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"AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT, THE MODERNIZATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, REGIONAL COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENT AND THE PROVISION OF OUTDOOR DINING."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 1-200 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5 As used in this chapter, the following words and phrases [shall] have
6 the following meanings, except where such terms are used in a context
7 which clearly indicates the contrary:

8 (1) "Public agency" or "agency" means:

9 (A) Any executive, administrative or legislative office of the state or

10 any political subdivision of the state and any state or town agency, any
11 department, institution, bureau, board, commission, authority or official
12 of the state or of any city, town, borough, municipal corporation, school
13 district, regional district or other district or other political subdivision of
14 the state, including any committee of, or created by, any such office,
15 subdivision, agency, department, institution, bureau, board,
16 commission, authority or official, and also includes any judicial office,
17 official, or body or committee thereof but only with respect to its or their
18 administrative functions, and for purposes of this subparagraph,
19 "judicial office" includes, but is not limited to, the Division of Public
20 Defender Services;

21 (B) Any person to the extent such person is deemed to be the
22 functional equivalent of a public agency pursuant to law; or

23 (C) Any "implementing agency", as defined in section 32-222.

24 (2) "Meeting" means any hearing or other proceeding of a public
25 agency, any convening or assembly of a quorum of a multimember
26 public agency, and any communication by or to a quorum of a
27 multimember public agency, whether in person or by means of
28 electronic equipment, to discuss or act upon a matter over which the
29 public agency has supervision, control, jurisdiction or advisory power.
30 "Meeting" does not include: Any meeting of a personnel search
31 committee for executive level employment candidates; any chance
32 meeting, or a social meeting neither planned nor intended for the
33 purpose of discussing matters relating to official business; strategy or
34 negotiations with respect to collective bargaining; a caucus of members
35 of a single political party notwithstanding that such members also
36 constitute a quorum of a public agency; an administrative or staff
37 meeting of a single-member public agency; and communication limited
38 to notice of meetings of any public agency or the agendas thereof. A
39 quorum of the members of a public agency who are present at any event
40 which has been noticed and conducted as a meeting of another public
41 agency under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act shall not
42 be deemed to be holding a meeting of the public agency of which they

43 are members as a result of their presence at such event.

44 (3) "Caucus" means (A) a convening or assembly of the enrolled
45 members of a single political party who are members of a public agency
46 within the state or a political subdivision, or (B) the members of a
47 multimember public agency, which members constitute a majority of
48 the membership of the agency, or the other members of the agency who
49 constitute a minority of the membership of the agency, who register
50 their intention to be considered a majority caucus or minority caucus, as
51 the case may be, for the purposes of the Freedom of Information Act,
52 provided (i) the registration is made with the office of the Secretary of
53 the State for any such public agency of the state, in the office of the clerk
54 of a political subdivision of the state for any public agency of a political
55 subdivision of the state, or in the office of the clerk of each municipal
56 member of any multitown district or agency, (ii) no member is
57 registered in more than one caucus at any one time, (iii) no such
58 member's registration is rescinded during the member's remaining term
59 of office, and (iv) a member may remain a registered member of the
60 majority caucus or minority caucus regardless of whether the member
61 changes his or her party affiliation under chapter 143.

62 (4) "Person" means natural person, partnership, corporation, limited
63 liability company, association or society.

64 (5) "Public records or files" means any recorded data or information
65 relating to the conduct of the public's business prepared, owned, used,
66 received or retained by a public agency, or to which a public agency is
67 entitled to receive a copy by law or contract under section 1-218,
68 whether such data or information be handwritten, typed, tape-recorded,
69 videotaped, printed, photostated, photographed or recorded by any
70 other method.

71 (6) "Executive sessions" means a meeting of a public agency at which
72 the public is excluded for one or more of the following purposes: (A)
73 Discussion concerning the appointment, employment, performance,
74 evaluation, health or dismissal of a public officer or employee, provided

75 that such individual may require that discussion be held at an open
76 meeting; (B) strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims or
77 pending litigation to which the public agency or a member thereof,
78 because of the member's conduct as a member of such agency, is a party
79 until such litigation or claim has been finally adjudicated or otherwise
80 settled; (C) matters concerning security strategy or the deployment of
81 security personnel, or devices affecting public security; (D) discussion
82 of the selection of a site or the lease, sale or purchase of real estate by the
83 state or a political subdivision of the state when publicity regarding such
84 site, lease, sale, purchase or construction would adversely impact the
85 price of such site, lease, sale, purchase or construction until such time as
86 all of the property has been acquired or all proceedings or transactions
87 concerning same have been terminated or abandoned; and (E)
88 discussion of any matter which would result in the disclosure of public
89 records or the information contained therein described in subsection (b)
90 of section 1-210.

91 (7) "Personnel search committee" means a body appointed by a public
92 agency, whose sole purpose is to recommend to the appointing agency
93 a candidate or candidates for an executive-level employment position.
94 Members of a "personnel search committee" shall not be considered in
95 determining whether there is a quorum of the appointing or any other
96 public agency.

97 (8) "Pending claim" means a written notice to an agency which sets
98 forth a demand for legal relief or which asserts a legal right stating the
99 intention to institute an action in an appropriate forum if such relief or
100 right is not granted.

101 (9) "Pending litigation" means (A) a written notice to an agency which
102 sets forth a demand for legal relief or which asserts a legal right stating
103 the intention to institute an action before a court if such relief or right is
104 not granted by the agency; (B) the service of a complaint against an
105 agency returnable to a court which seeks to enforce or implement legal
106 relief or a legal right; or (C) the agency's consideration of action to
107 enforce or implement legal relief or a legal right.

108 (10) "Freedom of Information Act" means this chapter.

109 (11) "Governmental function" means the administration or
110 management of a program of a public agency, which program has been
111 authorized by law to be administered or managed by a person, where
112 (A) the person receives funding from the public agency for
113 administering or managing the program, (B) the public agency is
114 involved in or regulates to a significant extent such person's
115 administration or management of the program, whether or not such
116 involvement or regulation is direct, pervasive, continuous or day-to-
117 day, and (C) the person participates in the formulation of governmental
118 policies or decisions in connection with the administration or
119 management of the program and such policies or decisions bind the
120 public agency. "Governmental function" shall not include the mere
121 provision of goods or services to a public agency without the delegated
122 responsibility to administer or manage a program of a public agency.

123 (12) "Electronic equipment" means any technology that facilitates
124 real-time public access to meetings, including, but not limited to,
125 telephonic, video or other conferencing platforms.

126 (13) "Electronic transmission" means any form or process of
127 communication not directly involving the physical transfer of paper or
128 another tangible medium, which (A) is capable of being retained,
129 retrieved and reproduced by the recipient, and (B) is retrievable in paper
130 form by the recipient.

131 Sec. 2. Section 1-206 of the general statutes is repealed and the
132 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

133 (a) Any denial of the right to inspect or copy records provided for
134 under section 1-210 shall be made to the person requesting such right
135 by the public agency official who has custody or control of the public
136 record, in writing, within four business days of such request, except
137 when the request is determined to be subject to subsections (b) and (c)
138 of section 1-214, in which case such denial shall be made, in writing,
139 within ten business days of such request. Failure to comply with a

140 request to so inspect or copy such public record within the applicable
141 number of business days shall be deemed to be a denial.

142 (b) (1) Any person denied the right to inspect or copy records under
143 section 1-210 or wrongfully denied the right to attend any meeting of a
144 public agency or denied any other right conferred by the Freedom of
145 Information Act may appeal therefrom to the Freedom of Information
146 Commission, by filing a notice of appeal with said commission. A notice
147 of appeal shall be filed not later than thirty days after such denial, except
148 in the case of an unnoticed or secret meeting, in which case the appeal
149 shall be filed not later than thirty days after the person filing the appeal
150 receives actual or constructive notice that such meeting was held. For
151 purposes of this subsection, such notice of appeal shall be deemed to be
152 filed on the date it is received by said commission or on the date it is
153 postmarked, if received more than thirty days after the date of the denial
154 from which such appeal is taken. Upon receipt of such notice, the
155 commission shall serve upon all parties, by certified or registered mail
156 or by electronic transmission, a copy of such notice together with any
157 other notice or order of such commission. In the case of the denial of a
158 request to inspect or copy records contained in a public employee's
159 personnel or medical file or similar file under subsection (c) of section 1-
160 214, the commission shall include with its notice or order an order
161 requiring the public agency to notify any employee whose records are
162 the subject of an appeal, and the employee's collective bargaining
163 representative, if any, of the commission's proceedings and, if any such
164 employee or collective bargaining representative has filed an objection
165 under said subsection (c), the agency shall provide the required notice
166 to such employee and collective bargaining representative by certified
167 mail, return receipt requested, by electronic transmission or by hand
168 delivery with a signed receipt. A public employee whose personnel or
169 medical file or similar file is the subject of an appeal under this
170 subsection may intervene as a party in the proceedings on the matter
171 before the commission. Said commission shall, after due notice to the
172 parties, hear and decide the appeal within one year after the filing of the
173 notice of appeal. The commission shall adopt regulations in accordance

174 with chapter 54, establishing criteria for those appeals which shall be
175 privileged in their assignment for hearing. Any such appeal shall be
176 heard not later than thirty days after receipt of a notice of appeal and
177 decided not later than sixty days after the hearing. If a notice of appeal
178 concerns an announced agency decision to meet in executive session or
179 an ongoing agency practice of meeting in executive sessions, for a stated
180 purpose, the commission or a member or members of the commission
181 designated by its chairperson shall serve notice upon the parties in
182 accordance with this section and hold a preliminary hearing on the
183 appeal not later than seventy-two hours after receipt of the notice,
184 provided such notice shall be given to the parties at least forty-eight
185 hours prior to such hearing. During such preliminary hearing, the
186 commission shall take evidence and receive testimony from the parties.
187 If after the preliminary hearing the commission finds probable cause to
188 believe that the agency decision or practice is in violation of sections 1-
189 200, as amended by this act, and 1-225, the agency shall not meet in
190 executive session for such purpose until the commission decides the
191 appeal. If probable cause is found by the commission, it shall conduct a
192 final hearing on the appeal and render its decision not later than five
193 days after the completion of the preliminary hearing. Such decision shall
194 specify the commission's findings of fact and conclusions of law.

195 (2) In any appeal to the Freedom of Information Commission under
196 subdivision (1) of this subsection or subsection (c) of this section, the
197 commission may confirm the action of the agency or order the agency
198 to provide relief that the commission, in its discretion, believes
199 appropriate to rectify the denial of any right conferred by the Freedom
200 of Information Act. The commission may declare null and void any
201 action taken at any meeting which a person was denied the right to
202 attend and may require the production or copying of any public record.
203 In addition, upon the finding that a denial of any right created by the
204 Freedom of Information Act was without reasonable grounds and after
205 the custodian or other official directly responsible for the denial has
206 been given an opportunity to be heard at a hearing conducted in
207 accordance with sections 4-176e to 4-184, inclusive, the commission

208 may, in its discretion, impose against the custodian or other official a
209 civil penalty of not less than twenty dollars nor more than one thousand
210 dollars. If the commission finds that a person has taken an appeal under
211 this subsection frivolously, without reasonable grounds and solely for
212 the purpose of harassing the agency from which the appeal has been
213 taken, after such person has been given an opportunity to be heard at a
214 hearing conducted in accordance with sections 4-176e to 4-184,
215 inclusive, the commission may, in its discretion, impose against that
216 person a civil penalty of not less than twenty dollars nor more than one
217 thousand dollars. The commission shall notify a person of a penalty
218 levied against him pursuant to this subsection by written notice sent by
219 certified or registered mail or electronic transmission. If a person fails to
220 pay the penalty within thirty days of receiving such notice, the Superior
221 Court shall, on application of the commission, issue an order requiring
222 the person to pay the penalty imposed. If the executive director of the
223 commission has reason to believe an appeal under subdivision (1) of this
224 subsection or subsection (c) of this section (A) presents a claim beyond
225 the commission's jurisdiction; (B) would perpetrate an injustice; or (C)
226 would constitute an abuse of the commission's administrative process,
227 the executive director shall not schedule the appeal for hearing without
228 first seeking and obtaining leave of the commission. The commission
229 shall provide due notice to the parties and review affidavits and written
230 argument that the parties may submit and grant or deny such leave
231 summarily at its next regular meeting. The commission shall grant such
232 leave unless it finds that the appeal: (i) Does not present a claim within
233 the commission's jurisdiction; (ii) would perpetrate an injustice; or (iii)
234 would constitute an abuse of the commission's administrative process.
235 Any party aggrieved by the commission's denial of such leave may
236 apply to the superior court for the judicial district of New Britain, within
237 fifteen days of the commission meeting at which such leave was denied,
238 for an order requiring the commission to hear such appeal.

