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***AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL AND REGIONAL
OPPORTUNITIES AND EFFICIENCIES.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 7-395 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

3 (a) The secretary shall review each audit report filed with said
4 secretary as provided in section 7-393, except said secretary shall
5 review the audit reports on each audited agency biennially and may
6 review the audit reports on any municipality or regional school district
7 biennially, provided such secretary shall, in any year in which he does
8 not review the report of any such municipality or regional school
9 district, review the comments and recommendations of the
10 independent auditor who made such audit. If, upon such review of the
11 audit report, evidence of fraud or embezzlement is found, he shall
12 report such information to the state's attorney for the judicial district in

13 which such municipality, regional school district or audited agency is
14 located. If, in the review of such audit report said secretary finds that
15 such audit has not been prepared in compliance with the provisions of
16 subsection (a) of section 7-394a, or said secretary finds evidence of any
17 unsound or irregular financial practice in relation to commonly
18 accepted standards in municipal finance, said secretary shall prepare a
19 report concerning such finding, including necessary details for proper
20 evaluation of such finding and recommendations for corrective action
21 and shall refer such report to the Municipal Finance Advisory
22 Commission established under section 7-394b. A copy of such report
23 shall be filed with: (1) The chief executive officer of such municipality
24 or audited agency or the superintendent of such school district and, in
25 the case of a town, city or borough, with the clerk of such town, city or
26 borough; and (2) the Auditors of Public Accounts.

27 (b) If, upon such review of the audit report, the secretary finds (1)
28 that such audit has not been prepared in accordance with subsection
29 (a) of section 7-394, and the municipality, regional school district or
30 audited agency did not request permission to have the audit report
31 prepared in a manner not in compliance with said subsection; or (2)
32 evidence of unsound or irregular financial practices or management
33 letter comments or lack of internal controls in relation to commonly
34 accepted standards in municipal finance, the secretary shall prepare a
35 report concerning such finding, including, but not limited to,
36 information to aid in the evaluation of such finding and
37 recommendations for corrective action. The secretary shall submit such
38 report to (A) the Municipal Finance Advisory Commission established
39 pursuant to section 7-394b; (B) the Auditors of Public Accounts; and
40 (C) the chief executive officer and clerk of the municipality,
41 superintendent of schools for the regional school district or chief
42 executive officer of the audited agency.

43 (c) Upon receipt of a report submitted pursuant to subsection (b) of
44 this section, the chief executive officer of a municipality or audited
45 agency or superintendent of schools for the regional school district
46 shall attest to and explain the secretary's findings and submit a plan

47 for corrective action, in writing, to the secretary.

48 (d) The secretary shall refer to the Municipal Finance Advisory
49 Commission any municipality that has not been previously referred to
50 said commission pursuant to subsection (b) of this section or section 7-
51 576, 7-576a or 7-576c, provided the municipality has:

52 (1) A negative fund balance percentage;

53 (2) Reported a fund balance percentage of less than five per cent in
54 the three immediately preceding fiscal years;

55 (3) Reported a declining fund balance trend in the two immediately
56 preceding fiscal years;

57 (4) Issued tax or bond anticipation notes in the three immediately
58 preceding fiscal years to meet cash liquidity;

59 (5) Had a general fund annual operating budget deficit of one and
60 one-half per cent or more of such municipality's general fund revenues
61 in the immediately preceding fiscal year;

62 (6) Had a general fund annual operating budget deficit of two per
63 cent or more of such municipality's average general fund revenues in
64 the two immediately preceding fiscal years; or

65 (7) Received a bond rating below A from a bond rating agency.

66 (e) The secretary may, at the secretary's discretion and based upon
67 the review conducted pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, refer to
68 the Municipal Finance Advisory Commission any municipality that
69 has not been previously referred to said commission pursuant to
70 subsection (b) of this section or section 7-576, 7-576a or 7-576c.

71 (f) For the purposes of this section, "deficit", "fund balance" and
72 "fund balance percentage" have the same meanings as provided in
73 section 7-560.

74 Sec. 2. Section 2-79a of the general statutes is repealed and the

75 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

76 (a) (1) There shall be a Connecticut Advisory Commission on
77 Intergovernmental Relations. The purpose of the commission shall be
78 to enhance coordination and cooperation between the state and local
79 governments. [The]

80 (2) Before July 1, 2019, the commission shall consist of the president
81 pro tempore of the Senate, the speaker of the House of
82 Representatives, the minority leader of the Senate, the minority leader
83 of the House of Representatives, the Secretary of the Office of Policy
84 and Management, the Commissioners of Education, Energy and
85 Environmental Protection, Economic and Community Development,
86 or their designees, and sixteen additional members as follows: [(1)] (A)
87 Six municipal officials appointed by the Governor, four of whom shall
88 be selected from a list of nominees submitted to him by the
89 Connecticut Conference of Municipalities and two of whom shall be
90 selected from a list submitted by the Council of Small Towns. Two of
91 such six officials shall be from towns having populations of twenty
92 thousand or less persons, two shall be from towns having populations
93 of more than twenty thousand but less than sixty thousand persons
94 and two shall be from towns having populations of sixty thousand or
95 more persons; [(2)] (B) two local public education officials appointed
96 by the Governor, one of whom shall be selected from a list of nominees
97 submitted to him by the Connecticut Association of Boards of
98 Education and one of whom shall be selected from a list submitted by
99 the Connecticut Association of School Administrators; [(3)] (C) one
100 representative of a regional council of governments appointed by the
101 Governor from a list of nominees submitted to him by the Regional
102 Planning Association of Connecticut; [(4)] (D) five persons who do not
103 hold elected or appointed office in state or local government, one of
104 whom shall be appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be
105 appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of whom
106 shall be appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, one
107 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the Senate and
108 one of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the House of

109 Representatives; ~~[(5)]~~ (E) one representative of the Connecticut
110 Conference of Municipalities appointed by said conference; and ~~[(6)]~~
111 (F) one representative of the Council of Small Towns appointed by said
112 council. [Each]

113 (3) On and after July 1, 2019, the commission shall consist of the
114 chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committee of
115 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
116 planning and development, or their designees, the Secretary of the
117 Office of Policy and Management and seventeen additional members
118 as follows: (A) Six municipal officials appointed by the Governor, four
119 of whom shall be selected from a list of nominees submitted to the
120 Governor by the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities and two of
121 whom shall be selected from a list submitted by the Council of Small
122 Towns. Two of such six officials shall be from towns having
123 populations of twenty thousand or less persons, two shall be from
124 towns having populations of more than twenty thousand but less than
125 sixty thousand persons and two shall be from towns having
126 populations of sixty thousand or more persons; (B) two local public
127 education officials appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be
128 selected from a list of nominees submitted to the Governor by the
129 Connecticut Association of Boards of Education and one of whom shall
130 be selected from a list submitted by the Connecticut Association of
131 School Administrators; (C) one representative of a regional council of
132 governments appointed by the Governor from a list of nominees
133 submitted to the Governor by the Regional Planning Association of
134 Connecticut; (D) one representative of organized labor appointed by
135 the Governor from a list of nominees submitted to the Governor by the
136 Connecticut AFL-CIO; (E) five persons who do not hold elected or
137 appointed office in state or local government, one of whom shall be
138 appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be appointed by the
139 president pro tempore of the Senate, one of whom shall be appointed
140 by the speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be
141 appointed by the minority leader of the Senate and one of whom shall
142 be appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives;

143 (F) one representative of the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities
144 appointed by said conference; and (G) one representative of the
145 Council of Small Towns appointed by said council.

146 (4) Before July 1, 2019, each member of the commission appointed
147 pursuant to [subdivisions (1) to (6)] subparagraphs (A) to (F),
148 inclusive, of subdivision (2) of this subsection shall serve for a term of
149 two years. On and after July 1, 2019, each member of the commission
150 appointed pursuant to subparagraphs (A) to (G), inclusive, of
151 subdivision (3) of this subsection shall serve for a term of two years
152 and may serve until a successor is appointed and has qualified. All
153 other members shall serve for terms which are coterminous with their
154 terms of office. The Governor shall appoint a chairperson and a vice-
155 chairperson from among the commission members. Members of the
156 General Assembly may serve as gubernatorial appointees to the
157 commission. Members of the commission shall not be compensated for
158 their services but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred
159 in the performance of their duties.

160 (b) The commission shall: (1) Serve as a forum for consultation
161 among state and local government officials; (2) conduct research on
162 intergovernmental issues, including, but not limited to, the sharing
163 and consolidation of government services as well as the direct and
164 indirect impacts of changes in the provision of services at different
165 levels of government; (3) encourage and coordinate studies of
166 intergovernmental issues by universities, research and consulting
167 organizations and others; and (4) [initiate policy development and
168 make] develop models for sustainable, recurring savings and revenue
169 growth while initiating policy development and making
170 recommendations for consideration by all levels and branches of
171 government. The commission shall issue, from time to time, public
172 reports of its findings and recommendations. [and] Before July 1, 2019,
173 the commission shall issue, annually, a public report on its activities.
174 On and after July 1, 2019, the commission shall issue, annually, a
175 public report on its activities and a work plan, as described in
176 subsection (c) of this section, for the next year. On and after July 1,

177 2020, such public report shall describe the status of all items in the
178 prior year's work plan, including statistics to measure progress made,
179 if any, from the prior year.

