



**House Bill No. 6670**

**Special Act No. 23-13**

**AN ACT STUDYING THE CONSOLIDATION OF METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS.**

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

Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) For the purposes of this section, "metropolitan planning organization" has the same meaning as provided in 23 USC 134, as amended from time to time. The Connecticut Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, established pursuant to section 2-79a of the general statutes, in consultation with the Department of Transportation, shall study and make recommendations regarding the consolidation of metropolitan planning organizations to achieve a greater level of consistency and efficiency in transportation planning. Not later than January 1, 2024, the commission shall submit the results of such study and its recommendations to the Governor and the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to transportation, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The results of such study shall, at a minimum, (1) recommend a minimum population to be represented by a metropolitan planning organization, (2) recommend metropolitan planning organizations that can be consolidated or reconfigured to represent a larger population, (3) identify the potential consistencies, efficiencies and benefits to the state and municipalities as a result of consolidating metropolitan planning organizations, (4)

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identify any barriers that the state or municipalities may encounter while planning, and during, the consolidation of metropolitan planning organizations, (5) identify any state resources that can assist municipalities to overcome any such barrier, (6) include transition planning to address the staffing and funding needs of metropolitan planning organizations that are consolidated or reconfigured, and (7) identify any conclusions that can be drawn from the configuration of metropolitan planning organizations in other states.

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