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Request of the Governor Pursuant
to Joint Rule 9

***AN ACT EXPANDING ACCESS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND
MODERNIZING LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 1-200 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

3 As used in this chapter, the following words and phrases shall have
4 the following meanings, except where such terms are used in a context
5 which clearly indicates the contrary:

6 (1) "Public agency" or "agency" means:

7 (A) Any executive, administrative or legislative office of the state or
8 any political subdivision of the state and any state or town agency, any
9 department, institution, bureau, board, commission, authority or official
10 of the state or of any city, town, borough, municipal corporation, school

11 district, regional district or other district or other political subdivision of
12 the state, including any committee of, or created by, any such office,
13 subdivision, agency, department, institution, bureau, board,
14 commission, authority or official, and also includes any judicial office,
15 official, or body or committee thereof but only with respect to its or their
16 administrative functions, and for purposes of this subparagraph,
17 "judicial office" includes, but is not limited to, the Division of Public
18 Defender Services;

19 (B) Any person to the extent such person is deemed to be the
20 functional equivalent of a public agency pursuant to law; or

21 (C) Any "implementing agency", as defined in section 32-222.

22 (2) "Meeting" means any hearing or other proceeding of a public
23 agency, any convening or assembly of a quorum of a multimember
24 public agency, and any communication by or to a quorum of a
25 multimember public agency, [whether in person or by means of
26 electronic equipment,] to discuss or act upon a matter over which the
27 public agency has supervision, control, jurisdiction or advisory power.
28 "Meeting" does not include: Any meeting of a personnel search
29 committee for executive level employment candidates; any chance
30 meeting, or a social meeting neither planned nor intended for the
31 purpose of discussing matters relating to official business; strategy or
32 negotiations with respect to collective bargaining; a caucus of members
33 of a single political party notwithstanding that such members also
34 constitute a quorum of a public agency; an administrative or staff
35 meeting of a single-member public agency; and communication limited
36 to notice of meetings of any public agency or the agendas thereof. A
37 quorum of the members of a public agency who are present at any event
38 which has been noticed and conducted as a meeting of another public
39 agency under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act shall not
40 be deemed to be holding a meeting of the public agency of which they
41 are members as a result of their presence at such event.

42 (3) "Caucus" means (A) a convening or assembly of the enrolled

43 members of a single political party who are members of a public agency
44 within the state or a political subdivision, or (B) the members of a
45 multimember public agency, which members constitute a majority of
46 the membership of the agency, or the other members of the agency who
47 constitute a minority of the membership of the agency, who register
48 their intention to be considered a majority caucus or minority caucus, as
49 the case may be, for the purposes of the Freedom of Information Act,
50 provided (i) the registration is made with the office of the Secretary of
51 the State for any such public agency of the state, in the office of the clerk
52 of a political subdivision of the state for any public agency of a political
53 subdivision of the state, or in the office of the clerk of each municipal
54 member of any multitown district or agency, (ii) no member is
55 registered in more than one caucus at any one time, (iii) no such
56 member's registration is rescinded during the member's remaining term
57 of office, and (iv) a member may remain a registered member of the
58 majority caucus or minority caucus regardless of whether the member
59 changes his or her party affiliation under chapter 143.

60 (4) "Person" means natural person, partnership, corporation, limited
61 liability company, association or society.

62 (5) "Public records or files" means any recorded data or information
63 relating to the conduct of the public's business prepared, owned, used,
64 received or retained by a public agency, or to which a public agency is
65 entitled to receive a copy by law or contract under section 1-218,
66 whether such data or information be handwritten, typed, tape-recorded,
67 videotaped, printed, photostated, photographed or recorded by any
68 other method.

69 (6) "Executive sessions" means a meeting of a public agency at which
70 the public is excluded for one or more of the following purposes: (A)
71 Discussion concerning the appointment, employment, performance,
72 evaluation, health or dismissal of a public officer or employee, provided
73 that such individual may require that discussion be held at an open
74 meeting; (B) strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims or
75 pending litigation to which the public agency or a member thereof,

76 because of the member's conduct as a member of such agency, is a party
77 until such litigation or claim has been finally adjudicated or otherwise
78 settled; (C) matters concerning security strategy or the deployment of
79 security personnel, or devices affecting public security; (D) discussion
80 of the selection of a site or the lease, sale or purchase of real estate by the
81 state or a political subdivision of the state when publicity regarding such
82 site, lease, sale, purchase or construction would adversely impact the
83 price of such site, lease, sale, purchase or construction until such time as
84 all of the property has been acquired or all proceedings or transactions
85 concerning same have been terminated or abandoned; and (E)
86 discussion of any matter which would result in the disclosure of public
87 records or the information contained therein described in subsection (b)
88 of section 1-210.

89 (7) "Personnel search committee" means a body appointed by a public
90 agency, whose sole purpose is to recommend to the appointing agency
91 a candidate or candidates for an executive-level employment position.
92 Members of a "personnel search committee" shall not be considered in
93 determining whether there is a quorum of the appointing or any other
94 public agency.

95 (8) "Pending claim" means a written notice to an agency which sets
96 forth a demand for legal relief or which asserts a legal right stating the
97 intention to institute an action in an appropriate forum if such relief or
98 right is not granted.

99 (9) "Pending litigation" means (A) a written notice to an agency which
100 sets forth a demand for legal relief or which asserts a legal right stating
101 the intention to institute an action before a court if such relief or right is
102 not granted by the agency; (B) the service of a complaint against an
103 agency returnable to a court which seeks to enforce or implement legal
104 relief or a legal right; or (C) the agency's consideration of action to
105 enforce or implement legal relief or a legal right.

106 (10) "Freedom of Information Act" means this chapter.

107 (11) "Governmental function" means the administration or

108 management of a program of a public agency, which program has been
109 authorized by law to be administered or managed by a person, where
110 (A) the person receives funding from the public agency for
111 administering or managing the program, (B) the public agency is
112 involved in or regulates to a significant extent such person's
113 administration or management of the program, whether or not such
114 involvement or regulation is direct, pervasive, continuous or day-to-
115 day, and (C) the person participates in the formulation of governmental
116 policies or decisions in connection with the administration or
117 management of the program and such policies or decisions bind the
118 public agency. "Governmental function" shall not include the mere
119 provision of goods or services to a public agency without the delegated
120 responsibility to administer or manage a program of a public agency.

121 (12) "Electronic equipment" means any technology that facilitates
122 real-time public access to meetings, including, but not limited to,
123 telephonic, video or other conferencing platforms.

124 (13) "Electronic transmission" means any form or process of
125 communication not directly involving the physical transfer of paper or
126 another tangible medium, which (A) is capable of being retained,
127 retrieved and reproduced by the recipient, and (B) is retrievable in paper
128 form by the recipient.

129 Sec. 2. Section 1-206 of the general statutes is repealed and the
130 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

131 (a) Any denial of the right to inspect or copy records provided for
132 under section 1-210 shall be made to the person requesting such right
133 by the public agency official who has custody or control of the public
134 record, in writing, within four business days of such request, except
135 when the request is determined to be subject to subsections (b) and (c)
136 of section 1-214, in which case such denial shall be made, in writing,
137 within ten business days of such request. Failure to comply with a
138 request to so inspect or copy such public record within the applicable
139 number of business days shall be deemed to be a denial.

140 (b) (1) Any person denied the right to inspect or copy records under
141 section 1-210 or wrongfully denied the right to attend any meeting of a
142 public agency or denied any other right conferred by the Freedom of
143 Information Act may appeal therefrom to the Freedom of Information
144 Commission, by filing a notice of appeal with said commission. A notice
145 of appeal shall be filed not later than thirty days after such denial, except
146 in the case of an unnoticed or secret meeting, in which case the appeal
147 shall be filed not later than thirty days after the person filing the appeal
148 receives actual or constructive notice that such meeting was held. For
149 purposes of this subsection, such notice of appeal shall be deemed to be
150 filed on the date it is received by said commission or on the date it is
151 postmarked, if received more than thirty days after the date of the denial
152 from which such appeal is taken. Upon receipt of such notice, the
153 commission shall serve upon all parties, by certified or registered mail
154 or by electronic transmission received in the manner described in
155 section 1-280, a copy of such notice together with any other notice or
156 order of such commission. In the case of the denial of a request to inspect
157 or copy records contained in a public employee's personnel or medical
158 file or similar file under subsection (c) of section 1-214, the commission
159 shall include with its notice or order an order requiring the public
160 agency to notify any employee whose records are the subject of an
161 appeal, and the employee's collective bargaining representative, if any,
162 of the commission's proceedings and, if any such employee or collective
163 bargaining representative has filed an objection under said subsection
164 (c), the agency shall provide the required notice to such employee and
165 collective bargaining representative by certified mail, return receipt
166 requested, electronic transmission received in the manner described in
167 section 1-280 or by hand delivery with a signed receipt. A public
168 employee whose personnel or medical file or similar file is the subject of
169 an appeal under this subsection may intervene as a party in the
170 proceedings on the matter before the commission. Said commission
171 shall, after due notice to the parties, hear and decide the appeal within
172 one year after the filing of the notice of appeal. The commission shall
173 adopt regulations in accordance with chapter 54, establishing criteria for
174 those appeals which shall be privileged in their assignment for hearing.