180 (c) In developing any work plan to be issued on and after July 1,
181 2019, the commission, in consultation with other commissions
182 established to address consolidation and sharing of government
183 services, shall, on or before October 15, 2019, and every six months
184 thereafter until October 15, 2021, consider, analyze and make specific
185 recommendations to the secretary for the accomplishment of, all
186 aspects of sharing government services among state, regional and local
187 bodies, which aspects may include, but not be limited to:

188 (1) Standardization and alignment of various regions;

189 (2) Consolidation of government services, including, but not limited
190 to, joint purchasing, for a municipality and its respective local or
191 regional school district, as applicable;

192 (3) Consolidation and sharing of government services, including,
193 but not limited to, joint purchasing, among municipalities;

194 (4) Types of government services that may be provided in a more
195 efficient, high-quality or cost-effective manner by another level of
196 government or by regional councils of governments, regional
197 educational service centers or other similar regional bodies;

198 (5) Standardization of government services, including, but not
199 limited to, the issuance of permits, across state, regional and local
200 bodies;

201 (6) Standardization, enhancement or streamlining of reporting by
202 and among state, regional and local bodies;

203 (7) Standardization, enhancement or streamlining of collection and
204 sharing of data;

205 (8) Opportunities for the use of e-government solutions to deliver

206 government services and conduct government programs;

207 (9) Alternative sources of revenue for municipal governments,
208 regional councils of governments and regional educational service
209 centers;

210 (10) Regional revenue sharing;

211 (11) Coalition bargaining and other changes to relations between
212 municipalities and municipal employees;

213 (12) Reduction of long-term liabilities of municipalities; and

214 (13) Sequencing of and timeliness for planning and implementation
215 of aspects described in this subsection.

216 [(c)] (d) On or before [October 1, 2019] the second Wednesday after
217 the convening of the regular session of the General Assembly in 2020,
218 and every four years thereafter on such second Wednesday, the
219 commission shall submit to the General Assembly a report which lists
220 each existing state mandate, as defined in subsection (a) of section 2-
221 32b, and which (1) categorizes each mandate as constitutional,
222 statutory or executive, [(2) provides the date of original enactment or
223 issuance along with a brief description of the history of the mandate,
224 and (3) analyzes the costs incurred by] and (2) describes the potential
225 impacts on local governments [in] implementing the mandate. In each
226 report the commission may also make recommendations on state
227 mandates for consideration by the commission. On and after October
228 1, 1996, the report shall be submitted to the joint standing committee of
229 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
230 appropriations and budgets of state agencies, to any other joint
231 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance and,
232 upon request, to any member of the General Assembly. A summary of
233 the report shall be submitted to each member of the General Assembly
234 if the summary is two pages or less and a notification of the report
235 shall be submitted to each member if the summary is more than two
236 pages. Submission shall be by mailing the report, summary or

237 notification to the legislative address of each member of the
238 committees or the General Assembly, as applicable. The provisions of
239 this subsection shall not be construed to prevent the commission from
240 making more frequent recommendations on state mandates.

241 ~~[(d)]~~ (e) Commencing on or before ~~[the second Wednesday after the~~
242 ~~convening of the 1997 regular session of the General Assembly]~~
243 January 15, 1997, and every year thereafter except a year in which a
244 report is filed pursuant to subsection ~~[(c)]~~ (d) of this section, the
245 commission shall submit to the General Assembly a supplement to the
246 report required in ~~[said subsection (c)]~~ subsection (d) of this section
247 identifying any new mandates adopted and any mandates changed in
248 the previous year.

249 ~~[(e)]~~ (f) The Office of Policy and Management shall provide such
250 staff as is necessary for the performance of the functions and duties of
251 the Connecticut Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental
252 Relations. Such persons may be exempt from the classified service.

253 Sec. 3. Section 2-32c of the general statutes is repealed and the
254 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

255 On and after ~~[January 1, 2019]~~ July 1, 2019, the Connecticut
256 Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, established
257 pursuant to section 2-79a, as amended by this act, shall, not more than
258 ninety days after adjournment of any regular or special session of the
259 General Assembly or ~~[September first]~~ November fifteenth
260 immediately following adjournment of a regular session, whichever is
261 ~~[sooner]~~ later, submit to the speaker of the House of Representatives,
262 the president pro tempore of the Senate, the majority leader of the
263 House of Representatives, the majority leader of the Senate, the
264 minority leader of the House of Representatives, ~~[and]~~ the minority
265 leader of the Senate and the chief elected official of each municipality a
266 report ~~[which]~~ that lists each state mandate enacted during said
267 regular or special session of the General Assembly. ~~[Within five days~~
268 ~~of]~~ Not later than five days after receipt of the report, the speaker and

269 the president pro tempore shall [submit the report to the Secretary of
270 the Office of Policy and Management and] refer each state mandate to
271 the joint standing committee or select committee of the General
272 Assembly having cognizance of the subject matter of the mandate.
273 [The secretary shall provide notice of the report to the chief elected
274 official of each municipality.]

275 Sec. 4. Section 4-66k of the general statutes is repealed and the
276 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

277 (a) There is established an account to be known as the "regional
278 planning incentive account" which shall be a separate, nonlapsing
279 account within the General Fund. The account shall contain any
280 moneys required by law to be deposited in the account. Moneys in the
281 account shall be expended by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
282 Management in accordance with subsection (b) of this section for the
283 purposes of first providing funding to regional planning organizations
284 in accordance with the provisions of subsections (b) [and (c)] to (d),
285 inclusive, of this section and then to providing grants under the
286 regional performance incentive program established pursuant to
287 section 4-124s, as amended by this act.

288 (b) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, funds from the regional
289 planning incentive account shall be distributed to each regional
290 planning organization, as defined in section 4-124i, revision of 1958,
291 revised to January 1, 2013, in the amount of one hundred twenty-five
292 thousand dollars. Any regional council of governments that is
293 comprised of any two or more regional planning organizations that
294 voluntarily consolidate on or before December 31, 2013, shall receive
295 an additional payment in an amount equal to the amount the regional
296 planning organizations would have received if such regional planning
297 organizations had not voluntarily consolidated.

298 (c) [Beginning in] For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, and
299 annually thereafter each fiscal year thereafter until July 1, 2019, funds
300 from the regional planning incentive account shall be distributed to

301 each regional council of governments formed pursuant to section 4-
302 124j, in the amount of one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars plus
303 fifty cents per capita, using population information from the most
304 recent federal decennial census. Any regional council of governments
305 that is comprised of any two or more regional planning organizations,
306 as defined in section 4-124i, revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2013,
307 that voluntarily consolidated on or before December 31, 2013, shall
308 receive a payment in the amount of one hundred twenty-five thousand
309 dollars for each such regional planning organization that voluntarily
310 consolidated on or before said date.

311 (d) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, and each fiscal year
312 thereafter, funds from the regional planning incentive account shall be
313 distributed to each regional council of governments formed pursuant
314 to section 4-124j, in the amount of seventy-five thousand dollars plus
315 thirty cents per capita, using population information from the most
316 recent federal decennial census. The secretary may distribute,
317 annually, an additional amount to each regional council of
318 governments.

319 Sec. 5. Section 4-66r of the general statutes is repealed and the
320 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

321 For the fiscal year ending June 30, [2018] 2020, and each fiscal year
322 thereafter, each regional council of governments shall [, within
323 available appropriations,] receive a grant-in-aid to be known as a
324 regional services grant, the amount of which shall be based on [a
325 formula to be determined by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
326 Management. No such council shall receive a grant for the fiscal year
327 ending June 30, 2018, unless the secretary approves a spending plan
328 for such grant moneys submitted by such council to the secretary on or
329 before November 1, 2017. No such council shall receive a grant for the
330 fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, or any fiscal year thereafter, unless the
331 secretary approves a spending plan for such grant moneys submitted
332 by such council to the secretary on or before July 1, 2018, and annually
333 thereafter] the formula established pursuant to section 4-66k, as

334 amended by this act. Each regional council of governments shall use
335 such grant funds for planning purposes and to achieve efficiencies in
336 the delivery of municipal services, without diminishing the quality of
337 such services. On or before October 1, [2018] 2020, and annually
338 thereafter, each regional council of governments shall submit a report,
339 in accordance with section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of
340 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
341 planning and development and finance, revenue and bonding, and to
342 the secretary. Such report shall (1) summarize the expenditure of such
343 grant funds, (2) describe any regional program, project or initiative
344 currently provided or planned by the council, (3) review the
345 performance of any existing regional program, project or initiative
346 relative to its initial goals and objectives, (4) analyze the existing
347 services provided by member municipalities or by the state that, in the
348 opinion of the council, could be more effectively or efficiently
349 provided on a regional basis, and (5) provide recommendations for
350 legislative action concerning potential impediments to the
351 regionalization of services.

