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4 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof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

6 (a) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and the
7 State Treasurer may enter the state into a contract with any designated
8 tier III or tier IV municipality, upon such municipality's request, and

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

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

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

40 (d) In making any requisite finding or determination for the
41 purpose of entering into, ~~or~~ executing or approving any contract

42 described in subsection (a) of this section, the secretary, [and] the
43 Treasurer and the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
44 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and finance,
45 revenue and bonding may rely upon any reports or estimates of
46 experts, as appropriate, to evaluate the feasibility of any such
47 refunding of debt.

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

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

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

71 (h) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the total funds
72 available to a distressed municipality.

73 (i) The secretary and the Treasurer shall not enter into a contract, as

74 described in subsection (a) of this section, with any municipality that
75 files for bankruptcy.

76 (j) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, for the
77 fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, and any subsequent fiscal year
78 thereafter, the total amount of all appropriated statutory aid paid to
79 any designated tier III or IV municipality that received contract
80 assistance pursuant to this section, excluding the equalization aid
81 grant paid to any such designated tier III or IV municipality pursuant
82 to section 10-262i, shall be reduced from the amount of total
83 appropriated statutory aid paid to any such designated tier III or IV
84 municipality for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, excluding the
85 equalization aid grant paid to any such designated tier III or IV
86 municipality pursuant to section 10-262i. The reduction in aid shall be
87 in an amount equal to the debt service paid by the state in the
88 applicable fiscal year on behalf of such designated tier III or IV
89 municipality pursuant to any contract for financial assistance entered
90 into by the state and such designated tier III or IV municipality
91 pursuant to this section. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, and
92 any subsequent fiscal year thereafter, an amount equivalent to any
93 such reduction in aid shall be allocated as follows: (1) Two million
94 dollars shall be credited to the state-wide firearms trafficking task
95 force, established pursuant to section 29-38e, and (2) the remainder
96 shall be credited to fund the school resource officer grant program
97 established in section 502 of this act.

98 (k) The Municipal Accountability Review Board shall make
99 recommendations to the Governor and the joint standing committee of
100 the General Assembly having cognizance of the budgets of state
101 agencies on the amount of funding needed for the Municipal
102 Restructuring Fund to enable any such municipality to meet the fiscal
103 needs of such municipality in accordance with any plan approved
104 pursuant to subsection (a) of section 7-576i and with due regard to the
105 reductions required by subsection (j) of this section. Such
106 recommendations to the Governor shall be timely made for the
107 purposes of the Governor's budget proposal.

108 Sec. 502. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2019*) There is established a
 109 school resource officer grant program. Towns may apply to the
 110 Department of Education not later than July 1, 2019, and annually
 111 thereafter, in a manner prescribed by the Commissioner of Education,
 112 for financial assistance to cover costs associated with employment of a
 113 school resource officer. The Department of Education shall, within
 114 available resources, award a grant to any applicant town served by a
 115 local or regional board of education that employs a school resource
 116 officer as a new employee on or after January 1, 2019. The amount
 117 awarded to each such town shall be in an amount not to exceed the
 118 annual costs of such town for the employment of one such school
 119 resource officer, and may be applied for and awarded annually to
 120 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>from passage</i>	7-576j
Sec. 502	<i>January 1, 2019</i>	New section