175 Any such appeal shall be heard not later than thirty days after receipt of
176 a notice of appeal and decided not later than sixty days after the hearing.
177 If a notice of appeal concerns an announced agency decision to meet in
178 executive session or an ongoing agency practice of meeting in executive
179 sessions, for a stated purpose, the commission or a member or members
180 of the commission designated by its chairperson shall serve notice upon
181 the parties in accordance with this section and hold a preliminary
182 hearing on the appeal not later than seventy-two hours after receipt of
183 the notice, provided such notice shall be given to the parties at least
184 forty-eight hours prior to such hearing. During such preliminary
185 hearing, the commission shall take evidence and receive testimony from
186 the parties. If after the preliminary hearing the commission finds
187 probable cause to believe that the agency decision or practice is in
188 violation of sections 1-200, as amended by this act, and 1-225, as
189 amended by this act, the agency shall not meet in executive session for
190 such purpose until the commission decides the appeal. If probable cause
191 is found by the commission, it shall conduct a final hearing on the
192 appeal and render its decision not later than five days after the
193 completion of the preliminary hearing. Such decision shall specify the
194 commission's findings of fact and conclusions of law.

195 (2) In any appeal to the Freedom of Information Commission under
196 subdivision (1) of this subsection or subsection (c) of this section, the
197 commission may confirm the action of the agency or order the agency
198 to provide relief that the commission, in its discretion, believes
199 appropriate to rectify the denial of any right conferred by the Freedom
200 of Information Act. The commission may declare null and void any
201 action taken at any meeting which a person was denied the right to
202 attend and may require the production or copying of any public record.
203 In addition, upon the finding that a denial of any right created by the
204 Freedom of Information Act was without reasonable grounds and after
205 the custodian or other official directly responsible for the denial has
206 been given an opportunity to be heard at a hearing conducted in
207 accordance with sections 4-176e to 4-184, inclusive, the commission
208 may, in its discretion, impose against the custodian or other official a

209 civil penalty of not less than twenty dollars nor more than one thousand
210 dollars. If the commission finds that a person has taken an appeal under
211 this subsection frivolously, without reasonable grounds and solely for
212 the purpose of harassing the agency from which the appeal has been
213 taken, after such person has been given an opportunity to be heard at a
214 hearing conducted in accordance with sections 4-176e to 4-184,
215 inclusive, the commission may, in its discretion, impose against that
216 person a civil penalty of not less than twenty dollars nor more than one
217 thousand dollars. The commission shall notify a person of a penalty
218 levied against him pursuant to this subsection by written notice sent by
219 certified or registered mail or electronic transmission received in the
220 manner described in section 1-280. If a person fails to pay the penalty
221 within thirty days of receiving such notice, the Superior Court shall, on
222 application of the commission, issue an order requiring the person to
223 pay the penalty imposed. If the executive director of the commission has
224 reason to believe an appeal under subdivision (1) of this subsection or
225 subsection (c) of this section (A) presents a claim beyond the
226 commission's jurisdiction; (B) would perpetrate an injustice; or (C)
227 would constitute an abuse of the commission's administrative process,
228 the executive director shall not schedule the appeal for hearing without
229 first seeking and obtaining leave of the commission. The commission
230 shall provide due notice to the parties and review affidavits and written
231 argument that the parties may submit and grant or deny such leave
232 summarily at its next regular meeting. The commission shall grant such
233 leave unless it finds that the appeal: (i) Does not present a claim within
234 the commission's jurisdiction; (ii) would perpetrate an injustice; or (iii)
235 would constitute an abuse of the commission's administrative process.
236 Any party aggrieved by the commission's denial of such leave may
237 apply to the superior court for the judicial district of New Britain, within
238 fifteen days of the commission meeting at which such leave was denied,
239 for an order requiring the commission to hear such appeal.

240 (3) In making the findings and determination under subdivision (2)
241 of this subsection the commission shall consider the nature of any
242 injustice or abuse of administrative process, including but not limited

243 to: (A) The nature, content, language or subject matter of the request or
244 the appeal, including, among other factors, whether the request or
245 appeal is repetitious or cumulative; (B) the nature, content, language or
246 subject matter of prior or contemporaneous requests or appeals by the
247 person making the request or taking the appeal; (C) the nature, content,
248 language or subject matter of other verbal and written communications
249 to any agency or any official of any agency from the person making the
250 request or taking the appeal; (D) any history of nonappearance at
251 commission proceedings or disruption of the commission's
252 administrative process, including, but not limited to, delaying
253 commission proceedings; and (E) the refusal to participate in settlement
254 conferences conducted by a commission ombudsman in accordance
255 with the commission's regulations.

256 (4) Notwithstanding any provision of this subsection to the contrary,
257 in the case of an appeal to the commission of a denial by a public agency,
258 the commission may, upon motion of such agency, confirm the action of
259 the agency and dismiss the appeal without a hearing if it finds, after
260 examining the notice of appeal and construing all allegations most
261 favorably to the appellant, that (A) the agency has not violated the
262 Freedom of Information Act, or (B) the agency has committed a technical
263 violation of the Freedom of Information Act that constitutes a harmless
264 error that does not infringe the appellant's rights under said act.

265 (5) Notwithstanding any provision of this subsection, a public agency
266 may petition the commission for relief from a requester that the public
267 agency alleges is a vexatious requester. Such petition shall be sworn
268 under penalty of false statement, as provided in section 53a-157b, and
269 shall detail the conduct which the agency alleges demonstrates a
270 vexatious history of requests, including, but not limited to: (A) The
271 number of requests filed and the total number of pending requests; (B)
272 the scope of the requests; (C) the nature, content, language or subject
273 matter of the requests; (D) the nature, content, language or subject
274 matter of other oral and written communications to the agency from the
275 requester; and (E) a pattern of conduct that amounts to an abuse of the
276 right to access information under the Freedom of Information Act or an

277 interference with the operation of the agency. Upon receipt of such
278 petition, the executive director of the commission shall review the
279 petition and determine whether it warrants a hearing. If the executive
280 director determines that a hearing is not warranted, the executive
281 director shall recommend that the commission deny the petition
282 without a hearing. The commission shall vote at its next regular meeting
283 after such recommendation to accept or reject such recommendation
284 and, after such meeting, shall issue a written explanation of the reasons
285 for such acceptance or rejection. If the executive director determines that
286 a hearing is warranted, the commission shall serve upon all parties, by
287 certified or registered mail or electronic transmission received in the
288 manner described in section 1-280, a copy of such petition together with
289 any other notice or order of the commission. The commission shall, after
290 due notice to the parties, hear and either grant or deny the petition
291 within one year after its filing. Upon a grant of such petition, the
292 commission may provide appropriate relief commensurate with the
293 vexatious conduct, including, but not limited to, an order that the
294 agency need not comply with future requests from the vexatious
295 requester for a specified period of time, but not to exceed one year. Any
296 party aggrieved by the commission's granting of such petition may
297 apply to the superior court for the judicial district of New Britain, within
298 fifteen days of the commission meeting at which such petition was
299 granted, for an order reversing the commission's decision.

300 (c) Any person who does not receive proper notice of any meeting of
301 a public agency in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of
302 Information Act may appeal under the provisions of subsection (b) of
303 this section. A public agency of the state shall be presumed to have given
304 timely and proper notice of any meeting as provided for in said
305 Freedom of Information Act if notice is given in the Connecticut Law
306 Journal or a Legislative Bulletin. A public agency of a political
307 subdivision shall be presumed to have given proper notice of any
308 meeting, if a notice is timely sent under the provisions of said Freedom
309 of Information Act by (1) first-class mail to the address, or (2) electronic
310 transmission to the information processing system, as defined in section

311 1-267, indicated in the request of the person requesting the same. If such
312 commission determines that notice was improper, it may, in its sound
313 discretion, declare any or all actions taken at such meeting null and
314 void.

315 (d) Any party aggrieved by the decision of said commission may
316 appeal therefrom, in accordance with the provisions of section 4-183.
317 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 4-183, in any such appeal of
318 a decision of the commission, the court may conduct an in camera
319 review of the original or a certified copy of the records which are at issue
320 in the appeal but were not included in the record of the commission's
321 proceedings, admit the records into evidence and order the records to
322 be sealed or inspected on such terms as the court deems fair and
323 appropriate, during the appeal. The commission shall have standing to
324 defend, prosecute or otherwise participate in any appeal of any of its
325 decisions and to take an appeal from any judicial decision overturning
326 or modifying a decision of the commission. If aggrievement is a
327 jurisdictional prerequisite to the commission taking any such appeal,
328 the commission shall be deemed to be aggrieved. Notwithstanding the
329 provisions of section 3-125, legal counsel employed or retained by said
330 commission shall represent said commission in all such appeals and in
331 any other litigation affecting said commission. Notwithstanding the
332 provisions of subsection (c) of section 4-183 and section 52-64, all process
333 shall be served upon said commission at its office. Any appeal taken
334 pursuant to this section shall be privileged in respect to its assignment
335 for trial over all other actions except writs of habeas corpus and actions
336 brought by or on behalf of the state, including informations on the
337 relation of private individuals. Nothing in this section shall deprive any
338 party of any rights he may have had at common law prior to January 1,
339 1958. If the court finds that any appeal taken pursuant to this section or
340 section 4-183 is frivolous or taken solely for the purpose of delay, it shall
341 order the party responsible therefor to pay to the party injured by such
342 frivolous or dilatory appeal costs or attorney's fees of not more than one
343 thousand dollars. Such order shall be in addition to any other remedy
344 or disciplinary action required or permitted by statute or by rules of

345 court.

346 (e) Within sixty days after the filing of a notice of appeal alleging
347 violation of any right conferred by the Freedom of Information Act
348 concerning records of the Department of Energy and Environmental
349 Protection relating to the state's hazardous waste program under
350 sections 22a-448 to 22a-454, inclusive, the Freedom of Information
351 Commission shall, after notice to the parties, hear and decide the appeal.
352 Failure by the commission to hear and decide the appeal within such
353 sixty-day period shall constitute a final decision denying such appeal
354 for purposes of this section and section 4-183. On appeal, the court may,
355 in addition to any other powers conferred by law, order the disclosure
356 of any such records withheld in violation of the Freedom of Information
357 Act and may assess against the state reasonable attorney's fees and other
358 litigation costs reasonably incurred in an appeal in which the
359 complainant has prevailed against the Department of Energy and
360 Environmental Protection.