352 Sec. 6. Subsections (b) to (e), inclusive, of section 4-124s of the
353 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
354 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

355 (b) There is established a regional performance incentive program
356 that shall be administered by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
357 Management. [On or before December 31, 2011, and annually
358 thereafter, any regional council of governments, any two or more
359 municipalities acting through a regional council of governments, any
360 economic development district, any regional educational service center
361 or any combination thereof may submit a proposal to the secretary for:
362 (1) The joint provision of any service that one or more participating
363 municipalities of such council, educational service center or agency
364 currently provide but which is not provided on a regional basis, (2) a
365 planning study regarding the joint provision of any service on a
366 regional basis, or (3) shared information technology services. A copy of
367 said proposal shall be sent to the legislators representing said

368 participating municipalities.] The secretary may provide funding for:
369 (1) The joint provision of any government service, or (2) a planning
370 study regarding the joint provision of any service on a regional basis.
371 Any local or regional board of education or regional educational
372 service center serving a population greater than one hundred thousand
373 may submit a proposal to the secretary for a regional special education
374 initiative.

375 (c) (1) [A regional council of governments, an economic
376 development district, a regional educational service center or a local or
377 regional board of education shall submit each proposal in the form and
378 manner the secretary prescribes and shall, at a minimum, provide the
379 following information for each proposal: (A) Service or initiative
380 description; (B) the explanation of the need for such service or
381 initiative; (C) the method of delivering such service or initiative on a
382 regional basis; (D) the organization that would be responsible for
383 regional service or initiative delivery; (E) a description of the
384 population that would be served; (F) the manner in which regional
385 service or initiative delivery will achieve economies of scale; (G) the
386 amount by which participating municipalities will reduce their mill
387 rates as a result of savings realized; (H) a cost benefit analysis for the
388 provision of the service or initiative by each participating municipality
389 and by the entity or board of education submitting the proposal; (I) a
390 plan of implementation for delivery of the service or initiative on a
391 regional basis; (J) a resolution endorsing such proposal approved by
392 the legislative body of each participating municipality; and (K) an
393 explanation of the potential legal obstacles, if any, to the regional
394 provision of the service or initiative] On or before December 1, 2019,
395 and annually thereafter, the Connecticut Advisory Commission on
396 Intergovernmental Relations established pursuant to section 2-79a, as
397 amended by this act, may recommend to the secretary any specific
398 proposal for achieving additional cost savings through regional
399 efficiencies. The secretary may provide funding, within available
400 resources, to a regional council of governments, an economic
401 development district, a regional educational service center or any

402 combination thereof for the purpose of administering any such
403 proposal. Said commission shall submit each proposal in the form and
404 manner prescribed by the secretary.

405 (2) The secretary shall review each proposal and shall award grants
406 for proposals the secretary determines best meet the requirements of
407 this section. [In awarding such grants, the secretary shall give priority
408 to a proposal submitted by (A) any entity specified in subsection (a) of
409 this section that includes participation of all of the member
410 municipalities of such entity, and which may increase the purchasing
411 power of participating municipalities or provide a cost savings
412 initiative resulting in a decrease in expenses of such municipalities,
413 allowing such municipalities to lower property taxes, (B) any economic
414 development district, and (C) any local or regional board of
415 education.]

416 (d) On or before December 31, 2013, and annually thereafter until
417 December 31, 2018, in addition to any proposal submitted pursuant to
418 this section, any municipality or regional council of governments may
419 apply to the secretary for a grant to fund: (1) Operating costs
420 associated with connecting to the state-wide high speed, flexible
421 network developed pursuant to section 4d-80, including the costs to
422 connect at the same rate as other government entities served by such
423 network; and (2) capital cost associated with connecting to such
424 network, including expenses associated with building out the internal
425 fiber network connections required to connect to such network,
426 provided the secretary shall make any such grant available in
427 accordance with the two-year schedule by which the Bureau of
428 Enterprise Systems and Technology recommends connecting each
429 municipality and regional council of governments to such network.
430 Any municipality or regional council of governments shall submit each
431 application in the form and manner the secretary prescribes.

432 (e) The secretary shall submit to the Governor and the joint standing
433 [committee] committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
434 matters relating to planning and development and finance, revenue

435 and bonding a report on the grants provided pursuant to this section.
436 Each such report shall include information on the amount of each
437 grant, and the potential of each grant for leveraging other public and
438 private investments. The secretary shall submit a report for the fiscal
439 year commencing July 1, 2011, not later than February 1, 2012, and
440 shall submit a report for each subsequent fiscal year not later than the
441 first day of March in such fiscal year. [Such reports shall include the
442 property tax reductions achieved by means of the program established
443 pursuant to this section.]

444 Sec. 7. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a
445 Commission on Shared School Services for the purpose of developing
446 a plan for the redistricting or consolidation of school services and
447 school districts. Such plan shall be developed in accordance with the
448 provisions of section 8 of this act.

449 (b) The commission shall consist of the following members:

450 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
451 one of whom shall be a representative of the American Federation of
452 Teachers-Connecticut and one of whom shall be a representative of the
453 Connecticut Association of Boards of Education;

454 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one
455 of whom shall be a representative of the Connecticut Education
456 Association and one of whom shall be a chief elected official of a
457 municipality;

458 (3) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
459 Representatives who shall be a representative of the Connecticut
460 School Transportation Association;

461 (4) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate who shall be
462 a representative of a regional school district;

463 (5) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
464 Representatives who shall be a representative of the RESC Alliance;

465 (6) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate who shall be
466 a representative of the Connecticut Association of Public School
467 Superintendents;

468 (7) Six appointed by the Governor, at least one of whom shall be a
469 parent of a student enrolled in a public school, one of whom shall be a
470 representative of the Connecticut Association of Schools and one of
471 whom shall be a representative of the Connecticut Association of
472 School Business Officials;

473 (8) The Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee;

474 (9) The Commissioner of Administrative Services, or the
475 commissioner's designee; and

476 (10) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the
477 secretary's designee.

478 (c) All appointments to the commission shall be made not later than
479 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
480 filled by the appointing authority. The Commissioner of Education
481 shall schedule the first meeting of the commission, which shall be held
482 not later than forty-five days after the effective date of this section.

483 (d) There shall be two chairpersons of the commission as follows: (1)
484 The Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee, and
485 (2) a member of the commission who is selected by a majority of
486 members of the commission at the first meeting of the commission.

487 (e) The Department of Education shall provide administrative
488 support to the commission, including, but not limited to,
489 administrative staff and supplies. The department may retain
490 consultants, as necessary, to assist the commission in carrying out its
491 duties.

492 (f) The commission shall terminate on June 30, 2027.

493 Sec. 8. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commission on Shared

494 School Services, established pursuant to section 7 of this act, shall
495 develop a plan for redistricting or consolidating school services and
496 school districts. In developing such plan and to assist in the
497 completion of the reports required pursuant to subsection (b) of this
498 section, the chairpersons of the commission may, as needed, (1)
499 establish subcommittees and working groups of the members, and (2)
500 hold public hearings or conduct any other outreach, including
501 consultations with the Connecticut Advisory Commission on
502 Intergovernmental Relations, established pursuant to section 2-79a of
503 the general statutes, as amended by this act.

504 (b) The commission shall:

505 (1) Not later than December 1, 2019, develop a report concerning
506 existing school districts, including, but not limited to, (A) the sizes of
507 existing school districts, including enrollment data and the number of
508 certified and noncertified employees, (B) the types and administrative
509 structures of existing school districts, such as local boards of education,
510 regional boards of education, regional educational services centers,
511 state and local charter schools, incorporated or endowed high schools
512 or academies, the Technical Education and Career System and regional
513 agricultural science and technology education centers, (C) the number
514 of schools, including school building size and capacity, enrollment
515 data and grade ranges, as reported to the Department of
516 Administrative Services in such form and manner as prescribed by the
517 office of school grants and review within the department.