239 (3) In making the findings and determination under subdivision (2)
240 of this subsection the commission shall consider the nature of any
241 injustice or abuse of administrative process, including but not limited

242 to: (A) The nature, content, language or subject matter of the request or
243 the appeal, including, among other factors, whether the request or
244 appeal is repetitious or cumulative; (B) the nature, content, language or
245 subject matter of prior or contemporaneous requests or appeals by the
246 person making the request or taking the appeal; (C) the nature, content,
247 language or subject matter of other verbal and written communications
248 to any agency or any official of any agency from the person making the
249 request or taking the appeal; (D) any history of nonappearance at
250 commission proceedings or disruption of the commission's
251 administrative process, including, but not limited to, delaying
252 commission proceedings; and (E) the refusal to participate in settlement
253 conferences conducted by a commission ombudsman in accordance
254 with the commission's regulations.

255 (4) Notwithstanding any provision of this subsection to the contrary,
256 in the case of an appeal to the commission of a denial by a public agency,
257 the commission may, upon motion of such agency, confirm the action of
258 the agency and dismiss the appeal without a hearing if it finds, after
259 examining the notice of appeal and construing all allegations most
260 favorably to the appellant, that (A) the agency has not violated the
261 Freedom of Information Act, or (B) the agency has committed a technical
262 violation of the Freedom of Information Act that constitutes a harmless
263 error that does not infringe the appellant's rights under said act.

264 (5) Notwithstanding any provision of this subsection, a public agency
265 may petition the commission for relief from a requester that the public
266 agency alleges is a vexatious requester. Such petition shall be sworn
267 under penalty of false statement, as provided in section 53a-157b, and
268 shall detail the conduct which the agency alleges demonstrates a
269 vexatious history of requests, including, but not limited to: (A) The
270 number of requests filed and the total number of pending requests; (B)
271 the scope of the requests; (C) the nature, content, language or subject
272 matter of the requests; (D) the nature, content, language or subject
273 matter of other oral and written communications to the agency from the
274 requester; and (E) a pattern of conduct that amounts to an abuse of the
275 right to access information under the Freedom of Information Act or an

276 interference with the operation of the agency. Upon receipt of such
277 petition, the executive director of the commission shall review the
278 petition and determine whether it warrants a hearing. If the executive
279 director determines that a hearing is not warranted, the executive
280 director shall recommend that the commission deny the petition
281 without a hearing. The commission shall vote at its next regular meeting
282 after such recommendation to accept or reject such recommendation
283 and, after such meeting, shall issue a written explanation of the reasons
284 for such acceptance or rejection. If the executive director determines that
285 a hearing is warranted, the commission shall serve upon all parties, by
286 certified or registered mail or electronic transmission, a copy of such
287 petition together with any other notice or order of the commission. The
288 commission shall, after due notice to the parties, hear and either grant
289 or deny the petition within one year after its filing. Upon a grant of such
290 petition, the commission may provide appropriate relief commensurate
291 with the vexatious conduct, including, but not limited to, an order that
292 the agency need not comply with future requests from the vexatious
293 requester for a specified period of time, but not to exceed one year. Any
294 party aggrieved by the commission's granting of such petition may
295 apply to the superior court for the judicial district of New Britain, within
296 fifteen days of the commission meeting at which such petition was
297 granted, for an order reversing the commission's decision.

298 (c) Any person who does not receive proper notice of any meeting of
299 a public agency in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of
300 Information Act may appeal under the provisions of subsection (b) of
301 this section. A public agency of the state shall be presumed to have given
302 timely and proper notice of any meeting as provided for in said
303 Freedom of Information Act if notice is given in the Connecticut Law
304 Journal or a Legislative Bulletin. A public agency of a political
305 subdivision shall be presumed to have given proper notice of any
306 meeting, if a notice is timely sent under the provisions of said Freedom
307 of Information Act by (1) first-class mail to the address, or (2) electronic
308 transmission to the information processing system, as defined in section
309 1-267, indicated in the request of the person requesting the same. If such

310 commission determines that notice was improper, it may, in its sound
311 discretion, declare any or all actions taken at such meeting null and
312 void.

313 (d) Any party aggrieved by the decision of said commission may
314 appeal therefrom, in accordance with the provisions of section 4-183.
315 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 4-183, in any such appeal of
316 a decision of the commission, the court may conduct an in camera
317 review of the original or a certified copy of the records which are at issue
318 in the appeal but were not included in the record of the commission's
319 proceedings, admit the records into evidence and order the records to
320 be sealed or inspected on such terms as the court deems fair and
321 appropriate, during the appeal. The commission shall have standing to
322 defend, prosecute or otherwise participate in any appeal of any of its
323 decisions and to take an appeal from any judicial decision overturning
324 or modifying a decision of the commission. If aggrievement is a
325 jurisdictional prerequisite to the commission taking any such appeal,
326 the commission shall be deemed to be aggrieved. Notwithstanding the
327 provisions of section 3-125, legal counsel employed or retained by said
328 commission shall represent said commission in all such appeals and in
329 any other litigation affecting said commission. Notwithstanding the
330 provisions of subsection (c) of section 4-183 and section 52-64, all process
331 shall be served upon said commission at its office. Any appeal taken
332 pursuant to this section shall be privileged in respect to its assignment
333 for trial over all other actions except writs of habeas corpus and actions
334 brought by or on behalf of the state, including informations on the
335 relation of private individuals. Nothing in this section shall deprive any
336 party of any rights he may have had at common law prior to January 1,
337 1958. If the court finds that any appeal taken pursuant to this section or
338 section 4-183 is frivolous or taken solely for the purpose of delay, it shall
339 order the party responsible therefor to pay to the party injured by such
340 frivolous or dilatory appeal costs or attorney's fees of not more than one
341 thousand dollars. Such order shall be in addition to any other remedy
342 or disciplinary action required or permitted by statute or by rules of
343 court.

344 (e) Within sixty days after the filing of a notice of appeal alleging
345 violation of any right conferred by the Freedom of Information Act
346 concerning records of the Department of Energy and Environmental
347 Protection relating to the state's hazardous waste program under
348 sections 22a-448 to 22a-454, inclusive, the Freedom of Information
349 Commission shall, after notice to the parties, hear and decide the appeal.
350 Failure by the commission to hear and decide the appeal within such
351 sixty-day period shall constitute a final decision denying such appeal
352 for purposes of this section and section 4-183. On appeal, the court may,
353 in addition to any other powers conferred by law, order the disclosure
354 of any such records withheld in violation of the Freedom of Information
355 Act and may assess against the state reasonable attorney's fees and other
356 litigation costs reasonably incurred in an appeal in which the
357 complainant has prevailed against the Department of Energy and
358 Environmental Protection.

359 Sec. 3. (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) As used in this section, "public
360 agency", "meeting", "executive session", "electronic equipment" and
361 "electronic transmission" have the same meanings as provided in section
362 1-200 of the general statutes, as amended by this act. On and after the
363 effective date of this section until April 30, 2022, a public agency may
364 hold a public meeting that is accessible to the public by means of
365 electronic equipment or by means of electronic equipment in
366 conjunction with an in-person meeting in accordance with the
367 provisions of this section. Not less than forty-eight hours before any
368 public agency, except for the General Assembly, conducts a regular
369 meeting by means of electronic equipment, such agency shall provide
370 direct notification in writing or by electronic transmission to each
371 member of the public agency and post a notice that such agency intends
372 to conduct the meeting solely or in part by means of electronic
373 equipment (1) in the agency's regular office or place of business, (2) in
374 the office and on the Internet web site of the Secretary of the State for
375 any such public agency of the state or quasi-public agency, in the office
376 of the clerk of such subdivision for any public agency of a political
377 subdivision of the state that is not a quasi-public agency, or in the office

378 of the clerk of each municipal member of any multitown district or
379 agency, and (3) on the agency's Internet web site, if available. Not less
380 than twenty-four hours prior to any such meeting, such agency shall
381 post the agenda for any such meeting in the same manner as the notice
382 of the meeting in accordance with subdivisions (1) to (3), inclusive, of
383 this subsection. Such notice and agenda shall include instructions for the
384 public, by means of electronic equipment or in person, to attend and
385 provide comment or otherwise participate in the meeting, as applicable
386 and permitted by law. Any such notice and agenda shall be posted in
387 accordance with the provisions of section 1-225 of the general statutes.

388 (b) Any public agency that conducts a meeting, other than an
389 executive session or special meeting, as described in this section, solely
390 by means of electronic equipment, shall (1) provide any member of the
391 public (A) upon written request submitted not less than twenty-four
392 hours prior to such meeting, with a physical location and any electronic
393 equipment necessary to attend such meeting in real-time, and (B) the
394 same opportunities to provide comment or testimony and otherwise
395 participate in such meeting that such member of the public would be
396 accorded if such meeting were held in person, except that a public
397 agency is not required to adjourn or postpone a meeting if a member of
398 the public loses the ability to participate because of an interruption,
399 failure or degradation of such person's connection to the meeting by
400 electronic equipment; (2) ensure that such meeting is recorded or
401 transcribed, excluding any portion of the meeting that is an executive
402 session, and such transcription or recording is posted on the agency's
403 Internet web site and made available to the public to view, listen to and
404 copy in the agency's office or regular place of business not later than
405 seven days after the meeting and for not less than forty-five days
406 thereafter; and (3) if a quorum of the members of a public agency attend
407 a meeting by means of electronic equipment from the same physical
408 location, permit members of the public to attend such meeting in such
409 physical location. Any public agency that conducts a meeting shall
410 provide members of the public agency the opportunity to participate by
411 means of electronic equipment, except that a public agency is not

412 required to adjourn or postpone a meeting if a member loses the ability
413 to participate because of an interruption, failure or degradation of that
414 member's connection by electronic equipment, unless the member's
415 participation is necessary to form a quorum.

416 (c) Any public agency other than the General Assembly that conducts
417 a special meeting shall include in the notice of such meeting whether the
418 meeting will be conducted solely or in part by means of electronic
419 equipment and, not less than twenty-four hours prior to such meeting,
420 shall post such notice and an agenda of the meeting in accordance with
421 the provisions of subsection (d) of section 1-225 of the general statutes.
422 If such special meeting is to be conducted by means of electronic
423 equipment, such notice and agenda shall include instructions for the
424 public, by means of electronic equipment or in person, to attend and
425 provide comment or otherwise participate in the meeting, as applicable
426 and permitted by law.

427 (d) Any vote taken at a meeting during which any member
428 participates by means of electronic equipment shall be taken by roll call,
429 unless the vote is unanimous. The minutes of the meeting shall record a
430 list of members that attended such meeting in person and a list of
431 members that attended such meeting by means of electronic equipment.