361 Sec. 3. Section 1-225 of the general statutes is repealed and the
362 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

363 (a) The meetings of all public agencies, except executive sessions, as
364 defined in subdivision (6) of section 1-200, as amended by this act, shall
365 be open to the public by means of electronic equipment. If two or more
366 members of a public agency conduct a meeting in person, members of
367 the public shall be permitted to attend such meeting in person. Any
368 public agency that conducts a meeting, other than an executive session
369 or emergency special meeting, as described in section 1-225, as amended
370 by this act, solely by means of electronic equipment shall provide the
371 public (1) a physical location and any electronic equipment necessary to
372 attend such meeting in real-time, and (2) the opportunity to provide
373 comment or testimony, vote and otherwise participate in such meeting,
374 as applicable.

375 (b) The votes of each member of any such public agency upon any
376 issue before such public agency shall be taken by a roll call whenever

377 one or more members are participating by means of electronic
378 equipment, reduced to writing, [and] made available for public
379 inspection within forty-eight hours and [shall also be] recorded in the
380 minutes of the [session] meeting at which taken. Such minutes shall
381 record a list of members that attended such meeting in person and a list
382 of members that attended such meeting by means of electronic
383 equipment. Not later than seven days after the date of the [session]
384 meeting to which such minutes refer, such minutes and an audio or
385 video recording or transcript of such meeting shall be available for
386 public inspection and posted on such public agency's Internet web site,
387 if available, except that no public agency of a political subdivision of the
388 state shall be required to post such minutes, recording or transcript on
389 an Internet web site. Such audio or video recording or transcript shall
390 be retained in accordance with standards and guidelines established by
391 the State Librarian or the Public Records Administrator in accordance
392 with sections 11-8 and 11-8a. Each public agency shall make, keep and
393 maintain a record of the proceedings of its meetings.

394 [(b)] (c) Each such public agency of the state shall file not later than
395 January thirty-first of each year in the office of the Secretary of the State
396 the schedule of the regular meetings of such public agency for the
397 ensuing year and shall post such schedule on such public agency's
398 Internet web site, if available, except that such requirements shall not
399 apply to the General Assembly, either house thereof or to any committee
400 thereof. Any other provision of the Freedom of Information Act
401 notwithstanding, the General Assembly at the commencement of each
402 regular session in the odd-numbered years, shall adopt, as part of its
403 joint rules, rules to provide notice to the public of its regular, special,
404 emergency or interim committee meetings. The chairperson or secretary
405 of any such public agency of any political subdivision of the state shall
406 file, not later than January thirty-first of each year, with the clerk of such
407 subdivision the schedule of regular meetings of such public agency for
408 the ensuing year, and no such meeting of any such public agency shall
409 be held sooner than thirty days after such schedule has been filed. The
410 chief executive officer of any multitown district or agency shall file, not

411 later than January thirty-first of each year, with the clerk of each
412 municipal member of such district or agency, the schedule of regular
413 meetings of such public agency for the ensuing year, and no such
414 meeting of any such public agency shall be held sooner than thirty days
415 after such schedule has been filed.

416 [(c)] (d) The agenda of [the regular meetings of every] any regular
417 meeting of a public agency, except for the General Assembly, shall be
418 available to the public and shall be filed, not less than twenty-four hours
419 before the [meetings] meeting to which [they refer,] it refers (1) in such
420 agency's regular office or place of business, [and] (2) in the office and on
421 the Internet web site of the Secretary of the State for any such public
422 agency of the state, in the office of the clerk of such subdivision for any
423 public agency of a political subdivision of the state or in the office of the
424 clerk of each municipal member of any multitown district or agency. [
425 For any such public agency of the state, such agenda shall be posted on
426 the public agency's and the Secretary of the State's web sites] and (3) on
427 such public agency's Internet web site. Not less than twenty-four hours
428 before such meeting, such public agency shall post on its Internet web
429 site (A) any relevant documents prepared prior to the meeting by the
430 public agency or any party to a matter on the meeting agenda, including,
431 but not limited to, applications before such public agency, and (B)
432 instructions for the public to, by means of electronic equipment or in
433 person, attend and provide comment, vote or otherwise participate in
434 such meeting, as applicable. Not more than three business days after the
435 adjournment of a meeting, such public agency shall post on its Internet
436 web site any relevant documents produced fewer than twenty-four
437 hours prior to or during such meeting by the public agency or any party
438 to a matter that appeared on the meeting agenda. Upon the affirmative
439 vote of two-thirds of the members of a public agency present and voting,
440 any subsequent business not included in such filed [agendas] agenda
441 may be considered and acted upon at such meetings.

442 [(d)] (e) Notice of each special meeting of every public agency, except
443 for the General Assembly, either house thereof or any committee
444 thereof, shall be posted not less than twenty-four hours before the

445 meeting to which such notice refers on the public agency's Internet web
446 site, if available, and given not less than twenty-four hours prior to the
447 time of such meeting by filing a notice of the time and place thereof in
448 the office of the Secretary of the State for any such public agency of the
449 state, in the office of the clerk of such subdivision for any public agency
450 of a political subdivision of the state and in the office of the clerk of each
451 municipal member for any multitown district or agency. The secretary
452 or clerk shall cause any notice received under this section to be posted
453 in his office. Such notice shall be given not less than twenty-four hours
454 prior to the time of the special meeting; provided, in case of emergency,
455 except for the General Assembly, either house thereof or any committee
456 thereof, any such special meeting may be held without complying with
457 the foregoing requirement for the filing of notice but a copy of the
458 minutes of every such emergency special meeting adequately setting
459 forth the nature of the emergency and the proceedings occurring at such
460 meeting shall be filed with the Secretary of the State, the clerk of such
461 political subdivision, or the clerk of each municipal member of such
462 multitown district or agency, as the case may be, not later than seventy-
463 two hours following the holding of such meeting. The notice shall (1)
464 specify the time and place of the special meeting, [and] (2) specify the
465 business to be transacted, and (3) include instructions for the public to,
466 by means of electronic equipment or in person, attend and provide
467 comment, vote and otherwise participate in the special meeting, as
468 applicable. No other business shall be considered at such meetings by
469 such public agency. In addition, such written notice shall be delivered
470 by mail to the usual place of abode of or by electronic transmission to
471 each member of the public agency so that the same is received prior to
472 such special meeting. The requirement of delivery or transmission of
473 such [written] notice may be dispensed with as to any member who at
474 or prior to the time the meeting convenes files with the clerk or secretary
475 of the public agency a written waiver of delivery or transmission of such
476 notice. Such waiver may be given by [telegram] electronic transmission.
477 The requirement of delivery or transmission of such [written] notice
478 may also be dispensed with as to any member who is actually present
479 at the meeting at the time it convenes. Nothing in this section shall be

480 construed to prohibit any agency from adopting more stringent notice
481 requirements.

482 ~~[(e)]~~ (f) No member of the public shall be required, as a condition to
483 attendance at a meeting of any such body, to register the member's
484 name, or furnish other information, or complete a questionnaire or
485 otherwise fulfill any condition precedent to the member's attendance.

486 (g) Any member of a public agency or the public who participates
487 orally in a meeting of a public agency conducted by means of electronic
488 equipment shall state such member's name and title, if applicable, at the
489 outset of each occasion that such member participates orally during an
490 uninterrupted dialogue or series of questions and answers.

491 ~~[(f)]~~ (h) A public agency may hold an executive session, as defined in
492 subdivision (6) of section 1-200, as amended by this act, upon an
493 affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of such body present and
494 voting, taken at a public meeting and stating the reasons for such
495 executive session, as defined in section 1-200, as amended by this act.

496 ~~[(g)]~~ (i) In determining the time within which or by when a notice,
497 agenda, record of votes or minutes of a special meeting or an emergency
498 special meeting are required to be filed under this section, Saturdays,
499 Sundays, legal holidays and any day on which the office of the agency,
500 the Secretary of the State or the clerk of the applicable political
501 subdivision or the clerk of each municipal member of any multitown
502 district or agency, as the case may be, is closed, shall be excluded.

503 Sec. 4. Section 1-226 of the general statutes is repealed and the
504 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

505 (a) (1) At any meeting of a public agency which is open to the public,
506 pursuant to the provisions of section 1-225, as amended by this act,
507 proceedings of such public agency may be recorded, photographed,
508 broadcast or recorded for broadcast, subject to such rules as such public
509 agency may have prescribed prior to such meeting, by any person or by
510 any newspaper, radio broadcasting company or television broadcasting

511 company. Any recording, radio, television or photographic equipment
512 may be so located within the meeting room as to permit the recording,
513 broadcasting either by radio, or by television, or by both, or the
514 photographing of the proceedings of such public agency. The
515 photographer or broadcaster and its personnel, or the person recording
516 the proceedings, shall be required to handle the photographing,
517 broadcast or recording as inconspicuously as possible and in such
518 manner as not to disturb the proceedings of the public agency. As used
519 herein the term television shall include the transmission of visual and
520 audible signals by cable.

521 (2) At any meeting of a public agency which is open to the public
522 pursuant to the provisions of section 1-225, as amended by this act, such
523 public agency shall create an audio or visual recording or transcript of
524 such meeting, and post such recording or transcript on the Internet web
525 site of such public agency in the manner described in section 1-225, as
526 amended by this act.