518 (2) Not later than November 1, 2019, develop a report concerning
519 existing shared services between school districts and employment of
520 superintendents of schools, including, but not limited to, existing
521 cooperative arrangements pursuant to section 10-158a of the general
522 statutes and instances of the joint employment of a superintendent of
523 schools pursuant to section 10-157a of the general statutes;

524 (3) Not later than November 15, 2019, develop a report concerning
525 academic and support services provided by school districts, as

526 reported to the Department of Education in such form and manner as
527 prescribed by the Commissioner of Education;

528 (4) Not later than January 15, 2020, develop a report containing
529 preliminary recommendations concerning school district sizes and
530 types, including, but not limited to, the total number of school districts,
531 types of school districts, total number of schools in a school district
532 and enrollment of school districts;

533 (5) Not later than January 15, 2020, develop a report containing a
534 review and preliminary recommendations concerning the governance
535 structure of school districts;

536 (6) Not later than February 1, 2020, develop a report containing
537 preliminary recommendations concerning enhanced shared services
538 among school districts and with municipalities;

539 (7) Not later than April 1, 2020, develop a report containing a review
540 of the current services provided by regional educational service centers
541 and preliminary recommendations concerning the role of regional
542 educational service centers in regionalization and shared service
543 efforts;

544 (8) Not later than April 15, 2020, develop a report containing a
545 review of existing labor contracts within each of the various types of
546 school districts described in subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of this
547 subsection, and preliminary recommendations concerning how future
548 labor contracts should be negotiated as additional education services
549 are shared and following redistricting;

550 (9) Not later than June 1, 2020, develop, in consultation with the
551 Connecticut Association of School Business Officials, a report
552 containing a review of existing school transportation service contracts
553 within each of the various types of school districts described in
554 subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of this subsection, and preliminary
555 recommendations concerning the establishment of shared school
556 transportation contracts, including time spent by students on school

557 buses, hours of such transportation services, tiers of schools and any
558 other related issues;

559 (10) Not later than July 1, 2020, develop, in consultation with the
560 Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference, a report containing a
561 review of interscholastic athletic schedules and arrangements within
562 and among each of the various types of school districts described in
563 subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of this subsection, and preliminary
564 recommendations concerning the development of interscholastic
565 athletic schedules and related issues, including transportation services
566 to interscholastic athletic events and school hours;

567 (11) Not later than July 1, 2020, develop, in consultation with the
568 Connecticut After School Network, a report containing a review of
569 existing after-school programs and arrangements within and among
570 each of the various types of school districts described in subparagraph
571 (B) of subdivision (1) of this subsection, and preliminary
572 recommendations concerning the potential impact and changes to such
573 after-school programs and arrangements following redistricting or the
574 sharing of services, on such issues as transportation and school hours;

575 (12) Not later than August 1, 2020, develop a report containing a
576 review of the current school choice program structures and unified
577 enrollment systems concerning a regional or state-basis, and
578 preliminary recommendations on the integration of school choice
579 programs in a system of shared services and school district
580 consolidations;

581 (13) Not later than August 15, 2020, develop a report containing
582 preliminary recommendations concerning the impact that redistricting
583 and consolidation may have on the provision of special education
584 services not otherwise addressed in any of the previous preliminary
585 recommendations required under this section;

586 (14) Not later than August 15, 2020, develop a report containing
587 preliminary recommendations concerning the impact that redistricting
588 and consolidation may have on early childhood care and education

589 programs within and among each of the various types of school
590 districts described in subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of this
591 subsection;

592 (15) Not later than September 1, 2020, develop a report containing
593 preliminary recommendations concerning school building usage
594 within and among each of the various types of school districts
595 described in subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of this subsection;

596 (16) Not later than October 1, 2020, develop a report containing
597 preliminary recommendations concerning the use of incentives, grants
598 or tax changes to accomplish any of the other preliminary
599 recommendations developed pursuant to this section; and

600 (17) Not later than December 1, 2020, develop a comprehensive
601 report concerning the preliminary recommendations developed
602 pursuant to this section, including financial projections on savings and
603 costs resulting from school district redistricting or consolidation.

604 (c) Not later than December 15, 2020, the chairpersons of the
605 commission shall hold a public hearing on the comprehensive report
606 developed pursuant to subdivision (17) of subsection (b) of this
607 section.

608 (d) The commission may continue to develop additional
609 recommendations following the submission of any report required
610 under subsection (b) of this section.

611 (e) All reports and plans developed pursuant to this section shall be
612 submitted to the Governor, State Board of Education and the joint
613 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
614 matters relating to education and appropriations, in accordance with
615 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

616 (f) The Commissioner of Education shall make all such reports and
617 plans available to the public on the Internet web site of the Department
618 of Education.

619 Sec. 9. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than March 1, 2020, the
620 Commissioner of Education shall solicit proposals, through a request
621 for information, for cooperative arrangements and regionalization of
622 education services and incentives for the establishment of such
623 cooperative arrangements or regionalization of education services. The
624 commissioner shall submit a report on the results of such request for
625 information to the Commission on Shared School Services, established
626 pursuant to section 7 of this act.

627 Sec. 10. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) (1) Not later than
628 September 15, 2019, each municipality and the local or regional board
629 of education for such municipality shall develop a report on which
630 services have been shared or consolidated (A) between the
631 municipality and its local or regional board of education, and (B) with
632 other municipalities or local and regional boards of education,
633 including, but not limited to, human resources, accounting, payroll,
634 procurement, finance, information technology, risk management,
635 health care and retirement benefits, insurance and claims
636 administration and buildings and grounds. Such report shall include a
637 detailed cost-benefit analysis of such consolidations.

638 (2) Each municipality shall submit such report, on a form and in a
639 manner prescribed by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
640 Management, to the secretary, Commissioner of Education and
641 Commissioner of Administrative Services. The Secretary of the Office
642 of Policy and Management shall forward such reports to the
643 Commission on Shared School Services, established pursuant to
644 section 7 of this act, and the Connecticut Advisory Commission on
645 Intergovernmental Relations, established pursuant to section 2-79a of
646 the general statutes, as amended by this act.

647 (b) (1) Not later than January 1, 2020, each municipality and the
648 local or regional board of education for such municipality shall, in
649 consultation with the Commission on Shared School Services and the
650 Connecticut Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations,
651 develop a report on which services will be shared or consolidated (A)

652 between the municipality and its local or regional board of education,
653 and (B) with other municipalities or local and regional boards of
654 education, including, but not limited to, human resources, accounting,
655 payroll, procurement, finance, information technology, risk
656 management, health care and retirement benefits, insurance and claims
657 administration, and buildings and grounds. Such report shall include a
658 (i) detailed cost-benefit analysis of such consolidations, (ii) a schedule
659 for implementation to be completed on or before July 1, 2022, and (iii)
660 an explanation of when services and consolidations are not being
661 implemented.

662 (2) Each municipality shall submit such report, on a form and in a
663 manner prescribed by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
664 Management, to the secretary, Commissioner of Education and
665 Commissioner of Administrative Services. The Secretary of the Office
666 of Policy and Management shall forward such reports to the
667 Commission on Shared School Services and the Connecticut Advisory
668 Commission on Intergovernmental Relations.

669 Sec. 11. Subsection (a) of section 32-665 of the general statutes is
670 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
671 *1, 2019*):

672 (a) Except as otherwise provided in sections 32-650 to 32-668,
673 inclusive, the following provisions of the general statutes, including
674 regulations adopted thereunder, shall not apply to the overall project:
675 Section 3-14b, subdivisions (13) to (15), inclusive, of section 4-166,
676 sections 4-167 to 4-174, inclusive, 4-181a, 4a-1 to 4a-59a, inclusive, 4a-63
677 to 4a-76, inclusive, title 4b, section 16a-31, chapters 97a, 124 and 126,
678 sections 14-311 to 14-314c, inclusive, 19a-37, 22a-16 and subsection (a)
679 of section 22a-19. For the purposes of section 22a-12, construction plans
680 relating to the overall project shall not be considered construction
681 plans required to be submitted by state agencies to the Council on
682 Environmental Quality. Notwithstanding any provision of any special
683 act, charter, ordinance, home rule ordinance or chapter 98, no
684 provision of any such act, charter or ordinance or said chapter 98,

685 concerning licenses, permits or approvals by a political subdivision of
686 the state pertaining to building demolition or construction shall apply
687 to the overall project and, notwithstanding any provision of the
688 general statutes, the State Building Inspector and the State Fire
689 Marshal shall have original jurisdiction with respect to the
690 administration and enforcement of the State Building Code and the
691 Fire Safety Code, respectively, with respect to all aspects of the overall
692 project, including, without limitation, the conduct of necessary reviews
693 and inspections and the issuance of any building permit, certificate of
694 occupancy or other necessary permits or certificates related to building
695 construction, occupancy or fire safety. For the purposes of part III of
696 chapter 557, the stadium facility project, the convention center project
697 and the parking project shall be deemed to be a public works project
698 and consist of public buildings except that the provisions relating to
699 payment of prevailing wages to workers in connection with a public
700 works project including, but not limited to, section 31-53 shall not
701 apply to the stadium facility project, the convention center project and
702 the parking project if the project manager or the prime construction
703 contractor has negotiated other wage terms pursuant to a project labor
704 agreement. The provisions of section 2-32c, as amended by this act,
705 and subsection [(c)] (d) of section 2-79a, as amended by this act, shall
706 not apply to any provisions of public act 99-241, as amended by public
707 act 00-140, or chapter 588x concerning the overall project. Any building
708 permit application with respect to the overall project shall be exempt
709 from the assessment of an education fee under subsection (b) of section
710 29-252a.

