



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 Section 3-55i of the general statutes is repealed and the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
5 by the state of Connecticut from the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe
6 pursuant to the joint memorandum of understanding entered into by
7 and between the state and the tribe on January 13, 1993, as amended
8 on April 30, 1993, and any successor thereto, shall be deposited in the
9 General 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
18 the provisions of section 3-55j] For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026,
19 and 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
24 Connecticut on May 17, 1994, as amended from time to time, shall be
25 transferred from the General Fund to the Mashantucket Pequot and
26 Mohegan Fund. During each fiscal year, the Office of Policy and
27 Management shall make distributions of any funds transferred to the
28 Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund pursuant to this section in
29 accordance with the provisions of section 3-55j. The amount of the
30 grant payable to each municipality during any fiscal year, in
31 accordance with [said] section 3-55j, shall be reduced proportionately if
32 the total of such grants exceeds the amount of funds available for such
33 year. The grant shall be paid in three installments as follows: The
34 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall, annually, not
35 later than the fifteenth day of December, the fifteenth day of March
36 and the fifteenth day of June certify to the Comptroller the amount due
37 each municipality under the provisions of section 3-55j and the
38 Comptroller shall draw an order on the Treasurer on or before the fifth
39 business day following the fifteenth day of December, the fifth
40 business day following the fifteenth day of March and the fifth
41 business day following the fifteenth day of June and the Treasurer
42 shall pay the amount thereof to such municipality on or before the first
43 day of January, the first day of April and the thirtieth day 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
49 the 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:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	3-55i

APP *Joint Favorable*