

**Proposed Substitute
Bill No. 5604**

LCO No. 3418

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 as
14 described in section 1 of this act, in accordance with section 11-4a of
15 the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General
16 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to local governments
17 and appropriations.

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

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

39 Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2016*) For the purposes of this section,
40 the state funding adjustments based on the criteria of the
41 regionalization evaluation tool shall not apply to discretionary state
42 funding to municipalities.

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| 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 |
| Sec. 5 | <i>July 1, 2016</i> | New section |