711 Sec. 12. Subsection (b) of section 4-66n of the general statutes is
712 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
713 *1, 2019*):

714 (b) Moneys transferred to the account in accordance with section 87
715 of public act 13-247 shall be expended by the Office of Policy and
716 Management as follows: (1) For the Nutmeg Network, [two million
717 one hundred seventy-four thousand] two million one hundred four
718 thousand dollars; (2) for a tax incidence study, seven hundred

719 thousand dollars; (3) for the universal chart of accounts, [four hundred
720 fifty thousand] two hundred seventy thousand dollars; (4) to audit
721 private providers of special education services, in accordance with
722 section 2-90 and sections 10-91g to 10-91i, inclusive, three hundred
723 sixty-six thousand dollars; [and] (5) for the Department of Education,
724 to conduct the study described in section 4 of public act 16-144, two
725 hundred fifty thousand dollars; and (6) two hundred fifty thousand
726 dollars to promote and facilitate the implementation of shared or
727 regional government services. Such moneys for the universal chart of
728 accounts may be used to reimburse expenses incurred on or after July
729 1, 2013.

730 Sec. 13. Section 12-62 of the general statutes is repealed and the
731 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

732 (a) As used in this chapter:

733 (1) "Assessor" means the person responsible for establishing
734 property assessments for purposes of a town's grand list and includes
735 a board of assessors;

736 (2) "Field review" means the process by which an assessor, a
737 member of an assessor's staff or person designated by an assessor
738 examines each parcel of real property in its neighborhood setting,
739 compares observable attributes to those listed on such parcel's
740 corresponding property record, makes any necessary corrections based
741 on such observation and verifies that such parcel's attributes are
742 accounted for in the valuation being developed for a revaluation;

743 (3) "Full inspection" or "fully inspect" means to measure or verify
744 the exterior dimensions of a building or structure and to enter and
745 examine the interior of such building or structure in order to observe
746 and record or verify the characteristics and conditions thereof,
747 provided permission to enter such interior is granted by the property
748 owner or an adult occupant;

749 (4) "Real property" means all the property described in section 12-

750 64;

751 (5) "Revaluation" or "revalue" means to establish the present true
752 and actual value of all real property in a town as of a specific
753 assessment date;

754 (6) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
755 Management, or said secretary's designee; [and]

756 (7) "Town" means any town, consolidated town and city or
757 consolidated town and borough; and

758 (8) "Revaluation zone" means one of five geographic areas in the
759 state established by the secretary utilizing the boundaries of the nine
760 planning regions.

761 (b) (1) (A) Commencing October 1, 2006, and until September 30,
762 2020, each town shall implement a revaluation not later than the first
763 day of October that follows, by five years, the October first assessment
764 date on which the town's previous revaluation became effective,
765 provided, a town that opted to defer a revaluation, pursuant to section
766 12-62l, shall implement a revaluation not later than the first day of
767 October that follows, by five years, the October first assessment date
768 on which the town's deferred revaluation became effective.

769 (B) Commencing October 1, 2020, (i) each town shall implement a
770 revaluation not later than the first day of October that follows, by five
771 years, an October first assessment date set in accordance with a
772 revaluation date schedule prescribed by the secretary for each
773 revaluation zone, (ii) any town's required revaluation subsequent to
774 any delayed revaluation implemented pursuant to subparagraph (A)
775 of this subdivision shall be implemented in accordance with this
776 section, and (iii) any such revaluation subsequent to any delayed
777 revaluation shall recommence on the date set in such revaluation date
778 schedule prescribed for the revaluation zone in which such town is
779 located, which revaluation date schedule applied to such town prior to
780 such delay.

781 (C) The town shall use assessments derived from each such
782 revaluation for the purpose of levying property taxes for the
783 assessment year in which such revaluation is effective and for each
784 assessment year that follows until the ensuing revaluation becomes
785 effective.

786 (2) When conducting a revaluation, an assessor shall use generally
787 accepted mass appraisal methods which may include, but need not be
788 limited to, the market sales comparison approach to value, the cost
789 approach to value and the income approach to value. Prior to the
790 completion of each revaluation, the assessor shall conduct a field
791 review. Except in a town that has a single assessor, the members of the
792 board of assessors shall approve, by majority vote, all valuations
793 established for a revaluation.

794 (3) An assessor, member of an assessor's staff or person designated
795 by an assessor may, at any time, fully inspect any parcel of improved
796 real property in order to ascertain or verify the accuracy of data listed
797 on the assessor's property record for such parcel. Except as provided in
798 subdivision (4) of this subsection, the assessor shall fully inspect each
799 such parcel once in every ten assessment years, provided, if the full
800 inspection of any such parcel occurred in an assessment year
801 preceding that commencing October 1, 1996, the assessor shall fully
802 inspect such parcel not later than the first day of October of 2009, and
803 shall thereafter fully inspect such parcel in accordance with this
804 section. Nothing in this subsection shall require the assessor to fully
805 inspect all of a town's improved real property parcels in the same
806 assessment year and in no case shall an assessor be required to fully
807 inspect any such parcel more than once during every ten assessment
808 years.

809 (4) An assessor may, at any time during the period in which a full
810 inspection of each improved parcel of real property is required, send a
811 questionnaire to the owner of such parcel to (A) obtain information
812 concerning the property's acquisition, and (B) obtain verification of the
813 accuracy of data listed on the assessor's property record for such

814 parcel. An assessor shall develop and institute a quality assurance
815 program with respect to responses received to such questionnaires. If
816 satisfied with the results of said program concerning such
817 questionnaires, the assessor may fully inspect only those parcels of
818 improved real property for which satisfactory verification of data
819 listed on the assessor's property record has not been obtained and is
820 otherwise unavailable. The full inspection requirement in subdivision
821 (3) of this subsection shall not apply to any parcel of improved real
822 property for which the assessor obtains satisfactory verification of data
823 listed on the assessor's property record.

824 (c) The following shall be available for public inspection in the
825 assessor's office, in the manner provided for access to public records in
826 subsection (a) of section 1-210, not later than the date written notices of
827 real property valuations are mailed in accordance with subsection (f)
828 of this section: (1) Any criteria, guidelines, price schedules or statement
829 of procedures used in such revaluation by the assessor or by any
830 revaluation company that the assessor designates to perform mass
831 appraisal or field review functions, all of which shall continue to be
832 available for public inspection until the town's next revaluation
833 becomes effective; and (2) a compilation of all real property sales in
834 each neighborhood for the twelve months preceding the date on which
835 each revaluation is effective, the selling prices of which are
836 representative of the fair market values of the properties sold, which
837 compilation shall continue to be available for public inspection for a
838 period of not less than twelve months immediately following a
839 revaluation's effective date. If the assessor changes any property
840 valuation as determined by the revaluation company, the assessor
841 shall document, in writing, the reason for such change and shall
842 append such written explanation to the property card for the real
843 estate parcel whose revaluation was changed. Nothing in this
844 subsection shall be construed to permit the assessor to post a plan or
845 drawing of a dwelling unit of a residential property's interior on the
846 Internet or to otherwise publish such plan or drawing.

847 (d) (1) The chief executive officer of a town shall notify the Secretary

848 of the Office of Policy and Management that the town is effecting a
849 revaluation by sending a written notice to the secretary not later than
850 thirty days after the date on which such town's assessor signs a grand
851 list that reflects assessments of real property derived from a
852 revaluation. Any town that fails to effect a revaluation for the
853 assessment date required by this section shall be subject to a penalty
854 effective for the fiscal year commencing on the first day of July
855 following such assessment date, and continuing for each successive
856 fiscal year in which the town fails to levy taxes on the basis of such
857 revaluation, provided the secretary shall not impose such penalty with
858 respect to any assessment year in which the provisions of subsection
859 (b) of section 12-117 are applicable. Such penalty shall be the forfeit of
860 the amount otherwise allocable to such town pursuant to section 7-536,
861 and the loss of fifty per cent of the amount of the grant that is payable
862 to such town pursuant to sections 3-55i, 3-55j and 3-55k. Upon
863 imposing said penalty, the secretary shall notify the chief executive
864 officer of the amount of the town's forfeiture for said fiscal year and
865 that the secretary's certification to the State Comptroller for the
866 payments of such grant in said year shall reflect the required
867 reduction.

