



House of Representatives

File No. 757

General Assembly

January Session, 2021 **(Reprint of File No. 654)**

Substitute House Bill No. 6655
As Amended by House Amendment
Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner
May 28, 2021

AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL REGIONALIZATION.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) Any provision of a
2 municipal charter, special act or home rule ordinance that prohibits or
3 limits a municipality from sharing services with other municipalities is
4 hereby repealed, revoked and rescinded.

5 (b) Any collective bargaining unit may enter into an agreement with
6 one or more collective bargaining units to establish a coalition
7 bargaining unit to negotiate with municipalities or boards of education
8 for the provision of public services on a regional basis, including, but
9 not limited to, education, police services, fire-fighting services and
10 emergency medical services.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: See Below

The Out Years

The bill repeals any municipal ordinance that prohibits or limits a municipality's ability to share services with other municipalities. Any impact would depend on the extent to which this facilitates service sharing among municipalities, and the terms of those service sharing agreements.

The bill also allows any group of collective bargaining units to establish a coalition collective bargaining unit. Any impact would depend on the terms of any collective bargaining agreements entered in to by such a coalition.

House "A" strikes the underlying bill and results in the above identified fiscal impact.

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: See Above

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 6655 (as amended by House "A")*****AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL TAXATION AND INCENTIVIZING REGIONALIZATION.****SUMMARY**

This bill deems that any provision of a municipal charter, special act, or home rule ordinance that prohibits or limits a municipality from sharing services with other municipalities is repealed, revoked, and rescinded.

Additionally, the bill explicitly allows collective bargaining units to enter into agreements with other units to establish a coalition bargaining unit to negotiate with multiple municipalities or boards of education to provide regional public services, including education, police, fire, and emergency medical services.

*House Amendment "A" (1) eliminates the original bill's provisions (a) imposing property tax limits; (b) allowing municipalities to impose a local tax on income, goods, services, or other tangible or intangible assets; and (c) establishing state grants for municipalities that enter into interlocal agreements to jointly provide services that they currently provide separately, and (2) extends the bill's coalition bargaining provision to collective bargaining units negotiating with boards of education.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2021

COMMITTEE ACTION

Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 32 Nay 16 (04/22/2021)