Bill No.: HB-7361  
Title: AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPALITIES.  
Vote Date: 3/29/2019  
Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute  
PH Date: 3/18/2019  
File No.: 

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SPONSORS OF BILL:
Planning and Development Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:
To make a technical correction in apostrophe placement in lines 17, 25, 45, 69, and 83.

Substitute Language: Substitute Language LCO #6652 completely strikes the previous raised bill language and inserts in new language, specifically pertaining to rules when establishing a tax increment district. It creates new guidelines for legislative bodies for the days leading up to the establishment of the district, and for the documents they need to make their decisions.

- Necessitates a public meeting of the legislative body at least 90 days prior to establishing a tax increment district
- Allows for combined planning and zoning commissions in certain municipalities where the commissions are combined, instead of just zoning commissions, to receive the district master plan to create a study for the public.
- Requires portions of real property in tax increment districts to be blighted/deteriorated or suitable for industrial, retail, commercial, or mixed use.
- Legislative body must adopt a district master plan for each tax increment district and the district master plan should be adopted at the same time as the tax increment district is established.
- Legislative body will adopt plan after receiving a written advisory opinion from the planning commission or combined planning and zoning commission.
- Includes details for what must be included within the district master plan and its financial plan.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:
None expressed for HB 7361

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Donna Hamzy Carroccia, CT Conference of Municipalities – did not offer comment on HB 7361, asked to be included in any further discussion
Betsy Gara, CT Council of Small Towns - did not offer comment on HB 7361, asked to be included in any further discussion

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None expressed for HB 7361

Reported by: Sera Vicki Date: 4/9/19