868 (2) The secretary may waive such penalty if, in the secretary's
869 opinion, there appears to be reasonable cause for the town not having
870 implemented a revaluation for the required assessment date, provided
871 the chief executive officer of the town submits a written request for
872 such waiver. Reasonable cause shall include: (A) An extraordinary
873 circumstance or an act of God, (B) the failure on the part of any
874 revaluation company to complete its contractual duties in a time and
875 manner allowing for the implementation of such revaluation, and
876 provided the town imposed the sanctions for such failure provided in
877 a contract executed with said company, (C) the assessor's death or
878 incapacitation during the conduct of a revaluation, which results in a
879 delay of its implementation, or (D) an order by the superior court for
880 the judicial district in which the town is located postponing such
881 revaluation, or the potential for such an order with respect to a

882 proceeding brought before said court. The chief executive officer shall
883 submit such written request to the secretary not earlier than thirty
884 business days after the date on which the assessor signs a grand list
885 that does not reflect real property assessments based on values
886 established for such required revaluation, and not later than thirty
887 days preceding the July first commencement date of the fiscal year in
888 which said penalty is applicable. Such request shall include the reason
889 for the failure of the town to comply with the provisions of subsection
890 (b) of this section. The chief executive officer of such town shall
891 promptly provide any additional information regarding such failure
892 that the secretary may require. Not later than sixty days after receiving
893 such request and any such additional information, the secretary shall
894 notify the chief executive officer of the secretary's decision to grant or
895 deny the waiver requested, provided the secretary may delay a
896 decision regarding a waiver related to a potential court order until not
897 later than sixty days after the date such court renders the decision. The
898 secretary shall not grant a penalty waiver under the provisions of this
899 subsection with respect to consecutive years unless the General
900 Assembly approves such action.

901 (e) When conducting a revaluation, an assessor may designate a
902 revaluation company certified in accordance with section 12-2b to
903 perform [property] parcel data collection, analysis of such data and
904 any mass appraisal valuation or field review functions, pursuant to a
905 method or methods the assessor approves, and may require such
906 company to prepare and mail the valuation notices required by
907 subsection (f) of this section, provided nothing in this subsection shall
908 relieve any assessor of any other requirement relating to such
909 revaluation imposed by any provisions of the general statutes, any
910 public or special act, the provisions of any municipal charter that are
911 not inconsistent with the requirements of this section, or any
912 regulations adopted pursuant to subsection (g) of this section.

913 (f) Not earlier than the assessment date that is the effective date of a
914 revaluation and not later than the tenth calendar day immediately
915 following the date on which the grand list for said assessment date is

916 signed, the assessor shall mail a written notice to the last-known
917 address of the owner of each parcel of real property that was revalued.
918 Such notice shall include the valuation of such parcel as of said
919 assessment date and the valuation of such parcel in the last-preceding
920 assessment year, and shall provide information describing the
921 property owner's rights to appeal the valuation established for said
922 assessment date, including the manner in which an appeal may be
923 filed with the board of assessment appeals.

924 (g) The secretary shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the
925 provisions of chapter 54, which an assessor shall use when conducting
926 a revaluation. Such regulations shall include (1) provisions governing
927 the management of the revaluation process, including, but not limited
928 to, the method of compiling and maintaining property records,
929 documenting the assessment year during which a full inspection of
930 each parcel of improved real property occurs, and the method of
931 determining real property sales data in support of the mass appraisal
932 process, and (2) provisions establishing criteria for measuring the level
933 and uniformity of assessments generated from a revaluation, provided
934 such criteria shall be applicable to different classes of real property
935 with respect to which a sufficient number of property sales exist.
936 Certification of compliance with not less than one of said regulatory
937 provisions shall be required for each revaluation and the assessor shall,
938 not later than the date on which the grand list reflecting assessments of
939 real property derived from a revaluation is signed, certify to the
940 secretary and the chief executive officer, in writing, that the
941 revaluation was conducted in accordance with said regulatory
942 requirement. Any town effecting a revaluation with respect to which
943 an assessor is unable to certify such compliance shall be subject to the
944 penalty provided in subsection (d) of this section. In the event the
945 assessor designates a revaluation company to perform mass appraisal
946 valuation or field review functions with respect to a revaluation, the
947 assessor and the employee of said company responsible for such
948 function or functions shall jointly sign such certification. The assessor
949 shall retain a copy of such certification and any data in support thereof

950 in the assessor's office. The provisions of subsection (c) of this section
951 concerning the public inspection of criteria, guidelines, price schedules
952 or statement of procedures used in a revaluation shall be applicable to
953 such certification and supporting data.

954 (h) This section shall require the revaluation of real property (1)
955 designated within the 1983 Settlement boundary and taken into trust
956 by the federal government for the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation
957 before June 8, 1999, or (2) taken into trust by the federal government
958 for the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut.

959 (i) Each assessor shall file with the secretary parcel data from each
960 revaluation implemented pursuant to this section upon forms
961 prescribed and furnished by the secretary, which forms shall be so
962 prescribed and furnished not later than thirty days prior to the date set
963 by the secretary for such filing.

964 Sec. 14. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2019*) (a) Not later than July 1, 2020,
965 each regional council of governments shall establish a regional
966 assessment division for the collection and processing of data for each
967 municipality with fifteen thousand parcels or fewer of real property
968 within such council's planning region, as defined in section 4-124i of
969 the general statutes. Such data shall include, but not be limited to,
970 regional geographical information systems, personal property
971 declarations, income and expense statements, property transfers,
972 valuation of motor vehicles and building permit information. Each
973 such municipality shall provide the data requested by the regional
974 assessment division pursuant to this subsection.

975 (b) Each municipality with fifteen thousand parcels or fewer of real
976 property that fails to provide the data requested pursuant to
977 subsection (a) of this section shall be subject to a penalty, imposed by
978 the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, effective for the
979 fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020, and continuing for each
980 successive fiscal year in which the municipality fails to provide such
981 data, provided the secretary shall not impose such penalty with

982 respect to any assessment year in which the provisions of subsection
983 (b) of section 12-117 of the general statutes are applicable. Such penalty
984 shall be the forfeit of the amount otherwise allocable to such
985 municipality pursuant to section 7-536 of the general statutes, and the
986 loss of fifty per cent of the amount of the grant that is payable to such
987 municipality pursuant to sections 3-55i, 3-55j and 3-55k of the general
988 statutes. Upon imposing such penalty, the secretary shall notify such
989 municipality's chief executive officer of the amount of such
990 municipality's forfeiture for such fiscal year and that the secretary's
991 certification to the State Comptroller for the payments of such grant in
992 such year shall reflect the required reduction.

993 Sec. 15. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2019*) (a) Notwithstanding the
994 provisions of the general statutes, any special act, municipal charter or
995 ordinance to the contrary, the tax collector of each municipality shall
996 be appointed by the legislative body of such municipality, which
997 legislative body shall establish the qualifications and compensation of
998 such tax collector, except that any tax collector elected before July 1,
999 2019, shall hold office until the expiration of the term for which such
1000 tax collector was elected.

1001 (b) Not later than July 1, 2022, each municipality with fifteen
1002 thousand parcels or fewer of real property shall establish an
1003 assessment and collection department and shall consolidate into such
1004 department the powers and duties of such municipality's assessor or
1005 board of assessors and the powers and duties of such municipality's
1006 tax collector.

1007 (c) Each municipality with fifteen thousand parcels or fewer of real
1008 property that fails to establish an assessment and collection
1009 department on or before July 1, 2022, shall be subject to a penalty,
1010 imposed by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management,
1011 effective for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2022, and continuing
1012 for each successive fiscal year in which the municipality fails to
1013 establish such department, provided the secretary shall not impose
1014 such penalty with respect to any assessment year in which the

1015 provisions of subsection (b) of section 12-117 of the general statutes are
1016 applicable. Such penalty shall be the forfeit of the amount otherwise
1017 allocable to such municipality pursuant to section 7-536 of the general
1018 statutes, and the loss of fifty per cent of the amount of the grant that is
1019 payable to such municipality pursuant to sections 3-55i, 3-55j and 3-
1020 55k of the general statutes. Upon imposing such penalty, the secretary
1021 shall notify such municipality's chief executive officer of the amount of
1022 such municipality's forfeiture for such fiscal year and that the
1023 secretary's certification to the State Comptroller for the payments of
1024 such grant in such year shall reflect the required reduction.

1025 Sec. 16. Section 7-105 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1026 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

1027 Each person appointed an assessor or a collector of town taxes, or
1028 elected or appointed a member of the board of assessment appeals, [or
1029 a collector of town taxes] in any town shall be sworn before entering
1030 upon the duties of the office to which he has been elected or appointed.

