



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5604

February Session, 2016

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AN ACT CONCERNING REGIONAL EFFICIENCIES.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2016*) The Commission on
2 Municipal Opportunities and Regional Efficiencies shall, in
3 consultation with the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
4 Management or the secretary's designee, municipalities, labor unions
5 and business leaders, study regionalization best practices in other
6 states and develop a regionalization evaluation tool based on such best
7 practices. Such regionalization evaluation tool shall measure and
8 assess the performance of and efficiencies achieved by each
9 municipality and local and regional board of education.

10 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2016*) Not later than July 1, 2017, the
11 Commission on Municipal Opportunities and Regional Efficiencies
12 shall submit recommendations for state funding to municipalities
13 based on criteria established by the regionalization evaluation tool
14 developed pursuant to section 1 of this act, in accordance with section
15 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the
16 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to local
17 governments and appropriations.

18 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2017*) If legislation is enacted based on
19 the criteria established by the regionalization evaluation tool

20 developed pursuant to section 1 of this act, the Intergovernmental
 21 Policy Division of the Office of Policy and Management shall notify
 22 municipalities and local or regional boards of education of such criteria
 23 and specify how state funding to municipalities will be determined
 24 based on performance relative to such criteria for fiscal year 2019. The
 25 Office of Policy and Management shall prescribe a format by which
 26 each municipality and local or regional board of education shall report
 27 its compliance with the criteria established by said tool. Not later than
 28 February 1, 2018, each municipality and local or regional board of
 29 education shall submit such report to the Intergovernmental Policy
 30 Division of the Office of Policy and Management. The Office of Policy
 31 and Management may audit municipalities and local or regional
 32 boards of education to ensure compliance.

33 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2018*) The Intergovernmental Policy
 34 Division of the Office of Policy and Management shall implement the
 35 regionalization evaluation tool developed pursuant to section 1 of this
 36 act and adjust state funding to municipalities and local or regional
 37 boards of education based on each municipality and local or regional
 38 board of education's performance relative to the criteria established by
 39 said tool. For the purposes of this section, the state funding
 40 adjustments based on performance relative to the criteria of the
 41 regionalization evaluation tool shall not apply to discretionary state
 42 funding to municipalities.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 2, "as described in" was changed to "developed pursuant to" for accuracy and consistency; in Section 3, "of" was changed to "established by" for clarity and consistency and "performance relative

to" was added before "such criteria for fiscal year 2019." for accuracy and consistency; in Section 4, "of" was changed to "established by" for clarity and consistency; in Section 5, "performance relative to" was added before "the criteria of" for accuracy and consistency; and Section 5 was combined with Section 4 for conciseness.

PD *Joint Favorable Subst.*