527 (b) Any such public agency may adopt rules governing such
528 recording, photography or the use of such broadcasting equipment for
529 radio and television stations but, in the absence of the adoption of such
530 rules and regulations by such public agency prior to the meeting, such
531 recording, photography or the use of such radio and television
532 equipment shall be permitted as provided in subsection (a) of this
533 section.

534 (c) Whenever there is a violation or the probability of a violation of
535 subsections (a) and (b) of this section the superior court, or a judge
536 thereof, for the judicial district in which such meeting is taking place
537 shall, upon application made by affidavit that such violation is taking
538 place or that there is reasonable probability that such violation will take
539 place, issue a temporary injunction against any such violation without
540 notice to the adverse party to show cause why such injunction should
541 not be granted and without the plaintiff's giving bond. Any person or
542 public agency so enjoined may immediately appear and be heard by the
543 court or judge granting such injunction with regard to dissolving or

544 modifying the same and, after hearing the parties and upon a
545 determination that such meeting should not be open to the public, said
546 court or judge may dissolve or modify the injunction. Any action taken
547 by a judge upon any such application shall be immediately certified to
548 the court to which such proceedings are returnable.

549 Sec. 5. Section 1-227 of the general statutes is repealed and the
550 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

551 The public agency shall, where practicable, give notice by mail or
552 electronic transmission of each regular meeting, and of any special
553 meeting which is called, at least one week prior to the date set for the
554 meeting, to any person who has filed a written request for such notice
555 with such body, except that such body may give such notice as it deems
556 practical of special meetings called less than seven days prior to the date
557 set for the meeting. Such notice requirement shall not apply to the
558 General Assembly, either house thereof or to any committee thereof.
559 Any request for notice filed pursuant to this section shall be valid for
560 one year from the date on which it is filed unless a renewal request is
561 filed. Renewal requests for notice shall be filed within thirty days after
562 January first of each year. Such public agency may establish a reasonable
563 charge for sending such notice based on the estimated cost of providing
564 such service.

565 Sec. 6. Section 1-228 of the general statutes is repealed and the
566 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

567 The public agency may adjourn any regular or special meeting to a
568 time and place specified in the order of adjournment. Less than a
569 quorum may so adjourn from time to time. If all members are absent
570 from any regular meeting the clerk or the secretary of such body may
571 declare the meeting adjourned to a stated time and place and shall cause
572 a written notice of the adjournment to be given in the same manner as
573 provided in section 1-225, as amended by this act, for special meetings,
574 unless such notice is waived as provided for special meetings. A copy
575 of the order or notice of adjournment shall be conspicuously posted on

576 or near the door of the place where the regular or special meeting was
577 held and on the Internet web site of the public agency, within twenty-
578 four hours after the time of the adjournment. When an order of
579 adjournment of any meeting fails to state the hour at which the
580 adjourned meeting is to be held, it shall be held at the hour specified for
581 regular meetings, by ordinance, resolution, by law or other rule.

582 Sec. 7. Section 7-7 of the general statutes is repealed and the following
583 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

584 All towns, when lawfully assembled for any purpose other than the
585 election of town officers, and all societies and other municipal
586 corporations when lawfully assembled, shall choose a moderator to
587 preside at such meetings, unless otherwise provided by law; and, except
588 as otherwise provided by law, all questions arising in such meetings
589 shall be decided in accordance with standard parliamentary practice,
590 and towns, societies and municipal corporations may, by ordinance,
591 adopt rules of order for the conduct of their meetings. At any such town
592 meeting the moderator shall be chosen from the last-completed registry
593 list of such town. Two hundred or more persons or ten per cent of the
594 total number qualified to vote in the meeting of a town or other
595 municipal corporation, whichever is less, may petition the clerk or
596 secretary of such town or municipal corporation, in writing, at least
597 twenty-four hours prior to any such meeting, requesting that any item
598 or items on the call of such meeting be submitted to the persons
599 qualified to vote in such meeting not less than seven nor more than
600 fourteen days thereafter, on a day to be set by the town meeting or, if
601 the town meeting does not set a date, by the town selectmen, for a vote
602 by paper ballots or by a "Yes" or "No" vote on the voting machines,
603 during the hours between twelve o'clock noon and eight o'clock p.m.;
604 but any municipality may, any provision of any special act to the
605 contrary notwithstanding, by vote of its legislative body provide for an
606 earlier hour for opening the polls but not earlier than six o'clock a.m.
607 The selectmen of the town may, not less than five days prior to the day
608 of any such meeting, on their own initiative, remove any item on the call
609 of such meeting for submission to the voters in the manner provided by

610 this section or may submit any item which, in the absence of such a vote,
611 could properly come before such a meeting to the voters at a date set for
612 such vote or along with any other vote the date of which has been
613 previously set. The paper ballots or voting machine ballot labels [, as the
614 case may be,] shall be provided by such clerk or secretary. When such a
615 petition has been filed with such clerk or secretary, the moderator of
616 such meeting, after completion of other business and after reasonable
617 discussion, shall adjourn such meeting and order such vote on such item
618 or items in accordance with the petition; and any item so voted may be
619 rescinded in the same manner. If such moderator resigns or is for any
620 other cause unable to serve as moderator at such adjourned meeting,
621 such clerk or secretary shall serve, or may appoint an elector of such
622 municipality to serve, as moderator of such adjourned meeting. Such
623 clerk or secretary, as the case may be, shall phrase such item or items in
624 a form suitable for printing on such paper ballots or ballot labels, or
625 viewing, if such vote is taken by means of electronic equipment,
626 provided that the designation of any such item shall be in the form of a
627 question, as prescribed under section 9-369. The vote on any item on the
628 call of a town or other municipal corporation shall be taken by paper
629 ballot if so voted at the meeting, if no petition has been filed under this
630 section with reference to such item, except that any person attending the
631 meeting by means of electronic equipment shall be permitted to vote by
632 such means, provided the moderator, clerk or secretary is able to see and
633 hear such person and authenticate that such person is eligible to vote
634 pursuant to section 7-6.

635 Sec. 8. Section 7-8 of the general statutes is repealed and the following
636 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

637 The moderator of any town meeting, and of any meeting of any
638 society or other community lawfully assembled, may, when any
639 disorder arises in the meeting and the offender refuses to submit to the
640 moderator's lawful authority, order any proper officer to take the
641 offender into custody and, if necessary, to remove the offender from
642 such meeting until the offender conforms to order or, if need be, until
643 such meeting is closed, and thereupon such officer shall have power to

644 command all necessary assistance. Any person refusing to assist when
645 commanded shall be liable to the same penalties as for refusing to assist
646 constables in the execution of their duties; but no person commanded to
647 assist shall be deprived of such person's right to act in the meeting, nor
648 shall the offender be so deprived any longer than the offender refuses
649 to conform to order. If such offender is attending such meeting by means
650 of electronic equipment, as defined in section 1-200, as amended by this
651 act, the moderator may terminate such offender's attendance by
652 electronic equipment until such time as the offender conforms to order
653 or, if need be, until such meeting is closed.

654 Sec. 9. Section 4-124s of the general statutes is repealed and the
655 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

656 (a) For purposes of this section:

657 (1) "Regional council of governments" means any such council
658 organized under the provisions of sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive;

659 (2) "Municipality" means a town, city or consolidated town and
660 borough;

661 (3) "Legislative body" means the board of selectmen, town council,
662 city council, board of alderman, board of directors, board of
663 representatives or board of the warden and burgesses of a municipality;

664 (4) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
665 Management or the designee of the secretary; [and]

666 (5) "Regional educational service center" has the same meaning as
667 provided in section 10-282; and

668 (6) "Employee organization" means any lawful association, labor
669 organization, federation or council having as a primary purpose the
670 improvement of wages, hours and other conditions of employment.

671 (b) There is established a regional performance incentive program
672 that shall be administered by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and

673 Management. [On or before December 31, 2011, and annually thereafter,
674 any] Any regional council of governments, [any two or more
675 municipalities acting through a regional council of governments, any
676 economic development district, any] regional educational service center
677 or [any] a combination thereof may submit a proposal to the secretary
678 for: (1) The [joint] provision of any service that one or more participating
679 municipalities of such council [,] or local or regional board of education
680 of such regional educational service center [or agency] currently provide
681 but which is not provided on a regional basis, (2) [a planning study
682 regarding the joint provision of any service on a regional basis, or (3)
683 shared information technology services] the redistribution of grants
684 awarded pursuant to sections 4-66g, 4-66h, 4-66m and 7-536, according
685 to regional priorities, or (3) regional revenue sharing among said
686 participating municipalities pursuant to section 7-148bb. A copy of said
687 proposal shall be sent to the legislators representing said participating
688 municipalities or local or regional boards of education. Any [local or
689 regional board of education or] regional educational service center
690 serving a population greater than one hundred thousand may submit a
691 proposal to the secretary for a regional special education initiative.

692 (c) (1) A regional council of governments [, an economic development
693 district, a] or regional educational service center [or a local or regional
694 board of education] shall submit each proposal in the form and manner
695 the secretary prescribes and shall, at a minimum, provide the following
696 information for each proposal: (A) Service or initiative description; (B)
697 the explanation of the need for such service or initiative; (C) the method
698 of delivering such service or initiative on a regional basis; (D) the
699 organization that would be responsible for regional service or initiative
700 delivery; (E) a description of the population that would be served; (F)
701 the manner in which the proposed regional service or initiative delivery
702 will achieve economies of scale for participating municipalities or
703 boards of education; (G) the amount by which participating
704 municipalities will reduce their mill rates as a result of savings realized;
705 (H) a cost benefit analysis for the provision of the service or initiative by
706 each participating municipality and by the entity or board of education

707 submitting the proposal; (I) a plan of implementation for delivery of the
708 service or initiative on a regional basis; (J) a resolution endorsing such
709 proposal approved by the [legislative] governing body of [each
710 participating municipality; and (K)] the council or center, which shall
711 include a statement that not less than twenty-five per cent of the cost of
712 such proposal shall be funded by the council or center in the first year
713 of operation, and that by the fourth year of operation the council or
714 center shall fund one hundred per cent of such cost; (K) an
715 acknowledgment from any employee organization that may be
716 impacted by such proposal that they have been informed of and
717 consulted about the proposal; and (L) an explanation of the potential
718 legal obstacles, if any, to the regional provision of the service or
719 initiative, and how such obstacles will be resolved.