432 (e) Any member of a public agency or the public who participates
433 orally in a meeting of a public agency conducted by means of electronic
434 equipment shall make a good faith effort to state such member's name
435 and title, if applicable, at the outset of each occasion that such member
436 participates orally during an uninterrupted dialogue or series of
437 questions and answers.

438 (f) Whenever a meeting being conducted by means of electronic
439 equipment is interrupted by the failure, disconnection or, in the
440 chairperson's determination, unacceptable degradation of the electronic
441 means of conducting a meeting, or if a member necessary to form a
442 quorum loses the ability to participate because of the interruption,
443 failure or degradation of such member's connection by electronic

444 equipment, the public agency may, not less than thirty minutes and not
445 more than two hours from the time of the interruption or the
446 chairperson's determination, resume the meeting (1) in person, if a
447 quorum is present in person, or, (2) if a quorum is restored by means of
448 electronic equipment, solely or in part by such electronic equipment. In
449 each case of resumption of such meeting, electronic access shall be
450 restored to the public if such capability has been restored. The public
451 agency shall, if practicable, post a notification on its Internet web site
452 and inform attendees by electronic transmission of the expected time of
453 resumption or of the adjournment or postponement of the meeting, as
454 is the case, and may announce at the beginning of any meeting what
455 preplanned procedures are in place for resumption of a meeting in the
456 event of an interruption as described in this subsection.

457 (g) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a public
458 agency to offer members of the public who attend a meeting by means
459 of electronic equipment the opportunity for public comment, testimony
460 or other participation if the provision of such opportunity is not
461 required by law for members of the public who attend such a meeting
462 in person.

463 Sec. 4. Section 1-227 of the general statutes is repealed and the
464 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

465 The public agency shall, where practicable, give notice by mail or
466 electronic transmission of each regular meeting, and of any special
467 meeting which is called, at least one week prior to the date set for the
468 meeting, to any person who has filed a written request for such notice
469 with such body, except that such body may give such notice as it deems
470 practical of special meetings called less than seven days prior to the date
471 set for the meeting. Such notice requirement shall not apply to the
472 General Assembly, either house thereof or to any committee thereof.
473 Any request for notice filed pursuant to this section shall be valid for
474 one year from the date on which it is filed unless a renewal request is
475 filed. Renewal requests for notice shall be filed within thirty days after
476 January first of each year. Such public agency may establish a reasonable

477 charge for sending such notice based on the estimated cost of providing
478 such service.

479 Sec. 5. Section 1-228 of the general statutes is repealed and the
480 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

481 The public agency may adjourn any regular or special meeting to a
482 time and place specified in the order of adjournment. Less than a
483 quorum may so adjourn from time to time. If all members are absent
484 from any regular meeting the clerk or the secretary of such body may
485 declare the meeting adjourned to a stated time and place and shall cause
486 a written notice of the adjournment to be given in the same manner as
487 provided in section 1-225, for special meetings, unless such notice is
488 waived as provided for special meetings. A copy of the order or notice
489 of adjournment shall be conspicuously posted on or near the door of the
490 place where the regular or special meeting was held and on the Internet
491 web site of the public agency, if applicable, within twenty-four hours
492 after the time of the adjournment. When an order of adjournment of any
493 meeting fails to state the hour at which the adjourned meeting is to be
494 held, it shall be held at the hour specified for regular meetings, by
495 ordinance, resolution, by law or other rule.

496 Sec. 6. Section 7-8 of the general statutes is repealed and the following
497 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

498 The moderator of any town meeting, and of any meeting of any
499 society or other community lawfully assembled, may, when any
500 disorder arises in the meeting and the offender refuses to submit to the
501 moderator's lawful authority, order any proper officer to take the
502 offender into custody and, if necessary, to remove the offender from
503 such meeting until the offender conforms to order or, if need be, until
504 such meeting is closed, and thereupon such officer shall have power to
505 command all necessary assistance. Any person refusing to assist when
506 commanded shall be liable to the same penalties as for refusing to assist
507 constables in the execution of their duties; but no person commanded to
508 assist shall be deprived of such person's right to act in the meeting, nor

509 shall the offender be so deprived any longer than the offender refuses
510 to conform to order. If such offender is attending such meeting by means
511 of electronic equipment, as defined in section 1-200, as amended by this
512 act, the moderator may terminate such offender's attendance by
513 electronic equipment until such time as the offender conforms to order
514 or, if need be, until such meeting is closed.

515 Sec. 7. Section 1-232 of the general statutes is repealed and the
516 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

517 In the event that any meeting of a public agency is interrupted by any
518 person or group of persons so as to render the orderly conduct of such
519 meeting unfeasible and order cannot be restored by the removal of
520 individuals who are wilfully interrupting the meetings, the members of
521 the agency conducting the meeting may order the meeting room cleared
522 and continue in session. If such person or group of persons is attending
523 such meeting by means of electronic equipment, as defined in section 1-
524 200, as amended by this act, the members of the public agency may
525 terminate such person's or group of persons' attendance by electronic
526 equipment until such time as such person or group of persons conforms
527 to order or, if need be, until such meeting is closed. Only matters
528 appearing on the agenda may be considered in such a session. Duly
529 accredited representatives of the press or other news media, except
530 those participating in the disturbance, shall be allowed to attend any
531 session held pursuant to this section. Nothing in this section shall
532 prohibit such public agency from establishing a procedure for
533 readmitting an individual or individuals not responsible for wilfully
534 disturbing the meeting.

535 Sec. 8. (*Effective from passage*) The Connecticut Advisory Commission
536 on Intergovernmental Relations established pursuant to section 2-79a of
537 the general statutes, shall, in consultation with the Freedom of
538 Information Commission established pursuant to section 1-205 of the
539 general statutes, the Connecticut Association of Municipal Attorneys
540 and the Chief Information Officer or the Chief Information Officer's
541 designee, conduct a study concerning the implementation of the

542 provisions of section 3 of this act, and the feasibility of remote
543 participation and voting during meetings, including remote voting
544 using electronic equipment such as conference call, videoconference or
545 other technology. Not later than February 1, 2022, the commission shall
546 submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
547 general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General
548 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to government
549 administration and planning and development. Such report shall
550 include, but need not be limited to, (1) findings, including any
551 challenges encountered, (2) recommendations concerning best practices
552 for the implementation of said provisions, (3) an analysis of the
553 feasibility of remote participation and voting during meetings using
554 electronic equipment such as conference call, videoconference or other
555 technology, and (4) the identification of funding sources for the
556 implementation of remote participation and voting during meetings
557 using such electronic equipment.

558 Sec. 9. Section 7-34a of the general statutes is amended by adding
559 subsection (f) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

560 (NEW) (f) Any town clerk who receives a fee pursuant to this section
561 may permit the payment of such fee on an Internet web site designated
562 by the clerk, in a manner prescribed by the clerk.

563 Sec. 10. Section 7-51a of the general statutes is amended by adding
564 subsection (e) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

565 (NEW) (e) Any registrar of vital statistics who receives payment
566 pursuant to this section may permit such payment to be made on an
567 Internet web site designated by the registrar, in a manner prescribed by
568 the registrar.

569 Sec. 11. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2021*) For the purposes of sections
570 7-148j, 7-148k, 7-148bb, 7-148ii and 7-152b of the general statutes, as
571 amended by this act, "electronic equipment" means any technology that
572 facilitates real-time communication between two or more individuals,
573 including, but not limited to, telephonic, video and other conferencing

574 platforms.

575 Sec. 12. Section 7-148j of the general statutes is repealed and the
576 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

577 Any board, commission, council, committee or other agency
578 established or designated pursuant to sections 7-148i to 7-148n,
579 inclusive, and subparagraph (B) of subdivision (9) of subsection (c) of
580 section 7-148, may be given the following powers: (1) The power to issue
581 subpoenas or subpoenas duces tecum, enforceable upon application to
582 the Superior Court, to compel the attendance of persons at hearings
583 either in person or by means of electronic equipment and the production
584 of books, documents, records and papers; (2) the power to issue written
585 interrogatories and require written answers under oath thereto,
586 enforceable upon application to the Superior Court; (3) the power to
587 hold hearings relating to any allegation of discriminatory practice which
588 it has found reasonable cause to believe has occurred and to issue any
589 appropriate orders including those authorized by section 46a-86; and (4)
590 the power to petition the Superior Court for enforcement of any order
591 issued by it upon a finding that a violation of the local code of prohibited
592 discriminatory practices has occurred, including the power to petition
593 the Superior Court for temporary injunctive relief upon a finding that
594 irreparable harm to the complainant will otherwise occur or for any
595 other relief authorized by sections 46a-89 and 46a-90a.

596 Sec. 13. Section 7-148k of the general statutes is repealed and the
597 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

598 Any complaint filed pursuant to sections 7-148i to 7-148n, inclusive,
599 and subparagraph (B) of subdivision (9) of subsection (c) of section 7-
600 148 shall be made under oath. No finding of a violation of a local code
601 of prohibited discriminatory practices shall be made except after a
602 hearing conducted in person or by means of electronic equipment. The
603 respondent at any such hearing shall be given reasonable advance
604 written notice of the hearing, shall be entitled to be represented by
605 counsel, and shall be permitted to testify and present and cross-examine

606 witnesses. The decision resulting from the hearing shall be in writing
607 and shall include written findings of the facts upon which the decision
608 is based.

609 Sec. 14. Section 7-148bb of the general statutes is repealed and the
610 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

611 Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes or any special
612 act, municipal charter or home rule ordinance, the chief elected officials
613 of two or more municipalities may initiate a process for such
614 municipalities to enter into an agreement to share revenues received for
615 payment of real and personal property taxes. The agreement shall be
616 prepared pursuant to negotiations and shall contain all provisions on
617 which there is mutual agreement between the municipalities, including,
618 but not limited to, specification of the tax revenues to be shared,
619 collection and uses of such shared revenue. The agreement shall
620 establish procedures for amendment, termination and withdrawal. The
621 negotiations shall include an opportunity for public participation. Such
622 participation may take place in person, in writing or by means of
623 electronic equipment. The agreement shall be approved by each
624 municipality that is a party to the agreement by resolution of the
625 legislative body. As used in this section "legislative body" means the
626 council, commission, board, body or town meeting, by whatever name
627 it may be known, having or exercising the general legislative powers
628 and functions of a municipality and "municipality" means any town, city
629 or borough, consolidated town and city or consolidated town and
630 borough.

631 Sec. 15. Section 7-148ii of the general statutes is repealed and the
632 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

633 (a) Any person who, on or after October 1, 2011, commences an action
634 to foreclose a mortgage on residential property shall register such
635 property with the town clerk of the municipality in which the property
636 is located at the time and place of the recording of the notice of lis
637 pendens as to the residential property being foreclosed in accordance

638 with section 52-325. Such registration may be completed electronically
639 in a manner prescribed by such clerk and shall be maintained by the
640 municipality separate and apart from the land records.

641 (b) Registration made pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall
642 contain (1) the name, address, telephone number and electronic mail
643 address of the plaintiff in the foreclosure action and, if such plaintiff is
644 an entity or an individual who resides out-of-state, the name, address,
645 telephone number and electronic mail address of a direct contact in the
646 state, provided such a direct contact is available; (2) the name, address,
647 telephone number and electronic mail address of the person, local
648 property maintenance company or other entity serving as such
649 plaintiff's contact with the municipality for any matters concerning the
650 residential property; and (3) the following heading in at least ten-point
651 boldface capital letters: NOTICE TO MUNICIPALITY: REGISTRATION
652 OF PROPERTY BEING FORECLOSED. The plaintiff in the foreclosure
653 action shall indicate on such registration whether it prefers to be
654 contacted by first class mail or electronic mail and the preferred
655 addresses for such communications. Such plaintiff shall report to the
656 town clerk of the municipality in which the property is located, by mail,
657 electronic mail or other form of delivery, any change in the information
658 provided on the registration not later than thirty days following the date
659 of the change of information. At the time of registration, such plaintiff
660 shall pay a land record filing fee to the municipality as specified in
661 section 7-34a, as amended by this act.