1031 Sec. 17. Section 9-185 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1032 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

1033 Unless otherwise provided by special act or charter, (1) members of
1034 boards of assessment appeals, (2) selectmen, (3) town clerks, (4) town
1035 treasurers, (5) [collectors of taxes, (6)] constables, [(7)] (6) registrars of
1036 voters, [(8)] (7) subject to the provisions of subsection (i) of section 10-
1037 223e, members of boards of education, and [(9)] (8) library directors
1038 shall be elected, provided any town may, by ordinance, provide for the
1039 appointment, by its chief executive authority, of (A) a constable or
1040 constables in lieu of constables to be elected under section 9-200, or (B)
1041 a town clerk [,] or town treasurer [or collector of taxes] in lieu of the
1042 election of such officers as provided in section 9-189. Unless otherwise
1043 provided by special act or charter, all other town officers shall be
1044 appointed as provided by law and, if no other provision for their
1045 appointment is made by law, then (i) by the chief executive officer of
1046 such municipality, (ii) where the legislative body is a town meeting, by

1047 the board of selectmen, or (iii) by such other appointing authority as a
1048 town may by ordinance provide, and except that, if a board of finance
1049 is established under the provisions of section 7-340, the members
1050 thereof shall be elected as provided in section 9-202. Any town may, by
1051 a vote of its legislative body, determine the number of its officers and
1052 prescribe the mode by which they shall be voted for at subsequent
1053 elections.

1054 Sec. 18. Section 9-189 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1055 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

1056 (a) [Each] Before July 1, 2019, each town, unless otherwise provided
1057 by law, shall, at its regular municipal election elect a town clerk for a
1058 term of not less than two years [and] but not more than six years, a
1059 town treasurer for the term of two years and a collector of town taxes
1060 for a term of not less than two years and not more than six. Each such
1061 clerk, treasurer and collector of taxes shall hold office for the term for
1062 which he is elected and until his successor is elected and has qualified.

1063 [(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,
1064 the legislative body of a town may, by ordinance adopted by its
1065 legislative body or in any town in which the legislative body is a town
1066 meeting, by the board of selectmen, authorize appointment of a tax
1067 collector. Such ordinance shall include provisions for the appointment
1068 procedure and shall specify the term of appointment. If the charter,
1069 home rule ordinance or special act of a town provides for the method
1070 of appointment of a tax collector, the method shall be changed by
1071 charter, charter amendment or home rule amendment.]

1072 (b) On and after July 1, 2019, each town shall appoint a collector of
1073 taxes in accordance with the provisions of section 15 of this act, except
1074 that any collector of taxes elected before July 1, 2019, shall hold office
1075 until the expiration of the term for which such tax collector was
1076 elected.

1077 Sec. 19. Section 12-136 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1078 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

1079 The collector of taxes of each town, city or borough shall, before the
1080 commitment to him of any warrant for the collection of taxes, give a
1081 bond [, to run for the term of his office,] for the faithful discharge of his
1082 duties in such sum as is fixed by the selectmen of each town not
1083 consolidated with a city or borough, the mayor and aldermen of each
1084 city or the warden and burgesses of each borough. Each other collector
1085 of taxes shall, before the commitment to him of any warrant for the
1086 collection of taxes, give to the municipal district of which he is such
1087 collector a bond, with surety, to the acceptance of the committee or
1088 other authority signing the rate bill, [to run for the term of his office,]
1089 for the faithful discharge of his duties. The bond of each town tax
1090 collector shall be procured from a surety company of good standing
1091 approved by the selectmen, and the premium on such bond shall be
1092 paid by the town treasurer upon order of the selectmen. If any
1093 collector refuses to receive the rate bill or give the bond required by
1094 law or to collect and pay the tax within the time limited and delivers
1095 up his rate bill, the selectmen or committee of the community may
1096 depute some person to collect the sums due on such rate bill, who shall
1097 give bond as prescribed in this section.

1098 Sec. 20. Section 12-137 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1099 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

1100 When the tax collector of any town, city, borough, fire district or
1101 other municipality, by reason of illness or disability, becomes unable to
1102 discharge the duties of his office, the selectmen of the town, or a
1103 majority of them, or the governing body of any such municipality,
1104 may, by a writing signed by them or by the authorized officer of the
1105 governing body, as the case may be, appoint some suitable person as
1106 acting tax collector, who, upon being sworn and giving a bond
1107 satisfactory to the selectmen or such governing body, may thereupon
1108 exercise all the duties and perform all the functions of such tax
1109 collector until such time as such tax collector is found by such
1110 selectmen or such governing body to have become able to discharge
1111 the duties of his office or until his successor is [elected or] appointed
1112 and has qualified.

1113 Sec. 21. Section 7-148cc of the general statutes is repealed and the
1114 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

1115 [Two] Notwithstanding the provisions of the general statutes or any
1116 special act, charter, special act charter, home-rule ordinance or local
1117 law, two or more municipalities may jointly perform any function that
1118 each municipality may perform separately under any provisions of the
1119 general statutes or of any special act, charter or home rule ordinance
1120 by entering into an interlocal agreement pursuant to sections 7-339a to
1121 7-339l, inclusive. As used in this section, "municipality" means any
1122 municipality, as defined in section 7-187, any district, as defined in
1123 section 7-324, any metropolitan district or any municipal district
1124 created under section 7-330 and located within the state of
1125 Connecticut.

1126 Sec. 22. Subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 28-24 of the
1127 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1128 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

1129 (2) [Develop] (A) Before July 1, 2019, develop and administer an
1130 enhanced emergency 9-1-1 program, which shall provide for: [(A)] (i)
1131 The replacement of existing 9-1-1 terminal equipment for each public
1132 safety answering point; [(B)] (ii) the subsidization of regional public
1133 safety emergency telecommunications centers, with enhanced
1134 subsidization for municipalities with a population of forty thousand or
1135 more; [(C)] (iii) the establishment of a transition grant program to
1136 encourage regionalization of public safety answering points; [(D)] (iv)
1137 the establishment of a regional emergency telecommunications service
1138 credit in order to support regional dispatch services; and [(E)] (v) the
1139 implementation of the next generation 9-1-1 telecommunication
1140 system;

1141 (B) On and after July 1, 2019, develop and administer an enhanced
1142 emergency 9-1-1 program, which shall provide for: (i) The
1143 maintenance and replacement of existing 9-1-1 terminal equipment for
1144 each public safety answering point, provided, on and after July 1, 2024,

1145 each such answering point shall serve a population of forty thousand
1146 or more and may be a regional public safety emergency
1147 telecommunications center; (ii) the subsidization of regional public
1148 safety emergency telecommunications centers, with enhanced
1149 subsidization for municipalities with a population of forty thousand or
1150 more; (iii) the establishment of a transition grant program to encourage
1151 regionalization of public safety answering points. Any transition grant
1152 under such program shall be awarded, as provided in regulations
1153 adopted under this section, to each town or city (I) joining an existing
1154 regional public safety emergency telecommunications center, or (II)
1155 creating a new regional public safety emergency telecommunications
1156 center. The amount of any such grant shall be in an amount not less
1157 than two hundred fifty thousand and up to five hundred thousand
1158 dollars, subject to availability of funds and using a sliding scale based
1159 upon the annual number of 9-1-1 calls placed from each joining or
1160 creating town or city; (iv) the establishment of a regional emergency
1161 telecommunications service credit in order to support regional
1162 dispatch services; and (v) the implementation of the next generation 9-
1163 1-1 telecommunication system as defined in section 28-25;

1164 Sec. 23. Subsections (b) to (e), inclusive, of section 28-24 of the
1165 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1166 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

1167 (b) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection
1168 shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, establishing
1169 eligibility standards for state financial assistance to local or regional
1170 police, fire and emergency medical service agencies providing
1171 emergency service telecommunications. Not later than April 1, 1997,
1172 the commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter
1173 54, in order to carry out the provisions of subparagraph (A) of
1174 subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section. Not later than April 1,
1175 2021, the commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with
1176 chapter 54, in order to carry out the provisions of subparagraph (B) of
1177 subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section.

1178 (c) Within a time period determined by the commissioner to ensure
1179 the availability of funds for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1997, to the
1180 regional emergency telecommunications centers within the state, and
1181 not later than April first of each year thereafter, the commissioner shall
1182 determine the amount of funding needed for the development and
1183 administration of the enhanced emergency 9-1-1 program. The
1184 commissioner shall specify the expenses associated with (1) the
1185 purchase, installation and maintenance of new public safety answering
1186 point terminal equipment, (2) the implementation of the subsidy
1187 program, as described in subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this
1188 section, (3) the implementation of the transition grant program,
1189 described in subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section, (4) the
1190 implementation of the regional emergency telecommunications service
1191 credit, as described in subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section,
1192 provided, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, and each fiscal year
1193 thereafter, such credit for coordinated medical emergency direction
1194 services as provided in regulations adopted under this section shall be
1195 based upon the factor of thirty cents per capita and shall not be
1196 reduced each year, (5) the training of personnel, as necessary, (6)
1197 recurring expenses and future capital costs associated with the
1198 telecommunications network used to provide emergency 9-1-1 service
1199 and the public safety services data networks, (7) for the fiscal year
1200 ending June 30, 2001, and each fiscal year thereafter, the collection,
1201 maintenance and reporting of emergency medical services data, as
1202 required under subparagraph (A) of subdivision (8) of section 19a-177,
1203 provided the amount of expenses specified under this subdivision
1204 shall not exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars in any fiscal year,
1205 (8) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, and each fiscal year
1206 thereafter, the initial training of emergency medical dispatch
1207 personnel, the provision of an emergency medical dispatch priority
1208 reference card set and emergency medical dispatch training and
1209 continuing education pursuant to subdivisions (3) and (4) of
1210 subsection (g) of section 28-25b, (9) the administration of the enhanced
1211 emergency 9-1-1 program by the Division of State-Wide Emergency
1212 Telecommunications, as the commissioner determines to be reasonably

1213 necessary, and (10) the implementation and maintenance of the public
1214 safety data network established pursuant to section 29-1j. The
1215 commissioner shall communicate the commissioner's findings to the
1216 Public Utilities Regulatory Authority not later than April first of each
1217 year.

