



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6561

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AN ACT CONCERNING STATE SUPPORT FOR REGIONAL INITIATIVES.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2009*) Commencing July 1,
2 2010, and annually thereafter, the Commissioner of Revenue Services
3 shall segregate fifty million dollars from the revenues received
4 pursuant to chapter 219 of the general statutes. Such segregated funds
5 shall be allocated to the municipalities that are parties to an agreement
6 pursuant to section 2 of this act on a per capita basis, as established by
7 the last annual population estimate by the Department of Public
8 Health for each such municipality, and expended for such purposes as
9 are jointly determined by the municipalities.

10 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2009*) (a) As used in this section,
11 "legislative body" means the council, commission, board, body or town
12 meeting, by whatever name it may be known, having or exercising the
13 general legislative powers and functions of a municipality and
14 "municipality" means any town, city or borough, consolidated town
15 and city or consolidated town and borough.

16 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes or any
17 special act, municipal charter or home rule ordinance, the chief elected
18 officials of two or more municipalities that are members of the same
19 federal economic development district, established under 42 USC 3171,

20 may initiate a process for such municipalities to enter into an
21 agreement to promote regional economic development and share the
22 real and personal property tax revenue from new economic
23 development. Such agreement shall provide that the municipalities
24 agree not to compete for new economic development and shall specify
25 the types of new economic development projects subject to the
26 agreement. The agreement shall also have terms providing for (1)
27 identification of areas for (A) new economic development, (B) open
28 space and natural resource preservation, and (C) transit oriented
29 development, including housing; (2) capital improvements, including
30 the shared use of buildings and other capital assets; (3) regional energy
31 consumption, including strategies for cooperative energy use and
32 development of distributive generation and sustainable energy
33 projects; and (4) promotion and sharing of arts and cultural assets. The
34 agreement shall also include terms providing for at least three
35 municipal cooperative programs and at least three educational
36 cooperative programs, including, but not limited to, the following: (A)
37 Collective bargaining, (B) purchasing cooperatives, (C) health care
38 pooling with each other or the state, (D) regional shared school
39 curriculum and special education services, through regional
40 educational service centers, established under section 10-66a of the
41 general statutes, and (E) any other initiatives mutually agreed upon.
42 Each municipality that is party to the agreement shall participate in at
43 least one municipal cooperative program and one educational
44 cooperative program. The provisions of this section shall not be
45 construed to require each municipality that is party to the agreement
46 to participate in all municipal cooperative programs and educational
47 cooperative programs described in the agreement.

48 (c) The agreement shall be prepared pursuant to negotiations and
49 shall contain all provisions on which there is mutual agreement
50 between the municipalities. The agreement shall establish procedures
51 for amendment, termination and withdrawal. The negotiations shall
52 include an opportunity for public participation. The agreement shall be
53 approved by each municipality that is a party to the agreement by

54 resolution of the legislative body.

55 (d) The municipality in which real property with new economic
56 development is located that is subject to shared revenue pursuant to an
57 agreement under this section shall maintain a separate list describing
58 such properties. The mill rate used to determine the amount of taxes
59 imposed on such new economic development shall be the mill rate of
60 the municipality in which the development is located.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2009</i>	New section
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FIN *Joint Favorable Subst.*