662 (c) Any person in whom title to a residential property has vested on
663 or after October 1, 2011, through a foreclosure action pursuant to
664 sections 49-16 to 49-21, inclusive, or 49-26, shall register such property,
665 in accordance with subsection (d) of this section, with the municipality
666 in which such property is located not later than fifteen days after
667 absolute title vests in such person. If such person is the plaintiff in the
668 foreclosure action, such person shall, prior to the expiration of such
669 fifteen-day period, update the registration with any change in
670 registration information for purposes of complying with said subsection
671 (d). The updated registration shall include the following heading in at

672 least ten-point boldface capital letters: NOTICE TO MUNICIPALITY:
673 UPDATED REGISTRATION FOR PROPERTY ACQUIRED THROUGH
674 FORECLOSURE.

675 (d) Registration made pursuant to subsection (c) of this section shall
676 be mailed, sent by electronic mail or delivered to the town clerk of the
677 municipality in which the residential property is located and include (1)
678 the name, address, telephone number and electronic mail address of the
679 registrant and, if the registrant is an entity or an individual who resides
680 out-of-state, the name, address, telephone number and electronic mail
681 address of a direct contact in the state, provided such a direct contact is
682 available; (2) the date on which absolute title vested in the registrant; (3)
683 the name, address, telephone number and electronic mail address of the
684 person, local property maintenance company or other entity responsible
685 for the security and maintenance of the residential property; and (4) the
686 following heading in at least ten-point boldface capital letters: NOTICE
687 TO MUNICIPALITY: REGISTRATION OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED
688 THROUGH FORECLOSURE. The registration, or updated registration,
689 shall be accompanied by a land record filing fee payable to the
690 municipality as specified in section 7-34a, as amended by this act. The
691 registrant shall report to the town clerk by mail, electronic mail or other
692 form of delivery any change in the information provided on the
693 registration not later than thirty days from the date of the change in
694 information.

695 (e) If a registrant required to register pursuant to subsection (c) of this
696 section fails to comply with any provision of the general statutes or of
697 any municipal ordinance concerning the repair or maintenance of real
698 estate, including, without limitation, an ordinance relating to the
699 prevention of housing blight pursuant to subparagraph (H)(xv) of
700 subdivision (7) of subsection (c) of section 7-148, the maintenance of safe
701 and sanitary housing as provided in subparagraph (A) of subdivision
702 (7) of subsection (c) of section 7-148, or the abatement of nuisances as
703 provided in subparagraph (E) of subdivision (7) of subsection (c) of
704 section 7-148, the municipality may issue a notice to the registrant citing
705 the conditions on such property that violate such provisions. Such

706 notice shall be sent by either first class or electronic mail, or both, and
707 shall be sent to the address or addresses of the registrant identified on
708 the registration. A copy of such notice shall be sent by first class mail or
709 electronic mail to the person, property maintenance company or other
710 entity responsible for the security and maintenance of the residential
711 property designated on the registration. Such notice shall comply with
712 section 7-148gg.

713 (f) The notice described in subsection (e) of this section shall provide
714 a date, reasonable under the circumstances, by which the registrant shall
715 remedy the condition or conditions on such registrant's property. If the
716 registrant, registrant's contact or registrant's agent does not remedy the
717 condition or conditions on such registrant's property before the date
718 following the date specified in such notice, the municipality may enforce
719 its rights under the relevant provisions of the general statutes or of any
720 municipal ordinance.

721 (g) A municipality shall only impose registration requirements upon
722 registrants and plaintiffs in foreclosure actions in accordance with this
723 section, except that any municipal registration requirements effective on
724 or before October 1, 2009, shall remain effective.

725 (h) Any plaintiff in a foreclosure action who fails to register in
726 accordance with this section shall be subject to a civil penalty of one
727 hundred dollars for each violation, up to a maximum of five thousand
728 dollars. Each property for which there has been a failure to register shall
729 constitute a separate violation.

730 (i) Any person in whom title to a residential property has vested on
731 or after October 1, 2011, through a foreclosure action pursuant to
732 sections 49-16 to 49-21, inclusive, or 49-26, and who has not registered
733 in accordance with subsection (c) of this section within thirty days of
734 absolute title vesting in such owner shall be subject to a civil penalty of
735 two hundred fifty dollars for each violation, up to a maximum of
736 twenty-five thousand dollars. Each property for which there has been a
737 failure to register shall constitute a separate violation.

738 (j) An authorized official of the municipality may file a civil action in
739 Superior Court to collect the penalties imposed pursuant to subsections
740 (h) and (i) of this section, which penalties shall be payable to the
741 treasurer of such municipality. Such penalties shall not create or
742 constitute a lien against the residential property.

743 (k) Neither the registration by a foreclosing party nor the failure to
744 register in accordance with subsection (a) of this section shall imply or
745 create any legal obligations on the part of the foreclosing party to repair,
746 maintain or secure the residential property for which a registration is
747 required prior to the time that title passes to the foreclosing party.

748 Sec. 16. Section 7-152b of the general statutes is repealed and the
749 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

750 (a) Any town, city or borough may establish by ordinance a parking
751 violation hearing procedure in accordance with this section. The
752 Superior Court shall be authorized to enforce the assessments and
753 judgments provided for under this section.

754 (b) The chief executive officer of the town, city or borough shall
755 appoint one or more parking violation hearing officers, other than
756 policemen or persons who issue parking tickets or work in the police
757 department, to conduct the hearings authorized by this section.

758 (c) A town, city or borough may, at any time within two years from
759 the expiration of the final period for the uncontested payment of fines,
760 penalties, costs or fees for any alleged violation under any ordinance
761 adopted pursuant to section 7-148 or sections 14-305 to 14-308, inclusive,
762 send notice to the motor vehicle operator, if known, or the registered
763 owner of the motor vehicle by first class mail at his address according
764 to the registration records of the Department of Motor Vehicles or by
765 electronic mail, if the operator or owner's electronic mail address is
766 known. Such notice shall inform the operator or owner: (1) Of the
767 allegations against him and the amount of the fines, penalties, costs or
768 fees due; (2) that he may contest his liability before a parking violations
769 hearing officer by delivering in person, by electronic mail or by mail

770 written notice within ten days of the date thereof; (3) that if he does not
771 demand such a hearing, an assessment and judgment shall enter against
772 him; and (4) that such judgment may issue without further notice.
773 Whenever a violation of such an ordinance occurs, proof of the
774 registration number of the motor vehicle involved shall be prima facie
775 evidence in all proceedings provided for in this section that the owner
776 of such vehicle was the operator thereof; provided, the liability of a
777 lessee under section 14-107 shall apply.

778 (d) If the person who is sent notice pursuant to subsection (c) of this
779 section wishes to admit liability for any alleged violation, such person
780 may, without requesting a hearing, pay the full amount of the fines,
781 penalties, costs or fees admitted to in person or by mail to an official
782 designated by the town, city or borough. Such payment shall be
783 inadmissible in any proceeding, civil or criminal, to establish the
784 conduct of such person or other person making the payment. Any
785 person who does not [deliver or mail written demand for] demand a
786 hearing within ten days of the date of the first notice provided for in
787 subsection (c) of this section shall be deemed to have admitted liability,
788 and the designated town official shall certify such person's failure to
789 respond to the hearing officer. The hearing officer shall thereupon enter
790 and assess the fines, penalties, costs or fees provided for by the
791 applicable ordinances and shall follow the procedures set forth in
792 subsection (f) of this section.

793 (e) Any person who requests a hearing shall be given written notice
794 of the date, time and place for the hearing. Such hearing shall be held
795 not less than fifteen days nor more than thirty days from the date of the
796 mailing of notice, provided the hearing officer shall grant upon good
797 cause shown any reasonable request by any interested party for
798 postponement or continuance. An original or certified copy of the initial
799 notice of violation issued by a policeman or other issuing officer shall be
800 filed and retained by the town, city or borough, be deemed to be a
801 business record within the scope of section 52-180 and be evidence of
802 the facts contained therein. The presence of the policeman or issuing
803 officer shall be required at the hearing if such person so requests. A

804 person wishing to contest his liability shall appear at the hearing in
805 person or by means of electronic equipment, and may present evidence
806 in his behalf. A designated town official, other than the hearing officer,
807 may present evidence on behalf of the town. If such person fails to
808 appear, the hearing officer may enter an assessment by default against
809 him upon a finding of proper notice and liability under the applicable
810 statutes or ordinances. The hearing officer may accept from such person
811 copies of police reports, Department of Motor Vehicles documents and
812 other official documents by mail and may determine thereby that the
813 appearance of such person is unnecessary. The hearing officer shall
814 conduct the hearing in the order and form and with such methods of
815 proof as he deems fair and appropriate. The rules regarding the
816 admissibility of evidence shall not be strictly applied, but all testimony
817 shall be given under oath or affirmation. The hearing officer shall
818 announce his decision at the end of the hearing. If he determines that
819 the person is not liable, he shall dismiss the matter and enter his
820 determination in writing accordingly. If he determines that the person
821 is liable for the violation, he shall forthwith enter and assess the fines,
822 penalties, costs or fees against such person as provided by the applicable
823 ordinances of that town, city or borough.

824 (f) If such assessment is not paid on the date of its entry, the hearing
825 officer shall send by first class mail a notice of the assessment to the
826 person found liable and shall file, not less than thirty days or more than
827 twelve months after such mailing, a certified copy of the notice of
828 assessment with the clerk of a superior court facility designated by the
829 Chief Court Administrator together with an entry fee of eight dollars.
830 The certified copy of the notice of assessment shall constitute a record
831 of assessment. Within such twelve-month period, assessments against
832 the same person may be accrued and filed as one record of assessment.
833 The clerk shall enter judgment, in the amount of such record of
834 assessment and court costs of eight dollars, against such person in favor
835 of the town, city or borough. Notwithstanding any provision of the
836 general statutes, the hearing officer's assessment, when so entered as a
837 judgment, shall have the effect of a civil money judgment and a levy of

838 execution on such judgment may issue without further notice to such
839 person.

840 (g) A person against whom an assessment has been entered pursuant
841 to this section is entitled to judicial review by way of appeal. An appeal
842 shall be instituted within thirty days of the mailing of notice of such
843 assessment by filing a petition to reopen assessment, together with an
844 entry fee in an amount equal to the entry fee for a small claims case
845 pursuant to section 52-259, at the Superior Court facility designated by
846 the Chief Court Administrator, which shall entitle such person to a
847 hearing in accordance with the rules of the judges of the Superior Court.

