

REGIONALIZATION COMMISSION

[PA 19-117](#) (§§ 365 & 366)

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| <p>Appointments and Members</p> | <p><u>33 members</u></p> <p>Office of Policy and Management (OPM) secretary (or designee)</p> <p>Cochairpersons and ranking members of the Planning and Development and Finance, Revenue and Bonding committees (or designees)</p> <p>Connecticut Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (ACIR) members (or designees):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OPM secretary • Senate president pro tempore and minority leader • House speaker and minority leader • State Department of Education commissioner • Department of Energy and Environmental Protection commissioner • Department of Economic and Community Development commissioner • 17 additional appointed members with relevant experience (PA 19-193, § 3, modified ACIR's membership) |
| <p>Duties</p> | <p>Must study ways to encourage greater and improved collaboration among the state and municipal governments and regional bodies</p> <p>Any initiative that the task force recommends must be optional for municipalities</p> |
| <p>Study and Report</p> | <p>By February 5, 2020, must report its findings and recommendations for legislation to the Planning and Development and Finance, Revenue and Bonding committees</p> <p>At a minimum, the study must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an examination of the functions, activities, or services that municipalities currently perform individually but that OPM might perform more efficiently on behalf of those willing to opt in • an examination of the functions, activities or services currently performed by the |

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| | <p>state or municipalities that may be provided in a more efficient, high-quality, cost-effective, or responsive manner by regional councils of governments (COGs), regional educational service centers (RESCs), or other similar regional bodies that are responsive to residents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cost savings of government services, including joint purchasing, for municipalities and their respective local or regional school districts • cost savings through the sharing of government services, including joint purchasing, among municipalities • standardization and alignment of various state regions • analyses of any other initiatives that may facilitate service delivery in a more efficient, high-quality, cost-effective, or responsive manner • any recommendation for dividing the revenue in the regional planning incentive account's regionalization subaccount (described below) between the OPM, COGs, RESCs, or similar regional bodies for purposes of regionalizing services |
| Administrative Staff | <p>Finance Committee administrative staff serves as the commission's administrative staff</p> <p>OPM must provide additional support as necessary</p> |
| End Date | <p>Terminates when it submits its report or on February 5, 2020, whichever is later</p> |
| Miscellaneous | <p>Beginning July 1, 2020, OPM secretary must begin offering regional functions, activities, or services as recommended by the task force</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OPM secretary must establish requirements for the (1) procedures and guidelines for performing regional functions, activities, or services; (2) grant amounts; and (3) deadlines for submitting applications and selecting grant recipients • She may establish fees to charge municipalities that opt to participate in any regional functions, activities, or services that the agency performs on behalf of municipalities • Any COG, RESC, or other body offering regional functions, activities, or services, may also establish fees <p>PA 19-117, § 365, establishes a regionalization subaccount in the General Fund's regional planning incentive account and requires the subaccount's funds to be spent exclusively on recommendations from the regionalization task force</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • subaccount is funded by revenue that the Connecticut Lottery Corporation (CLC) makes by offering its existing lottery draw games online, in excess of the amount equal to the debt-free college program (PA 19-117, § 362) • If CLC does not offer an Internet lottery program, the governor must propose adjustments to the FY 20- 21 budget to provide at least \$1 million to support |

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| | regionalism initiatives recommended by the task force, including any revenue source or reduction in spending equal to the costs of the program and initiatives |
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