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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5542

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING BUMP STOCKS AND OTHER MEANS OF
ENHANCING THE RATE OF FIRE OF A FIREARM."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2018*) Notwithstanding the
4 provisions of section 1 of this act, state laws concerning bump stocks
5 shall be the same provisions as those adopted as federal regulations.

6 Sec. 502. Section 7-576j of the 2018 supplement to the general
7 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
8 (*Effective from passage*):

9 (a) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and the
10 State Treasurer may enter the state into a contract with any designated
11 tier III or tier IV municipality, upon such municipality's request, and
12 after approval of the contract by the joint standing committees of the
13 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
14 appropriations and finance, revenue and bonding, for the provision of
15 contract assistance to such municipality in accordance with the
16 provisions of this section. The contract shall not be signed or executed
17 until such time that said committees have approved the contract. Any
18 such contract assistance shall be limited to an amount equal to (1) the
19 annual debt service on the outstanding amount of (A) refunding bonds
20 to be issued by such municipality pursuant to section 7-370c, or (B) any
21 other bonds or notes issued by such municipality, provided such
22 refunding bonds or other bonds or notes are for payment, funding,
23 refunding, redemption, replacement or substitution of bonds, notes or
24 other obligations previously issued by such municipality, plus (2) costs
25 of issuance on any such refunding bonds and any other costs or
26 expenses, including, but not limited to, any tax payments, that result
27 directly from the refunding of debt.

28 (b) Any contract described in subsection (a) of this section may
29 provide that such contract assistance that is necessary to make debt
30 service payments on behalf of such municipality shall be paid directly
31 by the state to the municipality, trustee, paying agent or holder of the
32 refunding bonds, other bonds or notes that are the subject of such
33 contract.

34 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,
35 no such contract shall be entered into by the secretary and the
36 Treasurer unless such designated tier III or tier IV municipality files a
37 certificate with the secretary, [and] the Treasurer and the joint standing
38 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
39 relating to appropriations and finance, revenue and bonding that sets
40 forth the amount of debt service and costs of issuance expected to be
41 paid on any such refunding bonds to be secured by such state
42 assistance contract.

43 (d) In making any requisite finding or determination for the
44 purpose of entering into, [or] executing or approving any contract
45 described in subsection (a) of this section, the secretary, [and] the
46 Treasurer and the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
47 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and finance,
48 revenue and bonding may rely upon any reports or estimates of
49 experts, as appropriate, to evaluate the feasibility of any such
50 refunding of debt.

51 (e) Any provision of a contract described in subsection (a) of this
52 section shall constitute a full faith and credit obligation of the state and
53 as part of any such contractual obligation of the state to such
54 municipality, trustee, paying agent or holder of any such refunding
55 bonds, other bonds or notes, as applicable, appropriation of all
56 amounts necessary to timely meet the terms of such contractual
57 obligation is hereby made and the State Treasurer shall pay such
58 amounts as the same become due to such municipality, trustee, paying
59 agent or holder, as applicable.

60 (f) Any designated tier III or tier IV municipality that enters into a
61 contract with the state pursuant to subsection (a) of this section may
62 pledge such contract assistance of the state as security for the payment
63 of such refunding bonds issued by such municipality.

64 (g) In lieu of contract assistance in accordance with subsection (a) of
65 this section, the secretary and the Treasurer may agree to provide other
66 forms of credit support to any designated tier III or tier IV
67 municipality, including, but not limited to, an assumption of all or any
68 portion of any bonds, notes or other obligations of such municipality
69 or issuance of new state obligations in replacement of such bonds,
70 notes or other obligations, provided such credit support shall not
71 exceed the amount of contract assistance that could otherwise be
72 provided by the state to such municipality in accordance with
73 subsection (a) of this section.

74 (h) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the total funds

75 available to a distressed municipality.

76 (i) The secretary and the Treasurer shall not enter into a contract, as
77 described in subsection (a) of this section, with any municipality that
78 files for bankruptcy.

79 (j) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, for the
80 fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, and any subsequent fiscal year
81 thereafter, the total amount of all appropriated statutory aid paid to
82 any designated tier III or IV municipality that received contract
83 assistance pursuant to this section, excluding the equalization aid
84 grant paid to any such designated tier III or IV municipality pursuant
85 to section 10-262i, shall be reduced from the amount of total
86 appropriated statutory aid paid to any such designated tier III or IV
87 municipality for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, excluding the
88 equalization aid grant paid to any such designated tier III or IV
89 municipality pursuant to section 10-262i. The reduction in aid shall be
90 in an amount equal to the debt service paid by the state in the
91 applicable fiscal year on behalf of such designated tier III or IV
92 municipality pursuant to any contract for financial assistance entered
93 into by the state and such designated tier III or IV municipality
94 pursuant to this section. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, and
95 any subsequent fiscal year thereafter, an amount equivalent to any
96 such reduction in aid shall be allocated as follows: (1) Two million
97 dollars shall be credited to the state-wide firearms trafficking task
98 force, established pursuant to section 29-38e, and (2) the remainder
99 shall be credited to fund the school resource officer grant program
100 established in section 503 of this act.

101 (k) The Municipal Accountability Review Board shall make
102 recommendations to the Governor and the joint standing committee of
103 the General Assembly having cognizance of the budgets of state
104 agencies on the amount of funding needed for the Municipal
105 Restructuring Fund to enable any such municipality to meet the fiscal
106 needs of such municipality in accordance with any plan approved
107 pursuant to subsection (a) of section 7-576i and with due regard to the

108 reductions required by subsection (j) of this section. Such
 109 recommendations to the Governor shall be timely made for the
 110 purposes of the Governor's budget proposal.

111 Sec. 503. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2019*) There is established a
 112 school resource officer grant program. Towns may apply to the
 113 Department of Education not later than July 1, 2019, and annually
 114 thereafter, in a manner prescribed by the Commissioner of Education,
 115 for financial assistance to cover costs associated with employment of a
 116 school resource officer. The Department of Education shall, within
 117 available resources, award a grant to any applicant town served by a
 118 local or regional board of education that employs a school resource
 119 officer as a new employee on or after January 1, 2019. The amount
 120 awarded to each such town shall be in an amount not to exceed the
 121 annual costs of such town for the employment of one such school
 122 resource officer, and may be applied for and awarded annually to
 123 assist the town in maintaining a school resource officer's employment."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	New section
Sec. 502	<i>from passage</i>	7-576j
Sec. 503	<i>January 1, 2019</i>	New section