720 (2) The secretary shall review each proposal and shall award grants
721 for proposals the secretary determines best [meet the requirements of
722 this section. In awarding such grants, the secretary shall give priority to
723 a proposal submitted by (A) any entity specified in subsection (a) of this
724 section that includes participation of all of the member municipalities of
725 such entity, and which may increase the purchasing power of
726 participating municipalities or provide a cost savings initiative resulting
727 in a decrease in expenses of such municipalities, allowing such
728 municipalities to lower property taxes, (B) any economic development
729 district, and (C) any local or regional board of education] satisfy the
730 following criteria: (A) The proposed service or initiative will be
731 available to or benefit all participating members of the regional council
732 of governments or regional educational service center regardless of such
733 members' participation in the grant application process; (B) when
734 compared to the existing delivery of services by participating members
735 of the council or center, the proposal demonstrates (i) a positive cost
736 benefit to such members, (ii) increased efficiency and capacity in the
737 delivery of services, (iii) a diminished need for state funding, and (iv)
738 increased cost savings; (C) the proposed service or initiative promotes
739 cooperation among participating members that may lead to a reduction
740 in economic or social inequality; (D) the proposal has been approved by

741 a majority of the members of the council or center, and pursuant to
742 subsection (c) of this section, contains a statement that not less than
743 twenty-five per cent of the cost of such proposal shall be funded by the
744 council or center in the first year of operation, and that by the fourth
745 year of operation the council or center shall fund one hundred per cent
746 of such cost; and (E) any employee organizations that may be impacted
747 by such proposal have been informed of and consulted about such
748 proposal, pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

749 (d) [On or before December 31, 2013, and annually thereafter until
750 December 31, 2018, in addition to any proposal submitted pursuant to
751 this section, any municipality or regional council of governments may
752 apply to the secretary for a grant to fund: (1) Operating costs associated
753 with connecting to the state-wide high speed, flexible network
754 developed pursuant to section 4d-80, including the costs to connect at
755 the same rate as other government entities served by such network; and
756 (2) capital cost associated with connecting to such network, including
757 expenses associated with building out the internal fiber network
758 connections required to connect to such network, provided the secretary
759 shall make any such grant available in accordance with the two-year
760 schedule by which the Bureau of Enterprise Systems and Technology
761 recommends connecting each municipality and regional council of
762 governments to such network. Any municipality or regional council of
763 governments shall submit each application in the form and manner the
764 secretary prescribes.] Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 7-339a
765 to 7-339l, inclusive, or any other provision of the general statutes, no
766 regional council of governments or regional educational service center
767 or any member municipalities or local or regional boards of education
768 of such councils or centers shall be required to execute an interlocal
769 agreement to implement a proposal submitted pursuant to subsection
770 (c) of this section.

771 (e) Any board of education awarded a grant for a proposal submitted
772 pursuant to subsection (c) of this section may deposit any cost savings
773 realized as a result of the implementation of the proposed service or
774 initiative into a nonlapsing account pursuant to section 10-248a.

775 [(e)] (f) The secretary shall submit to the Governor and the joint
776 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
777 matters relating to finance, revenue and bonding a report on the grants
778 provided pursuant to this section. Each such report shall (1) include
779 information on the amount of each grant [,] and the potential of each
780 grant for leveraging other public and private investments, and (2)
781 describe any property tax reductions and improved services achieved
782 by means of the program established pursuant to this section. The
783 secretary shall submit a report for the fiscal year commencing July 1,
784 2011, not later than February 1, 2012, and shall submit a report for each
785 subsequent fiscal year not later than the first day of March in such fiscal
786 year. [Such reports shall include the property tax reductions achieved
787 by means of the program established pursuant to this section.]

788 Sec. 10. Subsection (b) of section 8-31b of the general statutes is
789 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
790 *passage*):

791 (b) A regional council of governments may accept or participate in
792 any grant, donation or program available to any political subdivision of
793 the state and may also accept or participate in any grant, donation or
794 program made available to counties by any other governmental or
795 private entity. Notwithstanding the provisions of any special or public
796 act, any political subdivision of the state may enter into an agreement
797 with a regional council of governments to perform jointly or to provide,
798 alone or in cooperation with any other entity, any service, activity or
799 undertaking that the political subdivision is authorized by law to
800 perform. A regional council of governments established pursuant to this
801 section may administer and provide regional services to municipalities
802 by affirmative vote of the member municipalities of such council, and
803 may delegate such authority to subregional groups of such
804 municipalities. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 7-339a to 7-
805 339l, inclusive, the administration and provision of such services shall
806 not require the execution of any interlocal agreement. Regional services
807 provided to member municipalities shall be determined by each
808 regional council of governments, except as provided in subsection (b) of

809 section 9-229 and section 9-229b, and may include, without limitation,
810 the following services: (1) Engineering; (2) inspectional and planning;
811 (3) economic development; (4) public safety; (5) emergency
812 management; (6) animal control; (7) land use management; (8) tourism
813 promotion; (9) social; (10) health; (11) education; (12) data management;
814 (13) regional sewerage; (14) housing; (15) computerized mapping; (16)
815 household hazardous waste collection; (17) recycling; (18) public facility
816 siting; (19) coordination of master planning; (20) vocational training and
817 development; (21) solid waste disposal; (22) fire protection; (23) regional
818 resource protection; (24) regional impact studies; and (25)
819 transportation.

820 Sec. 11. Section 4-66k of the general statutes is repealed and the
821 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

822 (a) There is established an account to be known as the "regional
823 planning incentive account" which shall be a separate, nonlapsing
824 account within the General Fund. The account shall contain any moneys
825 required by law to be deposited in the account. Except as provided in
826 subsection [(d)] (e) of this section, moneys [,] in the account shall be
827 expended by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management [in
828 accordance with subsection (b) of this section] for the purposes of first
829 providing funding to regional planning organizations in accordance
830 with the provisions of subsections (b), [and] (c) and (d) of this section
831 and then to providing grants under the regional performance incentive
832 program established pursuant to section 4-124s, as amended by this act.

833 (b) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, funds from the regional
834 planning incentive account shall be distributed to each regional
835 planning organization, as defined in section 4-124i, revision of 1958,
836 revised to January 1, 2013, in the amount of one hundred twenty-five
837 thousand dollars. Any regional council of governments that is
838 comprised of any two or more regional planning organizations that
839 voluntarily consolidate on or before December 31, 2013, shall receive an
840 additional payment in an amount equal to the amount the regional
841 planning organizations would have received if such regional planning

842 organizations had not voluntarily consolidated.

843 (c) [Beginning in the fiscal year] For the fiscal years ending June 30,
844 2015, [and annually thereafter] to June 30, 2021, inclusive, funds from
845 the regional planning incentive account shall be distributed to each
846 regional council of governments formed pursuant to section 4-124j, in
847 the amount of one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars plus fifty cents
848 per capita, using population information from the most recent federal
849 decennial census. Any regional council of governments that is
850 comprised of any two or more regional planning organizations, as
851 defined in section 4-124i, revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2013,
852 that voluntarily consolidated on or before December 31, 2013, shall
853 receive a payment in the amount of one hundred twenty-five thousand
854 dollars for each such regional planning organization that voluntarily
855 consolidated on or before said date.

856 (d) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, and each fiscal year
857 thereafter, funds from the regional planning incentive account shall be
858 distributed to each regional council of governments formed pursuant to
859 section 4-124j, in the amount of one hundred twenty-five thousand
860 dollars plus an additional amount, which shall be based on a formula
861 determined by the secretary.

862 (2) Not later than July 1, 2021, and annually thereafter, each regional
863 council of governments shall submit to the secretary a proposal for
864 expenditure of the funds described in subdivision (1) of this subsection.
865 Such proposal may include, but need not be limited to, a description of
866 (A) functions, activities or services currently performed by the state or
867 municipalities that may be provided in a more efficient, cost-effective,
868 responsive or higher quality manner by such council, a regional
869 educational service center or similar regional entity, (B) anticipated cost
870 savings relating to the sharing of government services, including, but
871 not limited to, joint purchasing, (C) the standardization and alignment
872 of various regions of the state, or (D) any other initiatives that may
873 facilitate the delivery of services to the public in a more efficient, cost-
874 effective, responsive or higher quality manner.

875 [(d)] (e) There is established a regionalization subaccount within the
876 regional planning incentive account. If the Connecticut Lottery
877 Corporation offers online its existing lottery draw games through the
878 corporation's Internet web site, online service or mobile application, the
879 revenue from such online offering that exceeds an amount equivalent to
880 the costs of the debt-free community college program under section 10a-
881 174 shall be deposited in the subaccount, or, if such online offering is not
882 established, the amount provided under subsection (b) of section 364 of
883 public act 19-117 for regionalization initiatives shall be deposited in the
884 subaccount. Moneys in the subaccount shall be expended only for the
885 purposes recommended by the task force established under section 4-
886 66s.

