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Referred to Committee on Planning and Development

Introduced by:
(PD)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE SMALL TOWN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

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

1 Section 1. Section 4-66g of the 2010 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective October 1, 2010*):

4 (a) For the purposes described in subsection (b) of this section, the
5 State Bond Commission shall have the power, from time to time, to
6 authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and
7 in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate one hundred
8 eighty million dollars, provided twenty million dollars of said
9 authorization shall be effective July 1, 2010.

10 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the
11 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the
12 Office of Policy and Management for a small town economic assistance
13 program the purpose of which shall be to provide grants-in-aid to any
14 municipality [that] or group of municipalities, provided the
15 municipality and each municipality that is part of a group of

16 municipalities is not economically distressed within the meaning of
17 subsection (b) of section 32-9p, does not have an urban center in any
18 plan adopted by the General Assembly pursuant to section 16a-30 and
19 is not a public investment community within the meaning of
20 subdivision (9) of subsection (a) of section 7-545. Such grants shall be
21 used for purposes for which funds would be available under section 4-
22 66c. No municipality or group of municipalities may receive more than
23 five hundred thousand dollars in any one fiscal year under said
24 program. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection and
25 section 4-66c, a municipality that is (1) a distressed municipality within
26 the meaning of subsection (b) of section 32-9p or a public investment
27 community within the meaning of subdivision (9) of subsection (a) of
28 section 7-545, and (2) otherwise eligible under this subsection for the
29 small town economic assistance program may elect to be eligible for
30 said program or be eligible for said program as part of a group of
31 municipalities in lieu of being eligible for financial assistance under
32 section 4-66c, by a vote of its legislative body or, in the case of a
33 municipality in which the legislative body is a town meeting, its board
34 of selectmen, and submitting a written notice of such vote to the
35 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management. Any such election
36 shall be for the four-year period following submission of such notice to
37 the secretary and may be extended for additional four-year periods in
38 accordance with the same procedure for the initial election.

39 (c) All provisions of section 3-20, or the exercise of any right or
40 power granted thereby, which are not inconsistent with the provisions
41 of this section are hereby adopted and shall apply to all bonds
42 authorized by the State Bond Commission pursuant to this section, and
43 temporary notes in anticipation of the money to be derived from the
44 sale of any such bonds so authorized may be issued in accordance with
45 said section 3-20 and from time to time renewed. Such bonds shall
46 mature at such time or times not exceeding twenty years from their
47 respective dates as may be provided in or pursuant to the resolution or
48 resolutions of the State Bond Commission authorizing such bonds.
49 None of said bonds shall be authorized except upon a finding by the

50 State Bond Commission that there has been filed with it a request for
51 such authorization which is signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of
52 the Office of Policy and Management and states such terms and
53 conditions as said commission, in its discretion, may require. Said
54 bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be general obligations of the
55 state and the full faith and credit of the state of Connecticut are
56 pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds
57 as the same become due, and accordingly and as part of the contract of
58 the state with the holders of said bonds, appropriation of all amounts
59 necessary for punctual payment of such principal and interest is
60 hereby made, and the State Treasurer shall pay such principal and
61 interest as the same become due.

62 (d) Any grant-in-aid allowed under the small town economic
63 assistance program under this section may be administered on behalf
64 of the Office of Policy and Management by another state agency as
65 determined by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management.

66 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 16a-31, no
67 municipality that has a population of less than fifteen thousand as
68 determined by the most recent decennial census and in which at least
69 five thousand five hundred acres of land but not more than six
70 thousand acres of land is owned by a regional water authority shall be
71 denied a grant pursuant to subsections (a) to (d), inclusive, of this
72 section for a sewer project solely because such project is not consistent
73 with the locational guide map accompanying the state plan of
74 conservation and development adopted under chapter 297.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2010	4-66g

PD *Joint Favorable*

CE *Joint Favorable*