848 Sec. 17. Section 7-245 of the general statutes is repealed and the
849 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

850 For the purposes of this chapter: (1) "Acquire a sewerage system"
851 means obtain title to all or any part of a sewerage system or any interest
852 therein by purchase, condemnation, grant, gift, lease, rental or
853 otherwise; (2) "alternative sewage treatment system" means a sewage
854 treatment system serving one or more buildings that utilizes a method
855 of treatment other than a subsurface sewage disposal system and that
856 involves a discharge to the groundwaters of the state; (3) "community
857 sewerage system" means any sewerage system serving two or more
858 residences in separate structures which is not connected to a municipal
859 sewerage system or which is connected to a municipal sewerage system
860 as a distinct and separately managed district or segment of such system;
861 (4) "construct a sewerage system" means to acquire land, easements,
862 rights-of-way or any other real or personal property or any interest
863 therein, plan, construct, reconstruct, equip, extend and enlarge all or any
864 part of a sewerage system; (5) "decentralized system" means managed
865 subsurface sewage disposal systems, managed alternative sewage
866 treatment systems or community sewerage systems that discharge
867 sewage flows of less than five thousand gallons per day, are used to
868 collect and treat domestic sewage, and involve a discharge to the
869 groundwaters of the state from areas of a municipality; (6)
870 "decentralized wastewater management district" means areas of a

871 municipality designated by the municipality through a municipal
872 ordinance when an engineering report has determined that the existing
873 subsurface sewage disposal systems may be detrimental to public health
874 or the environment and that decentralized systems are required and
875 such report is approved by the Commissioner of Energy and
876 Environmental Protection with concurring approval by the
877 Commissioner of Public Health, after consultation with the local
878 director of health; (7) "electronic equipment" means any technology that
879 facilitates real-time communication between two or more individuals,
880 including, but not limited to, telephonic, video and other conferencing
881 platforms; (8) "municipality" means any metropolitan district, town,
882 consolidated town and city, consolidated town and borough, city,
883 borough, village, fire and sewer district, sewer district and each
884 municipal organization having authority to levy and collect taxes; [(8)]
885 (9) "operate a sewerage system" means own, use, equip, reequip, repair,
886 maintain, supervise, manage, operate and perform any act pertinent to
887 the collection, transportation and disposal of sewage; [(9)] (10) "person"
888 means any person, partnership, corporation, limited liability company,
889 association or public agency; [(10)] (11) "remediation standards" means
890 pollutant limits, performance requirements, design parameters or
891 technical standards for application to existing sewage discharges in a
892 decentralized wastewater management district for the improvement of
893 wastewater treatment to protect public health and the environment;
894 [(11)] (12) "sewage" means any substance, liquid or solid, which may
895 contaminate or pollute or affect the cleanliness or purity of any water;
896 and [(12)] (13) "sewerage system" means any device, equipment,
897 appurtenance, facility and method for collecting, transporting,
898 receiving, treating, disposing of or discharging sewage, including, but
899 not limited to, decentralized systems within a decentralized wastewater
900 management district when such district is established by municipal
901 ordinance pursuant to section 7-247.

902 Sec. 18. Section 7-255 of the general statutes is repealed and the
903 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

904 (a) The water pollution control authority may establish and revise fair

905 and reasonable charges for connection with and for the use of a
906 sewerage system. The owner of property against which any such
907 connection or use charge is levied shall be liable for the payment thereof.
908 Municipally-owned and other tax-exempt property which uses the
909 sewerage system shall be subject to such charges under the same
910 conditions as are the owners of other property, but nothing herein shall
911 be deemed to authorize the levying of any property tax by any
912 municipality against any property exempt by the general statutes from
913 property taxation. No charge for connection with or for the use of a
914 sewerage system shall be established or revised until after a public
915 hearing before the water pollution control authority at which the owner
916 of property against which the charges are to be levied shall have an
917 opportunity to be heard concerning the proposed charges. Such hearing
918 may be conducted in person or by means of electronic equipment.
919 Notice of the time, place and purpose of such hearing shall be published
920 at least ten days before the date thereof in a newspaper having a general
921 circulation in the municipality and on the Internet web site of the
922 municipality. A copy of the proposed charges shall be on file in the office
923 of the clerk of the municipality and available for inspection by the public
924 for at least ten days before the date of such hearing. When the water
925 pollution control authority has established or revised such charges, it
926 shall file a copy thereof in the office of the clerk of the municipality and,
927 not later than five days after such filing, shall cause the same to be
928 published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the
929 municipality and on the Internet web site of the municipality. Such
930 publication shall state the date on which such charges were filed and the
931 time and manner of paying such charges and shall state that any appeals
932 from such charges must be taken within twenty-one days after such
933 filing. In establishing or revising such charges the water pollution
934 control authority may classify the property connected or to be connected
935 with the sewer system and the users of such system, including
936 categories of industrial users, and may give consideration to any factors
937 relating to the kind, quality or extent of use of any such property or
938 classification of property or users including, but not limited to, (1) the
939 volume of water discharged to the sewerage system, (2) the type or size

940 of building connected with the sewerage system, (3) the number of
941 plumbing fixtures connected with the sewerage system, (4) the number
942 of persons customarily using the property served by the sewerage
943 system, (5) in the case of commercial or industrial property, the average
944 number of employees and guests using the property and (6) the quality
945 and character of the material discharged into the sewerage system. The
946 water pollution control authority may establish minimum charges for
947 connection with and for the use of a sewerage system. Any person
948 aggrieved by any charge for connection with or for the use of a sewerage
949 system may appeal to the superior court for the judicial district wherein
950 the municipality is located and shall bring any such appeal to a return
951 day of said court not less than twelve or more than thirty days after
952 service thereof. The judgment of the court shall be final.

953 (b) Any municipality may, by ordinance, provide for the payment to
954 the water pollution control authority by such municipality of the whole
955 or a portion of such charges for specified classifications of property or
956 users, provided such classifications are established by the water
957 pollution control authority in accordance with the provisions of
958 subsection (a) of this section and meet the requirements of the federal
959 Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972, P.L. 92-500, as
960 amended from time to time. [amended.]

961 (c) Any municipality may, by ordinance, provide for optional
962 methods of payment of sewer use charges to the water pollution control
963 authority by (1) elderly taxpayers who are eligible for tax relief under
964 the provisions of section 12-129b, section 12-170aa, as amended by this
965 act, or a plan of tax relief for elderly taxpayers provided by such
966 municipality in accordance with section 12-129n or (2) any taxpayer
967 under the age of sixty-five who is eligible for tax relief under the
968 provisions of a plan for tax relief provided by such municipality in
969 accordance with subdivision (2) of section 12-129n.

970 Sec. 19. Section 7-257 of the general statutes is repealed and the
971 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

972 The water pollution control authority may order the owner of any
973 building to which a sewerage system is available to connect such
974 building with the system or order the owner to construct and connect
975 the building to an alternative sewage treatment system. No such order
976 shall be issued until after a public hearing with respect thereto is
977 conducted in person or by means of electronic equipment after due
978 notice in writing to such property owner. Any owner aggrieved by such
979 an order may, within twenty-one days, appeal to the superior court for
980 the judicial district wherein the municipality is located. Such appeal
981 shall be brought to a return day of said court not less than twelve or
982 more than thirty days after service thereof. The judgment of the court
983 shall be final. If any owner fails to comply with an order to connect, the
984 water pollution control authority shall cause the connection to be made
985 and shall assess the expense thereof against such owner.

986 Sec. 20. Section 12-111 of the general statutes is repealed and the
987 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

988 (a) Any person, including any lessee of real property whose lease has
989 been recorded as provided in section 47-19 and who is bound under the
990 terms of a lease to pay real property taxes and any person to whom title
991 to such property has been transferred since the assessment date,
992 claiming to be aggrieved by the doings of the assessors of such town
993 may appeal therefrom to the board of assessment appeals. Such appeal
994 shall be filed [] in writing [] or by electronic mail in a manner prescribed
995 by such board on or before February twentieth. The [written] appeal
996 shall include, but is not limited to, the property owner's name, name and
997 position of the signer, description of the property which is the subject of
998 the appeal, name, [and] mailing address and electronic mail address of
999 the party to be sent all correspondence by the board of assessment
1000 appeals, reason for the appeal, appellant's estimate of value, signature
1001 of property owner, or duly authorized agent of the property owner, and
1002 date of signature. The board shall notify each aggrieved taxpayer who
1003 filed [a written] an appeal in the proper form and in a timely manner,
1004 no later than March first immediately following the assessment date, of
1005 the date, time and place of the appeal hearing. Such notice shall be sent

1006 no later than seven calendar days preceding the hearing date except that
1007 the board may elect not to conduct an appeal hearing for any
1008 commercial, industrial, utility or apartment property with an assessed
1009 value greater than one million dollars. The board shall, not later than
1010 March first, notify the appellant that the board has elected not to
1011 conduct an appeal hearing. An appellant whose appeal will not be heard
1012 by the board may appeal directly to the Superior Court pursuant to
1013 section 12-117a. The board shall determine all appeals for which the
1014 board conducts an appeal hearing and send written notification of the
1015 final determination of such appeals to each such person within one week
1016 after such determination has been made. Such written notification shall
1017 include information describing the property owner's right to appeal the
1018 determination of such board. Such board may equalize and adjust the
1019 grand list of such town and may increase or decrease the assessment of
1020 any taxable property or interest therein and may add an assessment for
1021 property omitted by the assessors which should be added thereto; and
1022 may add to the grand list the name of any person omitted by the
1023 assessors and owning taxable property in such town, placing therein all
1024 property liable to taxation which it has reason to believe is owned by
1025 such person, at the percentage of its actual valuation, as determined by
1026 the assessors in accordance with the provisions of sections 12-64 and 12-
1027 71, from the best information that it can obtain, and if such property
1028 should have been included in the declaration, as required by section 12-
1029 42 or 12-43, it shall add thereto twenty-five per cent of such assessment;
1030 but, before proceeding to increase the assessment of any person or to
1031 add to the grand list the name of any person so omitted, it shall mail to
1032 such person, postage paid, at least one week before making such
1033 increase or addition, a written or printed notice addressed to such
1034 person at the town in which such person resides, to appear before such
1035 board and show cause why such increase or addition should not be
1036 made. When the board increases or decreases the gross assessment of
1037 any taxable real property or interest therein, the amount of such gross
1038 assessment shall be fixed until the assessment year in which the
1039 municipality next implements a revaluation of all real property
1040 pursuant to section 12-62, unless the assessor increases or decreases the

1041 gross assessment of the property to (1) comply with an order of a court
1042 of jurisdiction, (2) reflect an addition for new construction, (3) reflect a
1043 reduction for damage or demolition, or (4) correct a factual error by
1044 issuance of a certificate of correction. Notwithstanding the provisions of
1045 this subsection, if, prior to the next revaluation, the assessor increases or
1046 decreases a gross assessment established by the board for any other
1047 reason, the assessor shall submit a written explanation to the board
1048 setting forth the reason for such increase or decrease. The assessor shall
1049 also append the written explanation to the property card for the real
1050 estate parcel whose gross assessment was increased or decreased.

1051 (b) If an extension is granted to any assessor or board of assessors
1052 pursuant to section 12-117, as amended by this act, the date by which a
1053 taxpayer shall be required to submit a [written] request for appeal to the
1054 board of assessment appeals shall be extended to March twentieth and
1055 said board shall conduct hearings regarding such requests during the
1056 month of April. The board shall send notification to the taxpayer of the
1057 time and date of an appeal hearing at least seven calendar days
1058 preceding the hearing date, but no later than the first day of April. If the
1059 board elects not to hear an appeal for commercial, industrial, utility or
1060 apartment property described in subsection (a) of this section, the board
1061 shall notify the taxpayer of such decision no later than the first day of
1062 April.

1063 Sec. 21. Section 12-117 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1064 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

1065 (a) The period prescribed by law for the completion of the duties of
1066 any assessor, board of assessors or board of assessment appeals may, for
1067 due cause shown, be extended by the chief executive officer of the town
1068 for a period not exceeding one month, and in the case of the board of
1069 assessment appeals in any town in the assessment year in which a
1070 revaluation, pursuant to section 12-62, is required to be effective, such
1071 period shall be extended by said chief executive officer for a period not
1072 exceeding two months. Not later than two weeks after granting an
1073 extension as provided under this subsection, the chief executive officer

1074 shall send [written] notice of the extension to the Secretary of the Office
1075 of Policy and Management by mail or electronic mail in a manner
1076 prescribed by the secretary.