887 Sec. 12. Section 4-66r of the general statutes is repealed and the
888 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

889 (a) For the fiscal [year] years ending June 30, 2018, [and each fiscal
890 year thereafter] and June 30, 2019, each regional council of governments
891 shall, within available appropriations, receive a grant-in-aid to be
892 known as a regional services grant, the amount of which shall be based
893 on a formula to be determined by the Secretary of the Office of Policy
894 and Management. No such council shall receive a grant for the fiscal
895 year ending June 30, 2018, unless the secretary approves a spending plan
896 for such grant moneys submitted by such council to the secretary on or
897 before November 1, 2017. No such council shall receive a grant for the
898 fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, [or any fiscal year thereafter,] unless the
899 secretary approves a spending plan for such grant moneys submitted by
900 such council to the secretary on or before July 1, 2018. [, and annually
901 thereafter.]

902 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 29 of public act 19-117,
903 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, and each fiscal year thereafter,
904 each regional council of governments shall receive a grant-in-aid to be
905 known as a regional services grant, the amount of which shall be
906 determined pursuant to section 4-66k, as amended by this act. No such
907 council shall receive a grant for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, or

908 any fiscal year thereafter, unless the secretary approves a spending plan
909 for such grant moneys submitted by such council to the secretary on or
910 before July 1, 2019, and annually thereafter.

911 (c) Each regional council of governments shall use such grant funds
912 for planning purposes and to achieve efficiencies in the delivery of
913 municipal services, without diminishing the quality of such services. On
914 or before October 1, 2018, and annually thereafter, each regional council
915 of governments shall submit a report, in accordance with section 11-4a,
916 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
917 cognizance of matters relating to planning and development and
918 finance, revenue and bonding, and to the secretary. Such report shall (1)
919 summarize the expenditure of such grant funds in the prior fiscal year,
920 (2) describe any regional program, project or initiative currently
921 provided or planned by the council, (3) review the performance of any
922 existing regional program, project or initiative relative to its initial goals
923 and objectives, (4) analyze the existing services provided by member
924 municipalities or by the state that, in the opinion of the council, could
925 be more effectively or efficiently provided on a regional basis, and (5)
926 provide recommendations for legislative action concerning potential
927 impediments to the regionalization of services.

928 Sec. 13. Section 4-66l of the general statutes is repealed and the
929 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

930 (a) For the purposes of this section:

931 (1) "FY 15 mill rate" means the mill rate a municipality used during
932 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015;

933 (2) "Mill rate" means, unless otherwise specified, the mill rate a
934 municipality uses to calculate tax bills for motor vehicles;

935 (3) "Municipality" means any town, city, consolidated town and city
936 or consolidated town and borough. "Municipality" includes a district for
937 the purposes of subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of this section;

938 (4) "Municipal spending" means:

T1	Municipal	Municipal	
T2	spending for	spending for	
T3	the fiscal year	the fiscal year	
T4	prior to the	- two years	
T5	current fiscal	prior to the	
T6	year	current year	
T7			X 100 = Municipal
T8	Municipal spending for the fiscal		spending;
T9	year two years prior to the		
T10	current year		

939 (5) "Per capita distribution" means:

T11	Municipal population		
T12		X Sales tax revenue	= Per capita distribution
T13	Total state population		

940 (6) "Pro rata distribution" means:

T14	Municipal weighted mill rate		
T15	calculation		
T16		X Sales tax revenue	= Pro rata distribution;
T17	Sum of all municipal		
T18	weighted mill rate		
T19	calculations combined		

941 (7) "Regional council of governments" means any such council
 942 organized under the provisions of sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive;

943 (8) "Municipal population" means the number of persons in a
 944 municipality according to the most recent estimate of the Department of
 945 Public Health;

946 (9) "Total state population" means the number of persons in this state

947 according to the most recent estimate published by the Department of
948 Public Health;

949 (10) "Weighted mill rate" means a municipality's FY 15 mill rate
950 divided by the average of all municipalities' FY 15 mill rate;

951 (11) "Weighted mill rate calculation" means per capita distribution
952 multiplied by a municipality's weighted mill rate;

953 (12) "Sales tax revenue" means the moneys in the account remaining
954 for distribution pursuant to subdivision (7) of subsection (b) of this
955 section;

956 (13) "District" means any district, as defined in section 7-324; and

957 (14) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
958 Management.

959 (b) There is established an account to be known as the "municipal
960 revenue sharing account" which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account
961 within the General Fund. The account shall contain any moneys
962 required by law to be deposited in the account. The secretary shall set
963 aside and ensure availability of moneys in the account in the following
964 order of priority and shall transfer or disburse such moneys as follows:

965 (1) Ten million dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, shall
966 be transferred not later than April fifteenth for the purposes of grants
967 under section 10-262h;

968 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, and each fiscal year
969 thereafter, moneys sufficient to make motor vehicle property tax grants
970 payable to municipalities pursuant to subsection (c) of this section shall
971 be expended not later than August first annually by the secretary;

972 (3) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, and each fiscal year
973 thereafter, moneys sufficient to make the grants payable from the select
974 payment in lieu of taxes grant account established pursuant to section
975 12-18c shall annually be transferred to the select payment in lieu of taxes

976 account in the Office of Policy and Management;

977 (4) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2018, and June 30, 2019,
978 moneys sufficient to make the municipal revenue sharing grants
979 payable to municipalities pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (d)
980 of this section shall be expended not later than October thirty-first
981 annually by the secretary;

982 [(5) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, and each fiscal year
983 thereafter, seven million dollars shall be expended for the purposes of
984 the regional services grants pursuant to subsection (e) of this section to
985 the regional councils of governments;]

986 [(6)] (5) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, and each fiscal year
987 thereafter, moneys may be expended for the purpose of supplemental
988 motor vehicle property tax grants pursuant to subsection (c) of this
989 section; and

990 [(7)] (6) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, and each fiscal year
991 thereafter, moneys in the account remaining shall be expended annually
992 by the secretary for the purposes of the municipal revenue sharing
993 grants established pursuant to subsection [(f)] (e) of this section. Any
994 such moneys deposited in the account for municipal revenue sharing
995 grants between October first and June thirtieth shall be distributed to
996 municipalities on the following October first and any such moneys
997 deposited in the account between July first and September thirtieth shall
998 be distributed to municipalities on the following January thirty-first.
999 Any municipality may apply to the Office of Policy and Management
1000 on or after July first for early disbursement of a portion of such grant.
1001 The Office of Policy and Management may approve such an application
1002 if it finds that early disbursement is required in order for a municipality
1003 to meet its cash flow needs. No early disbursement approved by said
1004 office may be issued later than September thirtieth.

1005 (c) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, motor vehicle property
1006 tax grants to municipalities that impose mill rates on real property and
1007 personal property other than motor vehicles greater than 39 mills or

1008 that, when combined with the mill rate of any district located within the
1009 municipality, impose mill rates greater than 39 mills, shall be made in
1010 an amount equal to the difference between the amount of property taxes
1011 levied by the municipality and any district located within the
1012 municipality on motor vehicles for the assessment year commencing
1013 October 1, 2013, and the amount such levy would have been if the mill
1014 rate on motor vehicles for said assessment year was 39 mills.

1015 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, and each fiscal year
1016 thereafter, motor vehicle property tax grants to municipalities that
1017 impose mill rates on real property and personal property other than
1018 motor vehicles greater than 45 mills or that, when combined with the
1019 mill rate of any district located within the municipality, impose mill
1020 rates greater than 45 mills, shall be made in an amount equal to the
1021 difference between the amount of property taxes levied by the
1022 municipality and any district located within the municipality on motor
1023 vehicles for the assessment year commencing October 1, 2016, and the
1024 amount such levy would have been if the mill rate on motor vehicles for
1025 said assessment year was 45 mills.

1026 (3) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, any municipality that
1027 imposed a mill rate for real and personal property of more than 39 mills
1028 during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, and effected a revaluation of
1029 real property for the 2014 or 2015 assessment year that resulted in an
1030 increase of 4 or more mills over the prior mill rate, may apply to the
1031 Office of Policy and Management for a supplemental motor vehicle
1032 property tax grant. The Office of Policy and Management may approve
1033 such an application, within available funds, provided such
1034 supplemental grant does not reduce any amount payable to any other
1035 municipality.

1036 (4) Not later than fifteen calendar days after receiving a property tax
1037 grant pursuant to this section, the municipality shall disburse to any
1038 district located within the municipality the amount of any such property
1039 tax grant that is attributable to the district.

1040 [(d) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, each municipality
 1041 shall receive a municipal revenue sharing grant, which shall be payable
 1042 August 1, 2016, from the Municipal Revenue Sharing Fund established
 1043 in section 4-66p. The total amount of the grant payable is as follows:

T20	Municipality	Grant Amount
T21	Andover	66,705
T22	Ansonia	605,442
T23	Ashford	87,248
T24	Avon	374,711
T25	Barkhamsted	76,324
T26	Beacon Falls	123,341
T27	Berlin	843,048
T28	Bethany	114,329
T29	Bethel	392,605
T30	Bethlehem	42,762
T31	Bloomfield	438,458
T32	Bolton	106,449
T33	Bozrah	53,783
T34	Branford	570,402
T35	Bridgeport	14,476,283
T36	Bridgewater	15,670
T37	Bristol	1,276,119
T38	Brookfield	343,611
T39	Brooklyn	103,910
T40	Burlington	193,490
T41	Canaan	14,793
T42	Canterbury	58,684
T43	Canton	211,078
T44	Chaplin	48,563
T45	Cheshire	594,084
T46	Chester	57,736
T47	Clinton	268,611
T48	Colchester	330,363
T49	Colebrook	29,694

