



General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on Appropriations

Introduced by:
(APP)

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE
DISTRIBUTION OF STATE FUNDS TO MUNICIPALITIES.**

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
2 to study the distribution of state funds to municipalities as payments
3 in lieu of taxes under chapters 201 and 203 of the general statutes,
4 distributions from the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund under
5 sections 3-55i to 3-55m, inclusive, of the general statutes, equalization
6 aid grants under sections 10-262h and 10-262i of the general statutes,
7 public school transportation grants or reimbursement under sections
8 10-54, 10-66ee, 10-97, 10-158a, 10-266m, 10-273a and 10-277 of the
9 general statutes and nonpublic school transportation grants under
10 sections 10-266m, 10-277 and 10-281 of the general statutes. Such study
11 shall evaluate the equity, efficiency and continued viability of such
12 distribution of funds.

13 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

14 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

- 15 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;
- 16 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
17 Representatives;
- 18 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;
- 19 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
20 Representatives;
- 21 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;
- 22 (7) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General
23 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations; and
- 24 (8) The ranking members of the joint standing committee of the
25 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
26 appropriations.
- 27 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
28 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
29 of the General Assembly.
- 30 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
31 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
32 filled by the appointing authority.
- 33 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
34 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force
35 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall
36 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not
37 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.
- 38 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
39 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
40 appropriations shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.
- 41 (g) Not later than January 1, 2012, the task force shall submit a

42 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
43 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
44 relating to appropriations, in accordance with the provisions of section
45 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date
46 that it submits such report or January 1, 2012, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a task force to study state funding for municipalities.

[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.]