1077 (b) If, in the assessment year in which a revaluation is required to be
1078 effective, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management
1079 determines, on the basis of information provided [, in writing,] by the
1080 board of assessment appeals and the chief executive officer, that the
1081 number of appeals pending before such board is such as to preclude fair
1082 and equitable consideration of such appeals within the extended period
1083 of time provided under subsection (a) of this section, the secretary may
1084 authorize a postponement of the implementation of said revaluation
1085 until the assessment day next ensuing. If the secretary authorizes such
1086 postponement, the town shall not be subject to the penalty provisions of
1087 subsection (d) of section 12-62. Upon receipt of the secretary's notice of
1088 authorization, the assessor shall revise the real property grand list for
1089 the assessment year with respect to which such postponement is
1090 applicable, to reflect assessments for such property effective in the
1091 assessment year immediately preceding. The real property grand list
1092 from which such appeals are taken shall then become the real property
1093 grand list for the assessment day next ensuing, subject only to transfers
1094 of ownership, additions for new construction, reductions for
1095 demolitions and such adjustments as are authorized by the board of
1096 assessment appeals, unless the assessor revalues all real property for
1097 said assessment day in accordance with section 12-62. The secretary
1098 shall not grant an authorization to a town, pursuant to this subsection,
1099 in consecutive years.

1100 (c) During any assessment year in which the provisions of subsection
1101 (b) of this section become applicable, the assessor or board of assessors
1102 shall, not later than thirty days after the date on which the Secretary of
1103 the Office of Policy and Management authorizes the postponement of
1104 revaluation, complete the grand list as required by subsection (b) of this
1105 section. An increase notice shall be prepared in the manner prescribed
1106 by section 12-55, and, [mailed,] not later than the tenth day after the
1107 completion of said grand list, mailed or sent by electronic mail to each

1108 owner whose property valuation on said grand list increased above the
1109 valuation of such property in the last-preceding assessment year.
1110 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 12-112, any owner may
1111 appeal such increase to the board of assessment appeals not later than
1112 thirty days after the date of such notice. If the assessor or board of
1113 assessors fails to comply with the notice requirements in this subsection,
1114 any such increase shall not take effect until the next succeeding
1115 assessment date.

1116 Sec. 22. Subsection (a) of section 12-170f of the general statutes is
1117 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
1118 *1, 2021*):

1119 (a) Any renter, believing himself or herself to be entitled to a grant
1120 under section 12-170d for any calendar year, shall apply for such grant
1121 to the assessor of the municipality in which the renter resides or to the
1122 duly authorized agent of such assessor or municipality on or after April
1123 first and not later than October first of each year with respect to such
1124 grant for the calendar year preceding each such year. [.] Such
1125 application shall be made on a form prescribed and furnished by the
1126 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management [to the assessor] or
1127 electronically in a manner prescribed by the secretary. Municipalities
1128 that require notarization of a landlord verification of property rental on
1129 an application under this section (1) shall exempt a renter from the
1130 requirement if a landlord verification for the same property rental by
1131 the same renter has been previously notarized, and (2) shall not delay
1132 submission of the application of an otherwise qualified renter to the
1133 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management if the renter fails to
1134 meet the deadline for notarizing such landlord verification. A renter
1135 may apply to the secretary prior to December fifteenth of the claim year
1136 for an extension of the application period. The secretary may grant such
1137 extension in the case of extenuating circumstance due to illness or
1138 incapacitation as evidenced by a certificate signed by a physician or an
1139 advanced practice registered nurse to that extent, or if the secretary
1140 determines there is good cause for doing so. A renter making such
1141 application shall present to such assessor or agent, in substantiation of

1142 the renter's application, a copy of the renter's federal income tax return,
1143 and if not required to file a federal income tax return, such other
1144 evidence of qualifying income, receipts for money received, or cancelled
1145 checks, or copies thereof, and any other evidence the assessor or such
1146 agent may require. When the assessor or agent is satisfied that the
1147 applying renter is entitled to a grant, such assessor or agent shall issue
1148 a certificate of grant in such form as the secretary may prescribe and
1149 supply showing the amount of the grant due.

1150 Sec. 23. Section 12-170g of the general statutes is repealed and the
1151 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

1152 Any person aggrieved by the action of the assessor or agent in fixing
1153 the amount of the grant under section 12-170f, as amended by this act,
1154 or in disapproving the claim therefor may apply to the Secretary of the
1155 Office of Policy and Management in writing or electronically in a
1156 manner prescribed by the secretary, within thirty business days from
1157 the date of notice given to such person by the assessor or agent, giving
1158 notice of such grievance. The secretary shall promptly consider such
1159 notice and may grant or deny the relief requested, provided such
1160 decision shall be made not later than thirty business days after the
1161 receipt of such notice. If the relief is denied, the applicant shall be
1162 notified forthwith, and the applicant may appeal the decision of the
1163 secretary in accordance with the provisions of section 12-120b.

1164 Sec. 24. Subsection (a) of section 12-170w of the general statutes is
1165 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
1166 *1, 2021*):

1167 (a) No claim shall be accepted under section 12-170v unless the
1168 taxpayer or authorized agent of such taxpayer files an application with
1169 the assessor of the municipality in which the property is located, [in such
1170 form and manner as the assessor may prescribe,] during the period from
1171 February first to and including May fifteenth of any year in which
1172 benefits are first claimed. [, including] Such application shall be made in
1173 writing or electronically in a manner prescribed by the assessor, and

1174 shall include such information as is necessary to substantiate such claim
1175 in accordance with requirements in such application. A taxpayer may
1176 make application to the assessor in writing or electronically in a manner
1177 prescribed by the assessor prior to August fifteenth of the claim year for
1178 an extension of the application period. The assessor may grant such
1179 extension in the case of extenuating circumstance due to illness or
1180 incapacitation as evidenced by a certificate signed by a physician or an
1181 advanced practice registered nurse to that extent, or if the assessor
1182 determines there is good cause for doing so. The taxpayer shall present
1183 to the assessor a paper or electronic copy of such taxpayer's federal
1184 income tax return and the federal income tax return of such taxpayer's
1185 spouse, if filed separately, for such taxpayer's taxable year ending
1186 immediately prior to the submission of the taxpayer's application, or if
1187 not required to file a federal income tax return, such other evidence of
1188 qualifying income in respect to such taxable year as the assessor may
1189 require. Each such application, together with the federal income tax
1190 return and any other information submitted in relation thereto, shall be
1191 examined by the assessor and a determination shall be made as to
1192 whether the application is approved. Upon determination by the
1193 assessor that the applying homeowner is entitled to tax relief in
1194 accordance with the provisions of section 12-170v and this section, the
1195 assessor shall notify the homeowner and the municipal tax collector of
1196 the approval of such application. The municipal tax collector shall
1197 determine the maximum amount of the tax due with respect to such
1198 homeowner's residence and thereafter the property tax with respect to
1199 such homeowner's residence shall not exceed such amount. After a
1200 taxpayer's claim for the first year has been filed and approved such
1201 taxpayer shall file such an application biennially. In respect to such
1202 application required after the filing and approval for the first year the
1203 assessor in each municipality shall notify each such taxpayer concerning
1204 application requirements by [regular] mail, or, at the taxpayer's option,
1205 electronic mail, not later than February first of the assessment year in
1206 which such taxpayer is required to reapply, [enclosing] providing a
1207 copy of the required application form. Such taxpayer may submit such
1208 application to the assessor, [by mail,] provided it is received by the

1209 assessor not later than April fifteenth in the assessment year with
1210 respect to which such tax relief is claimed. Not later than April thirtieth
1211 of such year the assessor shall notify, by mail evidenced by a certificate
1212 of mailing, any such taxpayer for whom such application was not
1213 received by said April fifteenth concerning application requirements
1214 and such taxpayer shall submit not later than May fifteenth such
1215 application personally, or for reasonable cause, by a person acting on
1216 behalf of such taxpayer as approved by the assessor.

1217 Sec. 25. Section 12-170aa of the general statutes is repealed and the
1218 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1219 (a) There is established, for the assessment year commencing October
1220 1, 1985, and each assessment year thereafter, a revised state program of
1221 property tax relief for certain elderly homeowners as determined in
1222 accordance with subsection (b) of this section, and additionally for the
1223 assessment year commencing October 1, 1986, and each assessment year
1224 thereafter, the property tax relief benefits of such program are made
1225 available to certain homeowners who are permanently and totally
1226 disabled as determined in accordance with said subsection (b) of this
1227 section.

1228 (b) (1) The program established by this section shall provide for a
1229 reduction in property tax, except in the case of benefits payable as a
1230 grant under certain circumstances in accordance with provisions in
1231 subsection (j) of this section, applicable to the assessed value of certain
1232 real property, determined in accordance with subsection (c) of this
1233 section, for any (A) owner of real property, including any owner of real
1234 property held in trust for such owner, provided such owner or such
1235 owner and such owner's spouse are the grantor and beneficiary of such
1236 trust, (B) tenant for life or tenant for a term of years liable for property
1237 tax under section 12-48, or (C) resident of a multiple-dwelling complex
1238 under certain contractual conditions as provided in said subsection (j)
1239 of this section, who (i) at the close of the preceding calendar year has
1240 attained age sixty-five or over, or whose spouse domiciled with such
1241 homeowner, has attained age sixty-five or over at the close of the

1242 preceding calendar year, or is fifty years of age or over and the surviving
1243 spouse of a homeowner who at the time of his death had qualified and
1244 was entitled to tax relief under this section, provided such spouse was
1245 domiciled with such homeowner at the time of his death or (ii) at the
1246 close of the preceding calendar year has not attained age sixty-five and
1247 is eligible in accordance with applicable federal regulations to receive
1248 permanent total disability benefits under Social Security, or has not been
1249 engaged in employment covered by Social Security and accordingly has
1250 not qualified for benefits thereunder but who has become qualified for
1251 permanent total disability benefits under any federal, state or local
1252 government retirement or disability plan, including the Railroad
1253 Retirement Act and any government-related teacher's retirement plan,
1254 determined by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management to
1255 contain requirements in respect to qualification for such permanent total
1256 disability benefits which are comparable to such requirements under
1257 Social Security; and in addition to qualification under (i) or (ii) above,
1258 whose taxable and nontaxable income, the total of which shall
1259 hereinafter be called "qualifying income", in the tax year of such
1260 homeowner ending immediately preceding the date of application for
1261 benefits under the program in this section, was not in excess of sixteen
1262 thousand two hundred dollars, if unmarried, or twenty thousand
1263 dollars, jointly with spouse if married, subject to adjustments in
1264 accordance with subdivision (2) of this subsection, evidence of which
1265 income shall be required in the form of a signed affidavit to be submitted
1266 to the assessor in the municipality in which application for benefits
1267 under this section is filed. Such affidavit may be filed electronically, in
1268 a manner prescribed by the assessor. The amount of any Medicaid
1269 payments made on behalf of such homeowner or the spouse of such
1270 homeowner shall not constitute income. The amount of tax reduction
1271 provided under this section, determined in accordance with and subject
1272 to the variable factors in the schedule of amounts of tax reduction in
1273 subsection (c) of this section, shall be allowed only with respect to a
1274 residential dwelling owned by such qualified homeowner and used as
1275 such homeowner's primary place of residence. If title to real property or
1276 a tenancy interest liable for real property taxes is recorded in the name

1277 of such qualified homeowner or his spouse making a claim and
1278 qualifying under this section and any other person or persons, the
1279 claimant hereunder shall be entitled to pay his fractional share of the tax
1280 on such property calculated in accordance with the provisions of this
1281 section, and such other person or persons shall pay his or their fractional
1282 share of the tax without regard for the provisions of this section, unless
1283 also qualified hereunder. For the purposes of this section, a "mobile
1284 manufactured home", as defined in section 12-63a, or a dwelling on
1285 leased land, including but not limited to a modular home, shall be
1286 deemed to be real property and the word "taxes" shall not include
1287 special assessments, interest and lien fees.

