Proposed Substitute
Bill No. 7226

LCO No. 5642

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE INCENTIVES FOR TEACHERS TO LIVE IN CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES.

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

Section 1. (Effective from passage) (a) The Office of Policy and Management, in cooperation with the Departments of Housing and Education, shall establish a teacher housing pilot program to provide housing incentives for educators who work in alliance districts, as defined in section 10-262u of the general statutes, to live within the city limits of the alliance district in which they teach.

(b) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, in consultation with the Departments of Housing and Education, shall issue a request for proposals by December 1, 2019, for any municipality in the state designated as an alliance district pursuant to section 10-262u of the general statutes to apply for consideration for participation in the teacher housing pilot program.

(c) A municipality designated as an alliance district pursuant to section 10-262u of the general statutes, in collaboration with such alliance district’s local or regional board of education, shall submit plans to the Office of Policy and Management not later than June 1, 2020. Such plans may include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) Partnering with interested developers to turn abandoned structures into safe, affordable housing for educators;
(2) Working with developers to turn properties already owned by the district into affordable housing units for educators;

(3) Partnering with the state to take advantage of existing tax credits or rental assistance programs for such purposes; or

(4) Partnering with the state on another plan that the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management determines to be financially feasible.

(d) Not later than September 1, 2020, the Office of Policy and Management shall approve no more than two municipalities for participation in the pilot program. All educators, including, but not limited to, administrators, teachers and paraprofessionals who work within the selected municipalities shall be eligible to apply for any housing services and incentives that are provided under the teacher housing pilot program.

(e) The Office of Policy and Management shall require municipalities that are selected for participation in the teacher housing pilot program to provide updates on their progress in the pilot program. The Office of Policy and Management shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters related to housing not later than January 1, 2021, concerning the status of the pilot program. Such report shall include, but not be limited to, an evaluation of the results of the pilot program and any findings and recommendations with regard to future implementation of similar programs in other municipalities.

(f) The Office of Policy and Management shall fund the pilot program within available resources.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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