

**Proposed Substitute
Bill No. 548**

LCO No. 6687

**AN ACT CONCERNING COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2019*) (a) Except as provided in
2 subsection (b) of this section, in each municipality with a population of
3 more than sixty thousand, as enumerated in the 2010 federal decennial
4 census, and having a total area of not more than thirty square miles,
5 the chief executive officer of such municipality shall establish and
6 appoint members to one community investment board for each
7 neighborhood in the municipality. Each community investment board
8 may be comprised of, but need not be limited to, residents, business
9 owners, religious leaders, community development corporation
10 representatives and community group representatives. Such boards
11 shall identify priorities for the use of municipal revenue sharing grants
12 awarded pursuant to section 4-66l of the general statutes, as amended
13 by this act, and section 12-18c of the general statutes, as amended by
14 this act.

15 (b) If any municipality described in subsection (a) of this section has
16 established a neighborhood revitalization zone for a neighborhood
17 pursuant to section 7-600 of the general statutes, the chief executive
18 officer of such municipality shall designate the neighborhood
19 revitalization planning committee of such neighborhood, as described
20 in section 7-601 of the general statutes, as the community investment
21 board for such neighborhood for the purposes of carrying out the
22 provisions of said subsection.

23 Sec. 2. Section 4-66l of the general statutes is amended by adding
24 subsection (j) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

25 (NEW) (j) On and after October 1, 2022, any municipal revenue
26 sharing grant awarded pursuant to this section to a municipality
27 whose chief executive officer has established or designated community
28 investment boards pursuant to section 1 of this act may be expended
29 by such municipality as follows: (1) Thirty-five per cent of such grant
30 shall be expended on priorities identified by such community
31 investment boards, (2) thirty-five per cent of such grant shall be
32 expended on priorities identified by the legislative body of the
33 municipality, and (3) thirty per cent of such grant shall be expended on
34 priorities jointly agreed upon by such community investment boards
35 and the legislative body of the municipality.

36 Sec. 3. Section 12-18c of the general statutes is repealed and the
37 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

38 (a) There is established an account to be known as the "select
39 payment in lieu of taxes account" which shall be a separate, nonlapsing
40 account within the General Fund. The account shall contain any
41 moneys required by law to be deposited in the account. Moneys in the
42 account shall be expended by the Office of Policy and Management for
43 the purposes of making select grants to municipalities and districts for
44 payments in lieu of taxes as provided for in subdivision (1) of
45 subsection (e) of section 12-18b, subparagraphs (B) and (C) of
46 subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of section 12-18b, subdivision (3) of
47 subsection (e) of section 12-18b and for any other purpose expressly
48 provided by law.

49 (b) Any select grant for payment in lieu of taxes awarded to a
50 municipality whose chief executive officer has established or
51 designated community investment boards pursuant to section 1 of this
52 act may be expended by such municipality as provided in subsection
53 (j) of section 4-66l, as amended by this act.

54 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2019*) (a) Not later than January 1,
55 2021, the Office of Policy and Management shall create and maintain
56 an Internet web site to allow residents and organizations to submit
57 proposals for solutions to problems specific to urban areas to the Office

58 of Policy and Management.

59 (b) If the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the
60 secretary's designee, determines that a proposal submitted through the
61 Internet web site created pursuant to subsection (a) of this subsection
62 is viable, the secretary shall (1) identify a municipality or
63 neighborhood in which to establish a pilot program to implement the
64 proposal, (2) establish the pilot program in such municipality or
65 neighborhood, (3) monitor the implementation of the pilot program,
66 and (4) assess the results of the pilot program.

67 (c) The Office of Policy and Management shall, within available
68 appropriations, provide a monetary award to each resident or
69 organization that submits a proposal through the Internet web site
70 created pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, if the secretary, or the
71 secretary's designee, determines that a pilot program established to
72 implement the proposal was successful after assessing the results of
73 the pilot program pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

74 Sec. 5. (*Effective July 1, 2019*) (a) There is established a task force to
75 study the (1) programs for which state funding is utilized by nonprofit
76 providers, and (2) requirements imposed on nonprofit providers by
77 state agencies and compliance with those requirements by nonprofit
78 providers.

79 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

80 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

81 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

82 (3) Two appointed by the majority leader of the House of
83 Representatives;

84 (4) Two appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

85 (5) Two appointed by the minority leader of the House of
86 Representatives; and

87 (6) Two appointed by the minority leader of the Senate.

88 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
89 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
90 of the General Assembly.

91 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
92 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
93 filled by the appointing authority.

94 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
95 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force
96 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall
97 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not
98 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

99 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
100 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to planning
101 and development shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

102 (g) Not later than January 1, 2020, the task force shall submit a
103 report on its findings and any recommendations to the joint standing
104 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
105 relating to planning and development, in accordance with the
106 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall
107 terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2020,
108 whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	4-66l
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	12-18c
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	New section