



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 6463**

January Session, 2009

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**AN ACT CONCERNING MEMBERSHIP ON REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCIES.**

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

1       Section 1. Section 8-31a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):

3       Within any planning region of the state as defined or redefined by  
4 the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or his designee  
5 under the provisions of section 16a-4a a regional planning agency may  
6 be created by the adoption of sections 8-31a to 8-37a, inclusive, by  
7 ordinance of the legislative bodies of two or more towns, cities or  
8 boroughs within such region, provided the total number of  
9 representatives of such towns, cities or boroughs shall equal sixty per  
10 cent or more of the total number of representatives possible of all the  
11 towns, cities or boroughs within such region computed as prescribed  
12 in this section. Any other town, city or borough within such region  
13 may join such regional planning agency by the adoption of said  
14 sections by ordinance of its legislative body. [Each] The chief elected  
15 official of each town, city or borough within such region, or the  
16 designee of such official, shall be a representative on such agency and  
17 each such town, city or borough, except as provided herein, shall be  
18 entitled to two other representatives on such agency and [shall be  
19 entitled to] additional representation on such agency at the ratio of one

20 representative for each fifty thousand of population or fraction thereof  
 21 over and above a population of twenty-five thousand as determined  
 22 by the last-completed federal census. Cities and boroughs with  
 23 boundaries not coterminous with the boundaries of the town in which  
 24 they are located, upon adoption of the provisions of said sections, may  
 25 have their chief elected official, or the designee of such official, and one  
 26 other representative on such agency provided the population of the  
 27 city or borough is greater than fifty per cent of the total population of  
 28 the town as determined by the last-completed federal census, and the  
 29 town, upon adoption of the provisions of said sections, may have the  
 30 chief elected official of such town, or the designee of such official, and  
 31 one other representative on such agency. If the total population of the  
 32 town is greater than twenty-five thousand, the town may elect or  
 33 appoint the extra representative or representatives as prescribed  
 34 above, except that, for each fifty thousand population residing in the  
 35 city or borough, the city or borough may have one additional  
 36 representative. Noncoterminous cities or boroughs which do not  
 37 contain fifty per cent or more of the total population of the town in  
 38 which they are located shall not adopt the provisions of said sections  
 39 and shall not join such regional planning agency. Where a planning  
 40 commission exists in a town, city or borough established under the  
 41 provisions of the general statutes or any special act, at least one of the  
 42 representatives from such town, city or borough to the regional  
 43 planning agency shall be appointed by such planning commission. The  
 44 other representative or representatives shall be elected or appointed in  
 45 the manner provided by ordinance adopted by the legislative body of  
 46 such town, city or borough.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2009	8-31a

**PD**            *Joint Favorable Subst.*