



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 6639**

January Session, 2021



**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM REGARDING BUILDING OFFICIALS AND RESOURCES RELATED TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE STATE BUILDING CODE.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2021*) (a) (1) Not later than  
2 January 1, 2022, the Commissioner of Administrative Services shall  
3 establish a pilot program for the (A) standardization of procedures and  
4 forms and other materials relating to the administration of the State  
5 Building Code by municipal building officials appointed pursuant to  
6 section 29-260 of the general statutes, (B) scanning or other digitization  
7 of records relating to such administration into an electronic format and  
8 inclusion of such electronic records in a searchable web-based public  
9 database, and (C) shared provision of services by such building officials  
10 and the staffs of such building officials to multiple municipalities within  
11 the same planning region, as defined in section 4-124i of the general  
12 statutes.

13 (2) Any municipality may submit an application to the commissioner,  
14 in a form and manner prescribed by the commissioner, for participation  
15 in such pilot program. The commissioner shall select not less than two  
16 and not more than five municipalities in each planning region based on  
17 criteria established by the commissioner for such purpose, including,

18 but not limited to, the staffing, information technology and other  
19 resources of any such municipality and the potential that any such  
20 municipality's procedures or services relating to the administration of  
21 the State Building Code can be expanded to other municipalities in the  
22 same planning region.

23 (b) (1) Not later than sixty days after the Commissioner of  
24 Administrative Services selects the municipalities in each planning  
25 region for participation in the pilot program described in this section,  
26 each such municipality shall enter into one or more interlocal  
27 agreements with one or more other such municipalities to (A) share  
28 resources and best practices in the administration of the State Building  
29 Code, (B) identify efficiencies and other opportunities to realize cost  
30 savings in such administration, and (C) generally further the purposes  
31 of such pilot program, provided the term of any such interlocal  
32 agreement shall not exceed the duration of such pilot program.

33 (2) Notwithstanding any such interlocal agreement, the  
34 commissioner shall prescribe the minimum standards for the (A)  
35 scanning or other digitization of records relating to such administration  
36 into an electronic format and inclusion of such electronic records in a  
37 searchable web-based public database, and (B) the integration and  
38 interoperability of information technology resources among the  
39 municipal parties to any such interlocal agreement.

40 (c) (1) Not later than January 1, 2023, and annually thereafter, each  
41 municipality participating in the pilot program described in this section  
42 shall submit to the Commissioner of Administrative Services and the  
43 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management a report on the  
44 measures taken by such municipality in the most recent calendar year  
45 under such pilot program, both singularly and in conjunction with one  
46 or more municipalities pursuant to an interlocal agreement described in  
47 subsection (b) of this section, and measures intended or expected to be  
48 taken by such municipality or municipalities in the current calendar  
49 year.

50 (2) Not later than February 1, 2023, and annually thereafter, the  
51 commissioner, in consultation with the secretary, shall submit to the  
52 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance  
53 of matters relating to public safety and planning and development, in  
54 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,  
55 a report on the status of such pilot program and any recommendations  
56 for legislation concerning such pilot program.

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

**PD**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*