1288 (2) The amounts of qualifying income as provided in this section shall
1289 be adjusted annually in a uniform manner to reflect the annual inflation
1290 adjustment in Social Security income, with each such adjustment of
1291 qualifying income determined to the nearest one hundred dollars. Each
1292 such adjustment of qualifying income shall be prepared by the Secretary
1293 of the Office of Policy and Management in relation to the annual
1294 inflation adjustment in Social Security, if any, becoming effective at any
1295 time during the twelve-month period immediately preceding the first
1296 day of October each year and the amount of such adjustment shall be
1297 distributed to the assessors in each municipality not later than the thirty-
1298 first day of December next following.

1299 (3) For purposes of determining qualifying income under subdivision
1300 (1) of this subsection with respect to a married homeowner who submits
1301 an application for tax reduction in accordance with this section, the
1302 Social Security income of the spouse of such homeowner shall not be
1303 included in the qualifying income of such homeowner, for purposes of
1304 determining eligibility for benefits under this section, if such spouse is
1305 a resident of a health care or nursing home facility in this state receiving
1306 payment related to such spouse under the Title XIX Medicaid program.
1307 An applicant who is legally separated pursuant to the provisions of
1308 section 46b-40, as of the thirty-first day of December preceding the date
1309 on which such person files an application for a grant in accordance with
1310 subsection (a) of this section, may apply as an unmarried person and

1311 shall be regarded as such for purposes of determining qualifying income
1312 under said subsection.

1313 (c) The amount of reduction in property tax provided under this
1314 section shall, subject to the provisions of subsection (d) of this section,
1315 be determined in accordance with the following schedule:

T1	Qualifying Income		Tax Reduction	Tax Reduction	
T2			As Percentage	For Any Year	
T3	Over	Not Exceeding	Of Property Tax		
T4	Married Homeowners			Maximum	Minimum
T5	\$ 0	\$11,700	50%	\$1,250	\$400
T6	11,700	15,900	40	1,000	350
T7	15,900	19,700	30	750	250
T8	19,700	23,600	20	500	150
T9	23,600	28,900	10	250	150
T10	28,900		None		
T11	Unmarried Homeowners				
T12	\$ 0	\$11,700	40%	\$1,000	\$350
T13	11,700	15,900	30	750	250
T14	15,900	19,700	20	500	150
T15	19,700	23,600	10	250	150
T16	23,600		None		

1316 (d) Any homeowner qualified for tax reduction in accordance with
1317 subsection (b) of this section in an amount to be determined under the
1318 schedule of such tax reduction in subsection (c) of this section, shall in
1319 no event receive less in tax reduction than the minimum amount of such
1320 reduction applicable to the qualifying income of such homeowner
1321 according to the schedule in said subsection (c).

1322 (e) Any claim for tax reduction under this section shall be submitted
1323 for approval, on the application form prepared for such purpose by the
1324 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, in the first year claim

1325 for such tax relief is filed and biennially thereafter. Such application
1326 form may be submitted by mail or electronic mail, in a manner
1327 prescribed by the secretary. The amount of tax reduction approved shall
1328 be applied to the real property tax payable by the homeowner for the
1329 assessment year in which such application is submitted and approved.
1330 If any such homeowner has qualified for tax reduction under this
1331 section, the tax reduction determined shall, when possible, be applied
1332 and prorated uniformly over the number of installments in which the
1333 real property tax is due and payable to the municipality in which he
1334 resides. In the case of any homeowner who is eligible for tax reduction
1335 under this section as a result of increases in qualifying income, effective
1336 with respect to the assessment year commencing October 1, 1987, under
1337 the schedule of qualifying income and tax reduction in subsection (c) of
1338 this section, exclusive of any such increases related to social security
1339 adjustments in accordance with subsection (b) of this section, the total
1340 amount of tax reduction to which such homeowner is entitled shall be
1341 credited and uniformly prorated against property tax installment
1342 payments applicable to such homeowner's residence which become due
1343 after such homeowner's application for tax reduction under this section
1344 is accepted. In the event that a homeowner has paid in full the amount
1345 of property tax applicable to such homeowner's residence, regardless of
1346 whether the municipality requires the payment of property taxes in one
1347 or more installments, such municipality shall make payment to such
1348 homeowner in the amount of the tax reduction allowed. The
1349 municipality shall be reimbursed for the amount of such payment in
1350 accordance with subsection (g) of this section. In respect to such
1351 application required biennially after the filing and approval for the first
1352 year, the tax assessor in each municipality shall notify each such
1353 homeowner concerning application requirements by [regular] mail or,
1354 at such homeowner's option, electronic mail, not later than February
1355 first, annually enclosing a copy of the required application form. Such
1356 homeowner may submit such application to the assessor by mail or
1357 electronic mail, in a manner prescribed by the assessor, provided it is
1358 received by the assessor not later than April fifteenth in the assessment
1359 year with respect to which such tax reduction is claimed. Not later than

1360 April thirtieth of such year the assessor shall notify, by mail evidenced
1361 by a certificate of mailing, any such homeowner for whom such
1362 application was not received by said April fifteenth concerning
1363 application requirements and such homeowner shall be required not
1364 later than May fifteenth to submit such application personally or by
1365 electronic mail, in a manner prescribed by the assessor, or, for
1366 reasonable cause, by a person acting on behalf of such taxpayer as
1367 approved by the assessor. In the year immediately following any year
1368 in which such homeowner has submitted application and qualified for
1369 tax reduction in accordance with this section, such homeowner shall be
1370 presumed, without filing application therefor, to be qualified for tax
1371 reduction in accordance with the schedule in subsection (c) of this
1372 section in the same percentage of property tax as allowed in the year
1373 immediately preceding. If any homeowner has qualified and received
1374 tax reduction under this section and subsequently in any calendar year
1375 has qualifying income in excess of the maximum described in this
1376 section, such homeowner shall notify the tax assessor by mail or
1377 electronic mail, in a manner prescribed by the assessor, on or before the
1378 next filing date and shall be denied tax reduction under this section for
1379 the assessment year and any subsequent year or until such homeowner
1380 has reapplied and again qualified for benefits under this section. Any
1381 such person who fails to so notify the tax assessor of his disqualification
1382 shall refund all amounts of tax reduction improperly taken and be fined
1383 not more than five hundred dollars.

1384 (f) Any homeowner, believing such homeowner is entitled to tax
1385 reduction benefits under this section for any assessment year, shall
1386 make application as required in subsection (e) of this section, to the
1387 assessor of the municipality in which the homeowner resides, for such
1388 tax reduction at any time from February first to and including May
1389 fifteenth of the year in which tax reduction is claimed. A homeowner
1390 may make application to the secretary prior to August fifteenth of the
1391 claim year for an extension of the application period. The secretary may
1392 grant such extension in the case of extenuating circumstance due to
1393 illness or incapacitation as evidenced by a certificate signed by a

1394 physician or an advanced practice registered nurse to that extent, or if
1395 the secretary determines there is good cause for doing so. Such
1396 application for tax reduction benefits shall be submitted on a form
1397 prescribed and furnished by the secretary to the assessor. In making
1398 application the homeowner shall present to such assessor, in
1399 substantiation of such homeowner's application, a copy of such
1400 homeowner's federal income tax return, including a copy of the Social
1401 Security statement of earnings for such homeowner, and that of such
1402 homeowner's spouse, if filed separately, for such homeowner's taxable
1403 year ending immediately prior to the submission of such application, or
1404 if not required to file a return, such other evidence of qualifying income
1405 in respect to such taxable year as may be required by the assessor. When
1406 the assessor is satisfied that the applying homeowner is entitled to tax
1407 reduction in accordance with this section, such assessor shall issue a
1408 certificate of credit, in such form as the secretary may prescribe and
1409 supply showing the amount of tax reduction allowed. A duplicate of
1410 such certificate shall be delivered to the applicant and the tax collector
1411 of the municipality and the assessor shall keep the fourth copy of such
1412 certificate and a copy of the application. Any homeowner who, for the
1413 purpose of obtaining a tax reduction under this section, wilfully fails to
1414 disclose all matters related thereto or with intent to defraud makes false
1415 statement shall refund all property tax credits improperly taken and
1416 shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars. Applications filed
1417 under this section shall not be open for public inspection.

1418 (g) On or before July first, annually, each municipality shall submit
1419 to the secretary a claim for the tax reductions approved under this
1420 section in relation to the assessment list of October first immediately
1421 preceding. On or after December 1, 1987, any municipality that neglects
1422 to transmit to the secretary the claim as required by this section shall
1423 forfeit two hundred fifty dollars to the state, except that the secretary
1424 may waive such forfeiture in accordance with procedures and standards
1425 established by regulations adopted in accordance with chapter 54.
1426 Subject to procedures for review and approval of such data pursuant to
1427 section 12-120b, said secretary shall, on or before December fifteenth

1428 next following, certify to the Comptroller the amount due each
1429 municipality as reimbursement for loss of property tax revenue related
1430 to the tax reductions allowed under this section, except that the
1431 secretary may reduce the amount due as reimbursement under this
1432 section by up to one hundred per cent for any municipality that is not
1433 eligible for a grant under section 32-9s. The Comptroller shall draw an
1434 order on the Treasurer on or before the fifth business day following
1435 December fifteenth and the Treasurer shall pay the amount due each
1436 municipality not later than the thirty-first day of December. Any
1437 claimant aggrieved by the results of the secretary's review shall have the
1438 rights of appeal as set forth in section 12-120b. The amount of the grant
1439 payable to each municipality in any year in accordance with this section
1440 shall be reduced proportionately in the event that the total of such grants
1441 in such year exceeds the amount appropriated for the purposes of this
1442 section with respect to such year.

1443 (h) Any person who is the owner of a residential dwelling on leased
1444 land, including any such person who is a sublessee under terms of the
1445 lease agreement applicable to such land, shall be entitled to claim tax
1446 relief under the provisions of this section, subject to all requirements
1447 therein except as provided in this subdivision, with respect to property
1448 taxes paid by such person on the assessed value of such dwelling,
1449 provided (1) the dwelling is such person's principal place of residence,
1450 (2) such lease or sublease requires that such person as the lessee or
1451 sublessee, whichever is applicable, pay all property taxes related to the
1452 dwelling and (3) such lease or sublease is recorded in the land records
1453 of the town.

1454 (i) If any person with respect to whom a claim for tax reduction in
1455 accordance with this section has been approved for any assessment year
1456 transfers, assigns, grants or otherwise conveys on or after the first day
1457 of October but prior to the first day of August in such assessment year
1458 the interest in real property to which such claim for tax credit is related,
1459 regardless of whether such transfer, assignment, grant or conveyance is
1460 voluntary or involuntary, the amount of such tax credit shall be a pro
1461 rata portion of the amount otherwise applicable in such assessment year

1462 to be determined by a fraction the numerator of which shall be the
1463 number of full months from the first day of October in such assessment
1464 year to the date of such conveyance and the denominator of which shall
1465 be twelve. If such conveyance occurs in the month of October the
1466 grantor shall be disqualified for tax credit in such assessment year. The
1467 grantee shall be required within a period not exceeding ten days
1468 immediately following the date of such conveyance to notify the
1469 assessor thereof by mail or electronic mail, in a manner prescribed by
1470 the assessor, or in the absence of such notice, upon determination by the
1471 assessor that such transfer, assignment, grant or conveyance has
1472 occurred, the assessor shall (1) determine the amount of tax reduction to
1473 which the grantor is entitled for such assessment year with respect to
1474 the interest in real property conveyed and notify the tax collector of the
1475 reduced amount of tax reduction applicable to such interest and (2)
1476 notify the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management on or before
1477 the October first immediately following the end of the assessment year
1478 in which such conveyance occurs of the reduction in such tax reduction
1479 for purposes of a corresponding adjustment in the amount of state
1480 payment to the municipality next following as reimbursement for the
1481 revenue loss related to such tax reductions. On or after December 1,
1482 1987, any municipality which neglects to transmit to the Secretary of the
1483 Office of Policy and Management the claim as required by this section
1484 shall forfeit two hundred fifty dollars to the state provided the secretary
1485 may waive such forfeiture in accordance with procedures and standards
1486 established by regulations adopted in accordance with chapter 54. Upon
1487 receipt of such notice from the assessor, the tax collector shall, if such
1488 notice is received after the tax due date in the municipality, within ten
1489 days thereafter mail, [or] hand or deliver by electronic mail, at the
1490 grantee's option, a bill to the grantee stating the additional amount of
1491 tax due as determined by the assessor. Such tax shall be due and payable
1492 and collectible as other property taxes and subject to the same liens and
1493 processes of collection, provided such tax shall be due and payable in
1494 an initial or single installment not sooner than thirty days after the date
1495 such bill is mailed or handed to the grantee and in equal amounts in any
1496 remaining, regular installments as the same are due and payable.

