into an interlocal agreement to carry out a function or service
56 pursuant to section 7-148cc of the general statutes and section 2 of this
57 act, which has been approved by the Secretary of the Office of Policy
58 and Management and without regard to whether any funds are
59 provided under said section 2, shall receive a bonus entitlement from
60 the proceeds of the Local Capital Improvement Fund established
61 under section 7-535 of the general statutes. Such bonus entitlement
62 shall equal ten per cent of such municipality's entitlement under
63 section 7-536 of the general statutes for the fiscal year preceding that in
64 which the secretary first determines that the municipality meets the
65 regionalization incentive grant program's eligibility requirements. The
66 municipality shall receive such bonus entitlement, which shall be
67 added to the amount of the municipality's entitlement as determined
68 in accordance with this section and said section 7-536, in each of the
69 three fiscal years following the fiscal year in which the secretary
70 determines the municipality's eligibility for such bonus entitlement. In
71 each such year, the secretary shall deduct the total amount of bonus
72 entitlements for which all eligible municipalities qualify from the
73 amount to be allocated from the proceeds of the Local Capital
74 Improvement Fund before determining each municipality's
75 entitlement in accordance with section 7-536 of the general statutes.

76 Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Any municipality that has
77 entered into an interlocal agreement to carry out a function or service
78 pursuant to section 7-148cc of the general statutes and section 2 of this
79 act, which has been approved by the Secretary of the Office of Policy
80 and Management and without regard to whether any funds are
81 provided under said section 2, shall receive a bonus grant from the
82 funds appropriated to the Commissioner of Transportation for town

83 aid road fund grants, pursuant to sections 13a-175a to 13a-175e,
84 inclusive, of the general statutes and section 13a-175i of the general
85 statutes. Such bonus grant shall equal ten per cent of such
86 municipality's town aid road fund grant for the fiscal year preceding
87 that in which the secretary first determines that the municipality meets
88 the regionalization incentive grant program's eligibility requirements.
89 The municipality shall receive such bonus grant, which shall be added
90 to the amount of the municipality's town aid road fund grant as
91 determined in accordance with this section and sections 13a-175a to
92 13a-175e, inclusive, of the general statutes, and section 13a-175i of the
93 general statutes, in each of the three fiscal years following the fiscal
94 year in which the secretary determines the municipality's eligibility for
95 such bonus grant. In each such year, the Commissioner of
96 Transportation shall deduct the total amount of bonus grants for which
97 all eligible municipalities qualify from the amount to be distributed in
98 town aid road fund grants before determining each municipality's
99 grant under sections 13a-175a to 13a-175e, inclusive, of the general
100 statutes, and section 13a-175i of the general statutes.

101 Sec. 6. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) On or before December 31, 2010,
102 and annually thereafter, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
103 Management shall, within available appropriations, conduct or
104 sponsor a regional incentive seminar in order to apprise local
105 governmental officials of the cost benefits of engaging in a regional
106 approach to the delivery of services and purchase of goods. To the
107 extent possible, municipalities that have adopted successful regional
108 endeavors shall participate in such seminar.

109 Sec. 7. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions
110 of section 12-62 of the general statutes, the Secretary of the Office of
111 Policy and Management may grant any town an extension, not
112 exceeding two years, of the date by which the town shall implement a
113 revaluation if the secretary determines that the town's inability to enter
114 into an interlocal agreement for the services of a revaluation company
115 is due solely to the year by which the town shall effect a revaluation
116 pursuant to said section 12-62. The chief executive officer of a town

117 seeking such an extension shall submit a written extension request to
118 said secretary, together with a letter signed by the chief executive
119 officer of any other town or towns with which the town requesting
120 extension intends to enter into such an agreement. The letter from the
121 chief executive officer of such other town or towns shall indicate such
122 officer's or officers' willingness to enter into an interlocal agreement for
123 revaluation company services with the town requesting such
124 extension. The secretary shall send notice of any extension granted
125 under this section to the chief executive officer of the town that
126 submitted the extension request, and shall send a copy of said notice to
127 each chief executive officer that signed such letter or letters.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	New section

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