T50	Columbia	111,276
T51	Cornwall	11,269
T52	Coventry	252,939
T53	Cromwell	288,951
T54	Danbury	2,079,675
T55	Darien	171,485
T56	Deep River	93,525
T57	Derby	462,718
T58	Durham	150,019
T59	East Granby	106,222
T60	East Haddam	186,418
T61	East Hampton	263,149
T62	East Hartford	3,877,281
T63	East Haven	593,493
T64	East Lyme	243,736
T65	East Windsor	232,457
T66	Eastford	23,060
T67	Easton	155,216
T68	Ellington	321,722
T69	Enfield	911,974
T70	Essex	74,572
T71	Fairfield	795,318
T72	Farmington	335,287
T73	Franklin	26,309
T74	Glastonbury	754,546
T75	Goshen	30,286
T76	Granby	244,839
T77	Greenwich	366,588
T78	Griswold	243,727
T79	Groton	433,177
T80	Guilford	456,863
T81	Haddam	170,440
T82	Hamden	4,491,337
T83	Hampton	38,070
T84	Hartford	13,908,437

T85	Hartland	27,964
T86	Harwinton	113,987
T87	Hebron	208,666
T88	Kent	26,808
T89	Killingly	351,213
T90	Killingworth	85,270
T91	Lebanon	149,163
T92	Ledyard	307,619
T93	Lisbon	45,413
T94	Litchfield	169,828
T95	Lyme	21,862
T96	Madison	372,897
T97	Manchester	1,972,491
T98	Mansfield	525,280
T99	Marlborough	131,065
T100	Meriden	1,315,347
T101	Middlebury	154,299
T102	Middlefield	91,372
T103	Middletown	964,657
T104	Milford	1,880,830
T105	Monroe	404,221
T106	Montville	401,756
T107	Morris	28,110
T108	Naugatuck	2,405,660
T109	New Britain	5,781,991
T110	New Canaan	168,106
T111	New Fairfield	288,278
T112	New Hartford	140,338
T113	New Haven	2,118,290
T114	New London	750,249
T115	New Milford	565,898
T116	Newington	651,000
T117	Newtown	572,949
T118	Norfolk	20,141
T119	North Branford	292,517

T120	North Canaan	66,052
T121	North Haven	487,882
T122	North Stonington	107,832
T123	Norwalk	3,401,590
T124	Norwich	1,309,943
T125	Old Lyme	79,946
T126	Old Saybrook	101,527
T127	Orange	284,365
T128	Oxford	171,492
T129	Plainfield	310,350
T130	Plainville	363,176
T131	Plymouth	255,581
T132	Pomfret	54,257
T133	Portland	192,715
T134	Preston	58,934
T135	Prospect	197,097
T136	Putnam	76,399
T137	Redding	189,781
T138	Ridgefield	512,848
T139	Rocky Hill	405,872
T140	Roxbury	15,998
T141	Salem	85,617
T142	Salisbury	20,769
T143	Scotland	36,200
T144	Seymour	343,388
T145	Sharon	19,467
T146	Shelton	706,038
T147	Sherman	39,000
T148	Simsbury	567,460
T149	Somers	141,697
T150	South Windsor	558,715
T151	Southbury	404,731
T152	Southington	889,821
T153	Sprague	89,456
T154	Stafford	243,095

T155	Stamford	2,372,358
T156	Sterling	77,037
T157	Stonington	202,888
T158	Stratford	1,130,316
T159	Suffield	321,763
T160	Thomaston	158,888
T161	Thompson	114,582
T162	Tolland	303,971
T163	Torrington	2,435,109
T164	Trumbull	745,325
T165	Union	17,283
T166	Vernon	641,027
T167	Voluntown	33,914
T168	Wallingford	919,984
T169	Warren	11,006
T170	Washington	25,496
T171	Waterbury	13,438,542
T172	Waterford	259,091
T173	Watertown	453,012
T174	West Hartford	1,614,320
T175	West Haven	1,121,850
T176	Westbrook	80,601
T177	Weston	211,384
T178	Westport	262,402
T179	Wethersfield	940,267
T180	Willington	121,568
T181	Wilton	380,234
T182	Winchester	224,447
T183	Windham	513,847
T184	Windsor	593,921
T185	Windsor Locks	256,241
T186	Wolcott	340,859
T187	Woodbridge	247,758
T188	Woodbury	200,175
T189	Woodstock	97,708

T190	Borough of Danielson	-
T191	Borough of Litchfield	-
T192	Bloomfield, Blue Hills FD	92,961
T193	Enfield Thompsonville FD #2	354,311
T194	Manchester - Eighth Utility District	436,718
T195	Middletown - City Fire	910,442
T196	Middletown So Fire	413,961
T197	Norwich CCD	552,565
T198	Norwich TCD	62,849
T199	Simsbury FD	221,536
T200	Plainfield Fire District	-
T201	Windham, Special Service District #2	640,000
T202	Windham 1st Taxing District	-
T203	Windham First	
T204	West Haven First Center (D1)	1,039,843
T205	West Haven: Allingtown FD (D3)	483,505
T206	West Haven: West Shore FD (D2)	654,640

1044 (2) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2018, and June 30, 2019, each
 1045 municipality shall receive a municipal sharing grant payable not later
 1046 than October thirty-first of each year. The total amount of the grant
 1047 payable is as follows:

T207	Municipality	Grant Amount
T208	Andover	96,020
T209	Ansonia	643,519
T210	Ashford	125,591
T211	Avon	539,387
T212	Barkhamsted	109,867
T213	Beacon Falls	177,547
T214	Berlin	1,213,548
T215	Bethany	164,574
T216	Bethel	565,146
T217	Bethlehem	61,554
T218	Bloomfield	631,150

T219	Bolton	153,231
T220	Bozrah	77,420
T221	Branford	821,080
T222	Bridgeport	9,758,441
T223	Bridgewater	22,557
T224	Bristol	1,836,944
T225	Brookfield	494,620
T226	Brooklyn	149,576
T227	Burlington	278,524
T228	Canaan	21,294
T229	Canterbury	84,475
T230	Canton	303,842
T231	Chaplin	69,906
T232	Cheshire	855,170
T233	Chester	83,109
T234	Clinton	386,660
T235	Colchester	475,551
T236	Colebrook	42,744
T237	Columbia	160,179
T238	Cornwall	16,221
T239	Coventry	364,100
T240	Cromwell	415,938
T241	Danbury	2,993,644
T242	Darien	246,849
T243	Deep River	134,627
T244	Derby	400,912
T245	Durham	215,949
T246	East Granby	152,904
T247	East Haddam	268,344
T248	East Hampton	378,798
T249	East Hartford	2,036,894
T250	East Haven	854,319
T251	East Lyme	350,852
T252	East Windsor	334,616
T253	Eastford	33,194

T254	Easton	223,430
T255	Ellington	463,112
T256	Enfield	1,312,766
T257	Essex	107,345
T258	Fairfield	1,144,842
T259	Farmington	482,637
T260	Franklin	37,871
T261	Glastonbury	1,086,151
T262	Goshen	43,596
T263	Granby	352,440
T264	Greenwich	527,695
T265	Griswold	350,840
T266	Groton	623,548
T267	Guilford	657,644
T268	Haddam	245,344
T269	Hamden	2,155,661
T270	Hampton	54,801
T271	Hartford	1,498,643
T272	Hartland	40,254
T273	Harwinton	164,081
T274	Hebron	300,369
T275	Kent	38,590
T276	Killingly	505,562
T277	Killingworth	122,744
T278	Lebanon	214,717
T279	Ledyard	442,811
T280	Lisbon	65,371
T281	Litchfield	244,464
T282	Lyme	31,470
T283	Madison	536,777
T284	Manchester	1,971,540
T285	Mansfield	756,128
T286	Marlborough	188,665
T287	Meriden	1,893,412
T288	Middlebury	222,109

T289	Middlefield	131,529
T290	Middletown	1,388,602
T291	Milford	2,707,412
T292	Monroe	581,867
T293	Montville	578,318
T294	Morris	40,463
T295	Naugatuck	1,251,980
T296	New Britain	3,131,893
T297	New Canaan	241,985
T298	New Fairfield	414,970
T299	New Hartford	202,014
T300	New Haven	114,863
T301	New London	917,228
T302	New Milford	814,597
T303	Newington	937,100
T304	Newtown	824,747
T305	Norfolk	28,993
T306	North Branford	421,072
T307	North Canaan	95,081
T308	North Haven	702,295
T309	North Stonington	155,222
T310	Norwalk	4,896,511
T311	Norwich	1,362,971
T312	Old Lyme	115,080
T313	Old Saybrook	146,146
T314	Orange	409,337
T315	Oxford	246,859
T316	Plainfield	446,742
T317	Plainville	522,783
T318	Plymouth	367,902
T319	Pomfret	78,101
T320	Portland	277,409
T321	Preston	84,835
T322	Prospect	283,717
T323	Putnam	109,975

T324	Redding	273,185
T325	Ridgefield	738,233
T326	Rocky Hill	584,244
T327	Roxbury	23,029
T328	Salem	123,244
T329	Salisbury	29,897
T330	Scotland	52,109
T331	Seymour	494,298
T332	Sharon	28,022
T333	Shelton	1,016,326
T334	Sherman	56,139
T335	Simsbury	775,368
T336	Somers	203,969
T337	South Windsor	804,258
T338	Southbury	582,601
T339	Southington	1,280,877
T340	Sprague	128,769
T341	Stafford	349,930
T342	Stamford	3,414,955
T343	Sterling	110,893
T344	Stonington	292,053
T345	Stratford	1,627,064
T346	Suffield	463,170
T347	Thomaston	228,716
T348	Thompson	164,939
T349	Tolland	437,559
T350	Torrington	1,133,394
T351	Trumbull	1,072,878
T352	Union	24,878
T353	Vernon	922,743
T354	Voluntown	48,818
T355	Wallingford	1,324,296
T356	Warren	15,842
T357	Washington	36,701
T358	Waterbury	5,595,448

