



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1213

LCO No. 5016



Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS

Introduced by:
(APP)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE MASHANTUCKET PEQUOT AND MOHEGAN FUND.

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

1 Section 1. Section 3-55i of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

3 (a) (1) There is established the "Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan
4 Fund" which shall be a separate nonlapsing fund. All funds received by
5 the state of Connecticut from the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe pursuant
6 to the joint memorandum of understanding entered into by and
7 between the state and the tribe on January 13, 1993, as amended on April
8 30, 1993, and any successor thereto, shall be deposited in the General
9 Fund. [During the fiscal year]

10 (2) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2015, [and each fiscal year
11 thereafter] to June 30, 2025, inclusive, from the funds received by the
12 state from the tribe pursuant to said joint memorandum of
13 understanding, as amended, and any successor thereto, an amount
14 equal to the appropriation to the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan
15 Fund for Grants to Towns shall be transferred to the Mashantucket

16 Pequot and Mohegan Fund. [and shall be distributed by the Office of
17 Policy and Management, during said fiscal year, in accordance with the
18 provisions of section 3-55j] For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and
19 each fiscal year thereafter, one hundred thirty-nine million three
20 hundred eighty thousand dollars of the funds deposited in the General
21 Fund pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection or received by the
22 state pursuant to the memorandum of understanding entered into by
23 and between the state and the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut
24 on May 17, 1994, as amended from time to time, shall be transferred
25 from the General Fund to the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund.
26 During each fiscal year, the Office of Policy and Management shall make
27 distributions of any funds transferred to the Mashantucket Pequot and
28 Mohegan Fund pursuant to this section in accordance with the
29 provisions of section 3-55j. The amount of the grant payable to each
30 municipality during any fiscal year, in accordance with [said] section 3-
31 55j, shall be reduced proportionately if the total of such grants exceeds
32 the amount of funds available for such year. The grant shall be paid in
33 three installments as follows: The Secretary of the Office of Policy and
34 Management shall, annually, not later than the fifteenth day of
35 December, the fifteenth day of March and the fifteenth day of June
36 certify to the Comptroller the amount due each municipality under the
37 provisions of section 3-55j and the Comptroller shall draw an order on
38 the Treasurer on or before the fifth business day following the fifteenth
39 day of December, the fifth business day following the fifteenth day of
40 March and the fifth business day following the fifteenth day of June and
41 the Treasurer shall pay the amount thereof to such municipality on or
42 before the first day of January, the first day of April and the thirtieth day
43 of June.

44 (b) The transfers from the General Fund to the Mashantucket Pequot
45 and Mohegan Fund required by subsection (a) of this section shall not
46 be reduced except upon (1) submission to the General Assembly by the
47 Governor of a certification of an emergency requiring such reduction;
48 and (2) a vote of at least two-thirds of the members of each house of the
49 General Assembly approving such reduction.

50 (c) The moneys available in the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan
51 Fund shall be paid to municipalities as specified in the general statutes
52 and biennial budget approved by the General Assembly.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	3-55i
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Statement of Purpose:

To change the requirements for the distribution of funds deposited into the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund.

[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.]