



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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House Bill No. 5339

House of Representatives, April 17, 2012

The Committee on Appropriations reported through REP. WALKER of the 93rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT EXTENDING THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR AND EXPANDING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE 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. Section 30 of public act 11-48 is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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

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

15 (1) [One] Two appointed by the speaker of the House of
16 Representatives, one of whom shall be the mayor of a town having a
17 population of more than one hundred thousand as shown by the last
18 United States Census;

19 (2) [One] Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the
20 Senate;

21 (3) [One] Two appointed by the majority leader of the House of
22 Representatives;

23 (4) [One] Two appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

24 (5) [One] Two appointed by the minority leader of the House of
25 Representatives, one of whom shall be a representative of a regional
26 planning agency;

27 (6) [One] Two appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

28 (7) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General
29 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations;
30 [and]

31 (8) The ranking members of the joint standing committee of the
32 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
33 appropriations;

34 (9) The executive director of the Connecticut Council of Small
35 Towns, or said director's designee; and

36 (10) The chief executive officer of the Connecticut Hospital
37 Association, or said officer's designee.

38 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
39 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
40 of the General Assembly, except as otherwise specified.

41 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
42 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
43 filled by the appointing authority.

44 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
45 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force
46 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall
47 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not
48 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

49 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
50 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
51 appropriations shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

52 (g) Not later than January [1, 2012] 15, 2013, the task force shall
53 submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the joint
54 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
55 matters relating to appropriations, in accordance with the provisions
56 of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate
57 on the date that it submits such report or January [1, 2012] 15, 2013,
58 whichever is later.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>from passage</i> | PA 11-48, Sec. 30 |

APP *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

| Agency Affected | Fund-Effect | FY 13 \$ | FY 14 \$ |
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| Legislative Mgmt.; Various State Agencies | Various - Cost | Less than \$1,000 | None |

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

There may be a cost of less than \$1,000 to agencies participating in the task force to reimburse legislators and agency staff for mileage expenses.

The Out Years

There is no annualized ongoing fiscal impact since the task force terminates in FY 13.

OFA Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The bill extends the time for the task force to study the distribution of state funds to municipalities to issue its report and to expand the membership of said task force.

It requires the task force to report its findings to the Appropriations Committee no later than January 15, 2013.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 53 Nay 0 (04/03/2012)