T359	Waterford	372,956
T360	Watertown	652,100
T361	West Hartford	2,075,223
T362	West Haven	1,614,877
T363	Westbrook	116,023
T364	Weston	304,282
T365	Westport	377,722
T366	Wethersfield	1,353,493
T367	Willington	174,995
T368	Wilton	547,338
T369	Winchester	323,087
T370	Windham	739,671
T371	Windsor	854,935
T372	Windsor Locks	368,853
T373	Wolcott	490,659
T374	Woodbridge	274,418
T375	Woodbury	288,147
T376	Woodstock	140,648]

1048 [(e) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, and each fiscal year
1049 thereafter, each regional council of governments shall receive a regional
1050 services grant, the amount of which will be based on a formula to be
1051 determined by the secretary, except that, for the fiscal year ending June
1052 30, 2018, and each fiscal year thereafter, thirty-five per cent of such grant
1053 moneys shall be awarded to regional councils of governments for the
1054 purpose of assisting regional education service centers in merging their
1055 human resource, finance or technology services with such services
1056 provided by municipalities within the region. For the fiscal year ending
1057 June 30, 2017, three million dollars shall be expended by the secretary
1058 from the Municipal Revenue Sharing Fund established in section 4-66p
1059 for the purpose of the regional services grant. No such council shall
1060 receive a grant for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, or any fiscal year
1061 thereafter, unless the secretary approves a spending plan for such grant
1062 moneys submitted by such council to the secretary on or before July 1,
1063 2017, and annually thereafter. The regional councils of governments

1064 shall use such grants for planning purposes and to achieve efficiencies
1065 in the delivery of municipal services by regionalizing such services,
1066 including, but not limited to, region-wide consolidation of such services.
1067 Such efficiencies shall not diminish the quality of such services. A
1068 unanimous vote of the representatives of such council shall be required
1069 for approval of any expenditure from such grant. On or before October
1070 1, 2017, and biennially thereafter, each such council shall submit a
1071 report, in accordance with section 11-4a, to the joint standing
1072 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
1073 relating to planning and development and finance, revenue and
1074 bonding. Such report shall summarize the expenditure of such grants
1075 and provide recommendations concerning the expansion, reduction or
1076 modification of such grants.]

1077 [(f)] (d) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, and each fiscal year
1078 thereafter, each municipality shall receive a municipal revenue sharing
1079 grant as follows:

1080 (1) (A) A municipality having a mill rate at or above twenty-five shall
1081 receive the per capita distribution or pro rata distribution, whichever is
1082 higher for such municipality.

1083 (B) Such grants shall be increased by a percentage calculated as
1084 follows:

T377 Sum of per capita distribution amount
T378 for all municipalities having a mill rate
T379 below twenty-five - pro rata distribution
T380 amount for all municipalities
T381 having a mill rate below twenty-five

T382 _____
T383 Sum of all grants to municipalities
T384 calculated pursuant to subparagraph (A)
T385 of subdivision (1) of this subsection.

1085 (C) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraphs (A) and (B) of
1086 this subdivision, Hartford shall receive not more than 5.2 per cent of the

1087 municipal revenue sharing grants distributed pursuant to this
1088 subsection; Bridgeport shall receive not more than 4.5 per cent of the
1089 municipal revenue sharing grants distributed pursuant to this
1090 subsection; New Haven shall receive not more than 2.0 per cent of the
1091 municipal revenue sharing grants distributed pursuant to this
1092 subsection and Stamford shall receive not more than 2.8 per cent of the
1093 equalization grants distributed pursuant to this subsection. Any excess
1094 funds remaining after such reductions in payments to Hartford,
1095 Bridgeport, New Haven and Stamford shall be distributed to all other
1096 municipalities having a mill rate at or above twenty-five on a pro rata
1097 basis according to the payment they receive pursuant to this
1098 subdivision; and

1099 (2) A municipality having a mill rate below twenty-five shall receive
1100 the per capita distribution or pro rata distribution, whichever is less for
1101 such municipality.

1102 (3) For the purposes of this subsection, "mill rate" means the mill rate
1103 for real property and personal property other than motor vehicles.

1104 [(g)] (e) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, a
1105 municipality may disburse any municipal revenue sharing grant funds
1106 to a district within such municipality.

1107 [(h)] (f) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection,
1108 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, and each fiscal year thereafter,
1109 the amount of the grant payable to a municipality in any year in
1110 accordance with subsection (d) [or (f)] of this section shall be reduced if
1111 such municipality increases its adopted budget expenditures for such
1112 fiscal year above a cap equal to the amount of adopted budget
1113 expenditures authorized for the previous fiscal year by 2.5 per cent or
1114 more or the rate of inflation, whichever is greater. Such reduction shall
1115 be in an amount equal to fifty cents for every dollar expended over the
1116 cap set forth in this subsection. For the purposes of this section, (A)
1117 "municipal spending" does not include expenditures for debt service,
1118 special education, implementation of court orders or arbitration awards,

1119 expenditures associated with a major disaster or emergency declaration
1120 by the President of the United States, a disaster emergency declaration
1121 issued by the Governor pursuant to chapter 517 or any disbursement
1122 made to a district pursuant to subsection (c) or [(g)] (e) of this section,
1123 budgeting for an audited deficit, nonrecurring grants, capital
1124 expenditures or payments on unfunded pension liabilities, (B) "adopted
1125 budget expenditures" includes expenditures from a municipality's
1126 general fund and expenditures from any nonbudgeted funds, and (C)
1127 "capital expenditure" means a nonrecurring capital expenditure of one
1128 hundred thousand dollars or more. Each municipality shall annually
1129 certify to the secretary, on a form prescribed by said secretary, whether
1130 such municipality has exceeded the cap set forth in this subsection and
1131 if so the amount by which the cap was exceeded.

1132 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, and each fiscal year
1133 thereafter, the amount of the grant payable to a municipality in any year
1134 in accordance with subsection (d) or [(f)] (e) of this section shall not be
1135 reduced in the case of a municipality whose adopted budget
1136 expenditures exceed the cap set forth in subdivision (1) of this
1137 subsection by an amount proportionate to any increase to its municipal
1138 population from the previous fiscal year, as determined by the secretary.

1139 [(i)] (g) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, and each fiscal year
1140 thereafter, the amount of the grant payable to a municipality in any year
1141 in accordance with subsection [(f)] (d) of this section shall be reduced
1142 proportionately in the event that the total of such grants in such year
1143 exceeds the amount available for such grants in the municipal revenue
1144 sharing account established pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

1145 Sec. 14. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) For the purposes of this
1146 section, "food establishment" means a food establishment that is
1147 licensed or permitted to operate pursuant to section 19a-36i of the
1148 general statutes, and "municipality" has the same meaning as provided
1149 in section 8-1a of the general statutes.

1150 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, special act,

1151 municipal charter or ordinance, the zoning commission of each
1152 municipality shall allow any licensee or permittee of a food
1153 establishment operating in such municipality to engage in outdoor food
1154 and beverage service as an accessory use of such food establishment's
1155 permitted use. Such accessory use shall be allowed as of right, subject
1156 only to any required administrative site plan review to determine
1157 conformance with zoning requirements not contemplated by this
1158 section.

1159 (c) Any such licensee or permittee may engage in outdoor food and
1160 beverage service (1) on public sidewalks and other pedestrian pathways
1161 abutting the area permitted for principal use and on which vehicular
1162 access is not allowed, (A) provided a pathway the length of the lot upon
1163 which the area permitted for principal use is located, and not less than
1164 six feet in width, not including any area on a street or highway, shall
1165 remain unobstructed for pedestrian use, and (B) subject to reasonable
1166 conditions imposed by the municipal official or agency that issues right-
1167 of-way or obstruction permits; (2) on off-street parking spaces
1168 associated with the permitted use, notwithstanding any municipal
1169 ordinance establishing minimum requirements for off-street parking; (3)
1170 on any lot, yard, court or open space abutting the area permitted for
1171 principal use, provided (A) such lot, yard, court or open space is located
1172 in a zoning district where the operation of food establishments is
1173 permitted, and (B) the licensee or permittee obtains written
1174 authorization to engage in such service from the owner of such lot, yard,
1175 court or open space and provides a copy of such authorization to the
1176 zoning commission; and (4) until 9 o'clock p.m., or a time established by
1177 the zoning regulations of the municipality, whichever is later.

1178 Sec. 15. Subsection (a) of section 32-37 of the general statutes is
1179 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
1180 *2021*):

1181 (a) The powers of the corporation shall be vested in and exercised by
1182 the board of directors. Eight members of the board shall constitute a
1183 quorum and the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present

1184 at a meeting of the board shall be necessary and sufficient for any action
 1185 taken by the board. No vacancy in the membership of the board shall
 1186 impair the right of a quorum to exercise all the rights and perform all
 1187 the duties of the board. Any action taken by the board may be
 1188 authorized by resolution at any regular or special meeting and shall take
 1189 effect immediately unless otherwise provided in the resolution. Notice
 1190 of any regular meeting shall be given in writing, by telephone or orally,
 1191 not less than forty-eight hours prior to the meeting. Notice of any special
 1192 meeting shall be given in accordance with subsection [(d)] (e) of section
 1193 1-225, as amended by this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	1-200
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	1-206
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	1-225
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	1-226
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	1-227
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	1-228
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	7-7
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	7-8
Sec. 9	<i>from passage</i>	4-124s
Sec. 10	<i>from passage</i>	8-31b(b)
Sec. 11	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	4-66k
Sec. 12	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	4-66r
Sec. 13	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	4-66l
Sec. 14	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 15	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	32-37(a)

Statement of Purpose:

To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

[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.]