
OFA Bill Analysis

SB 1213

AN ACT CONCERNING THE MASHANTUCKET PEQUOT AND MOHEGAN FUND.

SUMMARY:

The bill increases the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan grant by approximately \$87.9 million for a new total of \$139.38 million beginning in FY 26.

The bill also prevents this grant amount from being reduced except by certification of an emergency from the Governor and a two-thirds vote from the members of the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2023

BACKGROUND

Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Grant

PA 93-388 established the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund. This fund is a separate, nonlapsing fund containing revenue from casino gaming. Casino gaming revenue is deposited into the General Fund and then transferred to the fund, in an amount equal to the grants to be distributed. Money in this fund is distributed to municipalities according to various factors, including the value of state-owned property, private college and general hospitals, population, equalized net grand list, and per capita income. Host towns receive additional payments, and three tribes also receive grants.

Currently towns receive the same Pequot grant they received in FY 20. Since FY 16, the total grant amount has ranged from \$49.9 million to \$61.7 million. In FY 23, the appropriation for this grant was approximately \$51.5 million.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Appropriations

Joint Favorable

Yea 52 Nay 0