1218 (d) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year
1219 thereafter, any municipality with a population of less than forty
1220 thousand, which municipality has not joined with two or more other
1221 municipalities to form a regional emergency telecommunications
1222 center, shall not be eligible to receive any funds pursuant to this
1223 section.

1224 ~~[(d)]~~ (e) The division may apply for, receive and distribute any
1225 federal funds available for emergency service telecommunications. The
1226 division shall deposit such federal funds in the Enhanced 9-1-1
1227 Telecommunications Fund established pursuant to section 28-30a, as
1228 amended by this act.

1229 ~~[(e)]~~ (f) The division shall work in cooperation with the Public
1230 Utilities Regulatory Authority to carry out the purposes of this section.

1231 Sec. 24. Subsection (a) of section 28-30a of the general statutes is
1232 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
1233 *October 1, 2019*):

1234 (a) There is established a fund to be known as the "Enhanced 9-1-1
1235 Telecommunications Fund". The fund shall contain any moneys
1236 required by law to be deposited in the fund, including, but not limited
1237 to, any federal funds collected pursuant to subsection ~~[(d)]~~ (e) of
1238 section 28-24, as amended by this act, fees assessed against subscribers
1239 of local telephone service and subscribers of commercial mobile radio
1240 services pursuant to section 16-256g and prepaid wireless E 9-1-1 fees
1241 collected pursuant to section 28-30e. The Enhanced 9-1-1
1242 Telecommunications Fund shall be held separate and apart from all
1243 other moneys, funds and accounts. Interest derived from the
1244 investment of the fund shall be credited to the assets of the fund. Any

1245 balance remaining in the fund at the end of any fiscal year shall be
1246 carried forward in the fund for the fiscal year next succeeding.

1247 Sec. 25. Section 29-305 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1248 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

1249 (a) Each local fire marshal and the State Fire Marshal, for the
1250 purpose of satisfying themselves that all pertinent statutes and
1251 regulations are complied with, may inspect in the interests of public
1252 safety all buildings, facilities, processes, equipment, systems and other
1253 areas regulated by the Fire Safety Code and the State Fire Prevention
1254 Code within their respective jurisdictions.

1255 (b) Each local fire marshal shall inspect or cause to be inspected, at
1256 least once each calendar year or as often as prescribed by the State Fire
1257 Marshal pursuant to subsection (e) of this section, in the interests of
1258 public safety, all buildings and facilities of public service and all
1259 occupancies regulated by the Fire Safety Code within the local fire
1260 marshal's jurisdiction, except residential buildings designed to be
1261 occupied by (1) one or two families which shall be inspected, upon
1262 complaint or request of an owner or occupant, only for the purpose of
1263 determining whether the requirements specified in said codes relative
1264 to smoke detection and warning equipment have been satisfied; (2)
1265 three to six families, which shall be inspected at least once every three
1266 calendar years; and (3) seven to sixteen families, which shall be
1267 inspected at least once every two calendar years. In the case of a school
1268 building, each local fire marshal shall submit a written report to the
1269 local or regional board of education documenting each such
1270 inspection. Nothing in this subsection shall preclude a local fire
1271 marshal from inspecting or causing to be inspected a residential
1272 building designed to be occupied by three or more families at least
1273 once each calendar year.

1274 (c) Upon receipt by the State Fire Marshal of information from an
1275 authentic source that any other building or facility within the State Fire
1276 Marshal's jurisdiction is hazardous to life safety from fire, the State Fire

1277 Marshal shall inspect such building or facility.

1278 (d) Upon receipt by the local fire marshal of information from an
1279 authentic source that any other building or facility within the local fire
1280 marshal's jurisdiction is hazardous to life safety from fire, the local fire
1281 marshal shall inspect such building or facility. In each case in which
1282 the local fire marshal conducts an inspection, the local fire marshal
1283 shall be satisfied that all pertinent statutes and regulations are
1284 complied with, and shall keep a record of such investigations. Such
1285 local fire marshal or a designee shall have the right of entry at all
1286 reasonable hours into or upon any premises within the local fire
1287 marshal's jurisdiction for the performance of the fire marshal's duties
1288 except that occupied dwellings and habitations, exclusive of common
1289 use passageways and rooms in tenement houses, hotels and rooming
1290 houses, may only be entered for inspections between the hours of 9:00
1291 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., except in the event of any emergency requiring
1292 immediate attention for life safety, or in the interests of public safety.
1293 Each local fire marshal shall make a monthly report to the authority
1294 which appointed the local fire marshal and shall be paid for his or her
1295 services in making such inspections of buildings, facilities, processes,
1296 equipment, systems and other areas the compensation agreed upon
1297 with such appointing authority.

1298 (e) The State Fire Marshal may adopt amendments to the Fire Safety
1299 Code and the State Fire Prevention Code regarding requirements for
1300 the frequency of inspections of different building uses regulated by the
1301 codes and set forth a schedule of inspections, except for inspections of
1302 residential buildings, [designed to be occupied by three or more
1303 families,] that are less frequent than yearly if the interests of public
1304 safety can be met by less frequent inspections.

1305 Sec. 26. Subdivision (6) of subsection (b) of section 7-576d of the
1306 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1307 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

1308 (6) With respect to any proposed collective bargaining agreement or

1309 amendments negotiated pursuant to sections 7-467 to 7-477, inclusive,
 1310 including any such agreement negotiated by a board of education,
 1311 notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (d) of section 7-474, or
 1312 pursuant to section 10-153d, the board shall have the same opportunity
 1313 and authority to approve or reject, on not more than two occasions,
 1314 collective bargaining agreements or amendments as [is] are provided
 1315 to the legislative body of such municipality in said respective sections,
 1316 except that (A) any such agreement negotiated by a board of education
 1317 shall be submitted to the board by the bargaining representative of
 1318 such board of education not later than fourteen days after any such
 1319 agreement is reached, and (B) the board shall act upon such
 1320 agreement, pursuant to this subdivision, not later than thirty days after
 1321 submission by such bargaining representative.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>July 1, 2019</i> | 7-395 |
| Sec. 2 | <i>July 1, 2019</i> | 2-79a |
| Sec. 3 | <i>July 1, 2019</i> | 2-32c |
| Sec. 4 | <i>July 1, 2019</i> | 4-66k |
| Sec. 5 | <i>July 1, 2019</i> | 4-66r |
| Sec. 6 | <i>July 1, 2019</i> | 4-124s(b) to (e) |
| Sec. 7 | <i>from passage</i> | New section |
| Sec. 8 | <i>from passage</i> | New section |
| Sec. 9 | <i>from passage</i> | New section |
| Sec. 10 | <i>from passage</i> | New section |
| Sec. 11 | <i>July 1, 2019</i> | 32-665(a) |
| Sec. 12 | <i>July 1, 2019</i> | 4-66n(b) |
| Sec. 13 | <i>July 1, 2019</i> | 12-62 |
| Sec. 14 | <i>July 1, 2019</i> | New section |
| Sec. 15 | <i>July 1, 2019</i> | New section |
| Sec. 16 | <i>July 1, 2019</i> | 7-105 |
| Sec. 17 | <i>July 1, 2019</i> | 9-185 |
| Sec. 18 | <i>July 1, 2019</i> | 9-189 |
| Sec. 19 | <i>July 1, 2019</i> | 12-136 |
| Sec. 20 | <i>July 1, 2019</i> | 12-137 |
| Sec. 21 | <i>July 1, 2019</i> | 7-148cc |
| Sec. 22 | <i>July 1, 2019</i> | 28-24(a)(2) |

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| Sec. 23 | <i>October 1, 2019</i> | 28-24(b) to (e) |
| Sec. 24 | <i>October 1, 2019</i> | 28-30a(a) |
| Sec. 25 | <i>July 1, 2019</i> | 29-305 |
| Sec. 26 | <i>July 1, 2019</i> | 7-576d(b)(6) |

Statement of Purpose:

To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

[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.]