OLR Bill Analysis
HB 7207 (as amended by House "A")*

AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF CERTAIN NEW MUNICIPAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.

SUMMARY
This bill prohibits a municipality's legislative body from approving any new municipal construction project estimated to cost more than $25 million without first allowing for public comment on the project at a public hearing in the municipality prior to initiating the competitive bidding process. The bill requires the hearing to meet notice requirements under existing laws and allows the hearing to take place during a town meeting or meeting of a city or borough.

Under the bill, the requirement applies (1) to towns, cities, boroughs, consolidated towns and cities, and consolidated towns and boroughs and (2) regardless of any conflicting statute, special act, charter, or ordinance.

*House Amendment “A” applies the bill’s provisions to boroughs and explicitly requires hearings to meet notice requirements in existing law.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2019

COMMITTEE ACTION
Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable
Yea 19  Nay 0  (03/08/2019)