



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 6281

LCO No. 1931



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Referred to Committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Introduced by:
REP. REBIMBAS, 70th Dist.

AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL BINDING ARBITRATION.

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

1 That chapter 113 of the general statutes be amended to provide that
2 (1) if the parties to an arbitration cannot agree on a neutral arbitrator,
3 either side may petition the Superior Court to appoint a state referee as
4 the neutral arbitrator; (2) all arbitration hearings shall be open to the
5 public and documents submitted during such arbitration shall be public
6 records; (3) a municipality's ability to pay employee compensation from
7 ongoing revenues without reducing municipal services shall be the
8 primary factor for consideration by an arbitration board; and (4) an
9 arbitration board shall not approve an award that would (A) increase
10 the projected cost of employee compensation at a rate that is greater than
11 the five-year average increase of sales and property taxes, (B)
12 retroactively increase or decrease employee compensation other than
13 base wages for service already rendered, (C) create a new unfunded
14 liability for the municipality, or (D) interfere with the discretion of
15 municipal police or fire chiefs to make operational or staffing decisions.

Statement of Purpose:

To reform the process of municipal binding arbitration.