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Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by:
(PD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND THE
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE ACT.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2016*) Each municipality shall
2 establish a community investment board. Each community investment
3 board may be comprised of, but need not be limited to, residents,
4 business owners, religious leaders, community development
5 corporation representatives and community group representatives.
6 Any municipality with a population of fifty thousand or more shall
7 establish one community investment board for each neighborhood in
8 the municipality.

9 Sec. 2. Section 4-66l of the 2016 supplement to the general statutes is
10 amended by adding subsection (j) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

11 (NEW) (j) Any municipal revenue sharing grant awarded to a
12 municipality pursuant to subsection (f) of this section shall be
13 expended by the municipality as follows: (A) Thirty-five per cent of
14 such grant shall be expended on priorities identified by the community

15 investment board or community investment boards established by the
16 municipality pursuant to section 1 of this act, provided such priorities
17 are approved by a majority vote of the electorate of the municipality,
18 (B) thirty-five per cent of such grant shall be expended on priorities
19 identified by the legislative body of the municipality, and (C) thirty per
20 cent of such grant shall be expended on priorities jointly agreed upon
21 by the community investment board or community investment boards
22 established by the municipality pursuant to section 1 of this act and the
23 legislative body of the municipality, except that in the event that the
24 community investment board or community investment boards and
25 the legislative body of the municipality cannot agree on priorities for
26 expenditure, thirty per cent of such grant shall be remitted to the state.

27 Sec. 3. Section 12-18c of the 2016 supplement to the general statutes
28 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
29 *1, 2016*):

30 (a) There is established an account to be known as the "select
31 payment in lieu of taxes account" which shall be a separate, nonlapsing
32 account within the General Fund. The account shall contain any
33 moneys required by law to be deposited in the account. Moneys in the
34 account shall be expended by the Office of Policy and Management for
35 the purposes of making select grants to municipalities and districts for
36 payments in lieu of taxes as provided for in subsection (d) of [this
37 section] section 12-18b, subparagraphs (B) and (C) of subdivision (1) of
38 subsection (e) of section 12-18b, and subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of
39 section 12-18b.

40 (b) Any select grant for payment in lieu of taxes awarded to a
41 municipality or district pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall
42 be expended by the municipality or district as follows: (1) Thirty-five
43 per cent of such grant shall be expended on priorities identified by the
44 community investment board or community investment boards
45 established by the municipality pursuant to section 1 of this act,
46 provided such priorities are approved by a majority vote of the

47 electorate of the municipality, (2) thirty-five per cent of such grant
48 shall be expended on priorities identified by the legislative body of the
49 municipality, and (3) thirty per cent of such grant shall be expended on
50 priorities jointly agreed upon by the community investment board or
51 community investment boards established by the municipality
52 pursuant to section 1 of this act and the legislative body of the
53 municipality, except that in the event that the community investment
54 board or community investment boards and the legislative body of the
55 municipality cannot agree on priorities for expenditure, thirty per cent
56 of such grant shall be remitted to the state.

57 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2016*) (a) Not later than January 1,
58 2018, the Office of Policy and Management shall create and maintain
59 an Internet web site that will allow residents and organizations to
60 submit proposals for solutions to specific urban area problems to the
61 Office of Policy and Management.

62 (b) If the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the
63 secretary's designee, determines that a proposal is viable, the secretary
64 shall identify a municipality or neighborhood in which to establish a
65 pilot program to implement the proposal, establish the pilot program
66 in such municipality or neighborhood, monitor the implementation of
67 the pilot program and assess the results of the pilot program.

68 (c) The Office of Policy and Management shall, within available
69 appropriations, provide a monetary award to each resident or
70 organization that submits a proposal pursuant to subsection (a) of this
71 section if such proposal becomes the basis for a pilot program and the
72 secretary, or the secretary's designee, determines that such pilot
73 program was successful after assessing the results of such pilot
74 program pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

75 Sec. 5. (*Effective July 1, 2016*) (a) There is established a commission to
76 study the manner in which state funding is utilized by nonprofit
77 providers and to review the requirements imposed on nonprofit

78 providers by state agencies and compliance with those requirements
79 by nonprofit providers.

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

81 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
82 one of whom shall have expertise in nonprofit administration and one
83 of whom shall have expertise in economics;

84 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

85 (3) Two appointed by the majority leader of the House of
86 Representatives;

87 (4) Two appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

88 (5) Two appointed by the minority leader of the House of
89 Representatives; and

90 (6) Two appointed by the minority leader of the Senate.

91 (c) Any member of the commission appointed under subdivision
92 (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a
93 member of the General Assembly.

94 (d) All appointments to the commission shall be made not later than
95 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
96 filled by the appointing authority.

97 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
98 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the
99 commission from among the members of the commission. Such
100 chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of the commission, which
101 shall be held not later than sixty days after the effective date of this
102 section.

103 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
104 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to economic

105 development activities impacting local governments shall serve as
106 administrative staff of the commission.

107 (g) Not later than January 1, 2017, the commission shall submit a
108 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
109 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
110 relating to economic development activities impacting local
111 governments, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
112 general statutes. The commission shall terminate on the date that it
113 submits such report or January 1, 2017, whichever is later.

114 Sec. 6. Subsection (c) of section 12-632 of the 2016 supplement to the
115 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
116 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

117 (c) Any business firm which desires to engage in any of the activities
118 or programs approved by any municipality pursuant to subsection (a)
119 of this section and listed pursuant to subsection (b) of this section may
120 apply to the Commissioner of Revenue Services for a tax credit in an
121 amount as provided in section 12-633, 12-634, 12-635 or 12-635a. The
122 proposal for such credit, which shall be made on a form prescribed
123 and made available by the commissioner, shall set forth the program to
124 be conducted, the neighborhood area to be invested in, the plans for
125 implementing the program and such other information as said
126 commissioner may prescribe. Such proposals shall be submitted to the
127 commissioner on or after September fifteenth but no later than October
128 [first] fifteenth of each year. Such proposals shall be approved or
129 disapproved by the Commissioner of Revenue Services based on the
130 compliance of such proposal with the provisions of this chapter and
131 regulations adopted pursuant to this chapter. The commissioner may
132 only approve proposals received between September fifteenth and
133 October [first] fifteenth of each year. If, in the opinion of the
134 Commissioner of Revenue Services, a business firm's investment can,
135 for the purposes of this chapter, be made through contributions to a
136 neighborhood organization as defined in subsection (h) of section 12-

137 631, tax credits may be allowed in amounts as provided in section 12-
138 633, 12-634, 12-635 or 12-635a.

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>	4-66l
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	12-18c
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	New section
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	12-632(c)

Statement of Purpose:

To (1) create requirements for the expenditure of municipal revenue sharing grants and select payment in lieu of taxes grants; (2) authorize the Office of Policy and Management to create and maintain a web site for the solicitation of proposals for solutions to urban area problems; and (3) establish pilot programs based on such proposals, and to establish a commission to study the manner in which state funding is utilized by nonprofit providers and review the requirements imposed on nonprofit providers by state agencies and compliance with those requirements by nonprofit providers.

[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.]