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Introduced by:
(PD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING COMMUNITY INVESTMENT BOARDS AND
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2020*) (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, the
5 chief executive officer of such municipality shall establish and appoint
6 members to one community investment board for each neighborhood in
7 the municipality. Each community investment board may be comprised
8 of, but need not be limited to, residents, business owners, religious
9 leaders, community development corporation representatives and
10 community group representatives. Such boards shall identify priorities
11 for the use of municipal revenue sharing grants awarded pursuant to
12 section 4-66l of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and select
13 grants for payment in lieu of taxes awarded pursuant to section 12-18c
14 of the general statutes, as amended by 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, 2023*):

25 (NEW) (j) On and after October 1, 2023, any municipal revenue
26 sharing grant awarded pursuant to this section to a municipality whose
27 chief executive officer has established or designated community
28 investment boards pursuant to section 1 of this act may be expended by
29 such municipality as follows: (1) Thirty-five per cent of such grant shall
30 be expended on priorities identified by such community investment
31 boards, (2) thirty-five per cent of such grant shall be expended on
32 priorities identified by the legislative body of the municipality, and (3)
33 thirty per cent of such grant shall be expended on priorities jointly
34 agreed upon by such community investment boards and the legislative
35 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, 2020*):

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

47 section 12-18b and for any other purpose expressly provided by law.

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

53 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2020*) (a) Not later than January 1, 2022,
54 the Office of Policy and Management shall, within available
55 appropriations, create and maintain an Internet web site to allow
56 residents and organizations to submit proposals for solutions to
57 problems specific to urban areas to the Office of Policy and
58 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 is
62 viable, the secretary shall (1) identify a municipality or neighborhood in
63 which to establish a pilot program to implement the proposal, (2)
64 establish the pilot program in such municipality or neighborhood, (3)
65 monitor the implementation of the pilot program, and (4) assess the
66 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 the
73 pilot program pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

74 Sec. 5. (*Effective July 1, 2020*) (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 pro
95 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from
96 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule
97 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty
98 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, 2021, the task force shall submit a report
103 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, 2021,
108 whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2020</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	4-66l
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2020</i>	12-18c
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2020</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2020</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To (1) require certain municipalities to establish community investment boards to identify priorities for the use of municipal revenue sharing grants and select grants for payment in lieu of taxes, (2) require the Office of Policy and Management to accept proposals for solutions to problems specific to urban areas and establish pilot programs to implement such proposals, and (3) establish a task force to study issues concerning nonprofit providers.

[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.]