1497 (j) (1) Notwithstanding the intent in subsections (a) to (i), inclusive,
1498 of this section to provide for benefits in the form of property tax
1499 reduction applicable to persons liable for payment of such property tax
1500 and qualified in accordance with requirements related to age and
1501 income as provided in subsection (b) of this section, a certain annual
1502 benefit, determined in amount under the provisions of subsections (c)
1503 and (d) of this section but payable in a manner as prescribed in this
1504 subsection, shall be provided with respect to any person who (A) is
1505 qualified in accordance with said requirements related to age and
1506 income as provided in subsection (b) of this section, including
1507 provisions concerning such person's spouse, and (B) is a resident of a
1508 dwelling unit within a multiple-dwelling complex containing dwelling
1509 units for occupancy by certain elderly persons under terms of a contract
1510 between such resident and the owner of such complex, in accordance
1511 with which contract such resident occupies a certain dwelling unit
1512 subject to the express provision that such resident has no legal title,
1513 interest or leasehold estate in the real or personal property of such
1514 complex, and under the terms of which contract such resident agrees to
1515 pay the owner of the complex a fee, as a condition precedent to
1516 occupancy and a monthly or other such periodic fee thereafter as a
1517 condition of continued occupancy. In no event shall any such resident
1518 be qualified for benefits payable in accordance with this subsection if, as
1519 determined by the assessor in the municipality in which such complex
1520 is situated, such resident's contract with the owner of such complex, or
1521 occupancy by such resident (i) confers upon such resident any
1522 ownership interest in the dwelling unit occupied or in such complex, or
1523 (ii) establishes a contract of lease of any type for the dwelling unit
1524 occupied by such resident.

1525 (2) The amount of annual benefit payable in accordance with this
1526 subsection to any such resident, qualified as provided in subdivision (1)
1527 of this subsection, shall be determined in relation to an assumed amount
1528 of property tax liability applicable to the assessed value for the dwelling
1529 unit which such resident occupies, as determined by the assessor in the
1530 municipality in which such complex is situated. Annually, not later than

1531 the first day of June, the assessor in such municipality, upon receipt of
1532 an application for such benefit submitted in accordance with this
1533 subsection by mail or electronic mail, in a manner prescribed by the
1534 assessor, by any such resident, shall determine, with respect to the
1535 assessment list in such municipality for the assessment year
1536 commencing October first immediately preceding, the portion of the
1537 assessed value of the entire complex, as included in such assessment list,
1538 attributable to the dwelling unit occupied by such resident. The
1539 assumed property tax liability for purposes of this subsection shall be
1540 the product of such assessed value and the mill rate in such municipality
1541 as determined for purposes of property tax imposed on said assessment
1542 list for the assessment year commencing October first immediately
1543 preceding. The amount of benefit to which such resident shall be
1544 entitled for such assessment year shall be equivalent to the amount of
1545 tax reduction for which such resident would qualify, considering such
1546 assumed property tax liability to be the actual property tax applicable
1547 to such resident's dwelling unit and such resident as liable for the
1548 payment of such tax, in accordance with the schedule of qualifying
1549 income and tax reduction as provided in subsection (c) of this section,
1550 subject to provisions concerning maximum allowable benefit for any
1551 assessment year under subsections (c) and (d) of this section. The
1552 amount of benefit as determined for such resident in respect to any
1553 assessment year shall be payable by the state as a grant to such resident
1554 equivalent to the amount of property tax reduction to which such
1555 resident would be entitled under subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this
1556 section if such resident were the owner of such dwelling unit and
1557 qualified for tax reduction benefits under said subsections (a) to (i),
1558 inclusive.

1559 (3) Any such resident entitled to a grant as provided in subdivision
1560 (2) of this subsection shall be required to submit an application to the
1561 assessor in the municipality in which such resident resides for such
1562 grant [to] by mail or electronic mail, in a manner prescribed by the
1563 assessor, [in the municipality in which such resident resides] at any time
1564 from February first to and including the fifteenth day of May in the year

1565 in which such grant is claimed, on a form prescribed and furnished for
1566 such purpose by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management.
1567 Any such resident submitting an application for such grant shall be
1568 required to present to the assessor, in substantiation of such application,
1569 a copy of such resident's federal income tax return, and if not required
1570 to file a federal income tax return, such other evidence of qualifying
1571 income, receipts for money received or cancelled checks, or copies
1572 thereof, and any other evidence the assessor may require. Not later than
1573 the first day of July in such year, the assessor shall submit to the
1574 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management (A) a copy of the
1575 application prepared by such resident, together with such resident's
1576 federal income tax return, if required to file such a return, and any other
1577 information submitted in relation thereto, (B) determinations of the
1578 assessor concerning the assessed value of the dwelling unit in such
1579 complex occupied by such resident, and (C) the amount of such grant
1580 approved by the assessor. Said secretary, upon approving such grant,
1581 shall certify the amount thereof and not later than the fifteenth day of
1582 September immediately following submit approval for payment of such
1583 grant to the State Comptroller. Not later than five business days
1584 immediately following receipt of such approval for payment, the State
1585 Comptroller shall draw his or her order upon the State Treasurer and
1586 the Treasurer shall pay the amount of the grant to such resident not later
1587 than the first day of October immediately following.

1588 (k) If the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management makes any
1589 adjustments to the grants for tax reductions or assumed amounts of
1590 property tax liability claimed under this section subsequent to the
1591 Comptroller the payment of said grants in any year, the amount of such
1592 adjustment shall be reflected in the next payment the Treasurer shall
1593 make to such municipality pursuant to this section.

1594 Sec. 26. Section 12-170cc of the general statutes is repealed and the
1595 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

1596 Any person aggrieved by the action of the assessor or assessors in
1597 fixing the amount of a credit under subsection (f) of section 12-170aa, as

1598 amended by this act, or in disapproving the claim therefor may appeal
1599 to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, in writing or
1600 by electronic mail, in a manner prescribed by the secretary, within thirty
1601 business days from the date of notice given to such person by the
1602 assessor or assessors, giving notice of such grievance. The secretary shall
1603 promptly consider such notice and may grant or deny the relief
1604 requested, provided such decision shall be made not later than thirty
1605 business days after the receipt of such notice. If the relief is denied, the
1606 applicant shall be notified forthwith and may appeal the decision of the
1607 secretary in accordance with the provisions of section 12-120b.

1608 Sec. 27. Subsection (a) of section 29-263 of the general statutes is
1609 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
1610 *1, 2021*):

1611 (a) Except as provided in subsection (h) of section 29-252a and the
1612 State Building Code adopted pursuant to subsection (a) of section 29-
1613 252, after October 1, 1970, no building or structure shall be constructed
1614 or altered until an application has been filed with the building official
1615 and a permit issued. Such application shall be filed in person, by mail or
1616 electronic mail, in a manner prescribed by the building official. Such
1617 permit shall be issued or refused, in whole or in part, within thirty days
1618 after the date of an application. No permit shall be issued except upon
1619 application of the owner of the premises affected or the owner's
1620 authorized agent. No permit shall be issued to a contractor who is
1621 required to be registered pursuant to chapter 400, for work to be
1622 performed by such contractor, unless the name, business address and
1623 Department of Consumer Protection registration number of such
1624 contractor is clearly marked on the application for the permit, and the
1625 contractor has presented such contractor's certificate of registration as a
1626 home improvement contractor. Prior to the issuance of a permit and
1627 within said thirty-day period, the building official shall review the plans
1628 of buildings or structures to be constructed or altered, including, but not
1629 limited to, plans prepared by an architect licensed pursuant to chapter
1630 390, a professional engineer licensed pursuant to chapter 391 or an
1631 interior designer registered pursuant to chapter 396a acting within the

1632 scope of such license or registration, to determine their compliance with
1633 the requirements of the State Building Code and, where applicable, the
1634 local fire marshal shall review such plans to determine their compliance
1635 with the Fire Safety Code. Such plans submitted for review shall be in
1636 substantial compliance with the provisions of the State Building Code
1637 and, where applicable, with the provisions of the Fire Safety Code.

1638 Sec. 28. Section 29-264 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1639 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

1640 The State Building Inspector may, upon application by a builder
1641 setting forth that a set of plans and specifications will be utilized in more
1642 than one municipality to acquire building permits, review and approve
1643 any set of plans and specifications for the construction or erection of any
1644 building or structure designed to provide dwelling space for not more
1645 than two families if such set of plans and specifications meet the
1646 requirements of the State Building Code. Any building official shall
1647 issue a building permit upon application by a builder and presentation
1648 to him of such a set of plans and specifications bearing the approval of
1649 the State Building Inspector if all other local ordinances are complied
1650 with. Such application may be delivered in person, by mail or electronic
1651 mail, in a manner prescribed by the building official.

1652 Sec. 29. Section 29-266 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1653 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

1654 (a) A board of appeals shall be appointed by each municipality. Such
1655 board shall consist of five members, all of whom shall meet the
1656 qualifications set forth in the State Building Code. A member of a board
1657 of appeals of one municipality may also be a member of the board of
1658 appeals of another municipality.

1659 (b) When the building official rejects or refuses to approve the mode
1660 or manner of construction proposed to be followed or the materials to
1661 be used in the erection or alteration of a building or structure, or when
1662 it is claimed that the provisions of the code do not apply or that an
1663 equally good or more desirable form of construction can be employed

1664 in a specific case, or when it is claimed that the true intent and meaning
1665 of the code and regulations have been misconstrued or wrongly
1666 interpreted, or when the building official issues a written order under
1667 subsection (c) of section 29-261, the owner of such building or structure,
1668 whether already erected or to be erected, or his authorized agent may
1669 appeal in writing or by electronic mail, in a manner prescribed by the
1670 board of appeals, from the decision of the building official to the board
1671 of appeals. When a person other than such owner claims to be aggrieved
1672 by any decision of the building official, such person or his authorized
1673 agent may appeal, in writing or by electronic mail, in a manner
1674 prescribed by the board of appeals, from the decision of the building
1675 official to the board of appeals, and before determining the merits of
1676 such appeal the board of appeals shall first determine whether such
1677 person has a right to appeal. Upon receipt of an appeal from an owner
1678 or his representative or approval of an appeal by a person other than the
1679 owner, the chairman of the board of appeals shall appoint a panel of not
1680 less than three members of such board to hear such appeal. Such appeal
1681 shall be heard in the municipality for which the building official serves
1682 within five days, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays,
1683 after the date of receipt of such appeal. Such panel shall render a
1684 decision upon the appeal and file the same with the building official
1685 from whom such appeal has been taken not later than five days,
1686 exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, following the day
1687 of the hearing thereon. A copy of such decision shall be mailed, prior to
1688 such filing, to the party taking such appeal. Any person aggrieved by
1689 the decision of a panel may appeal to the Codes and Standards
1690 Committee within fourteen days after the filing of the decision with the
1691 building official. Any determination made by the local panel shall be
1692 subject to review de novo by said committee.

1693 (c) If, at the time that a building official makes a decision under
1694 subsection (b) of this section, there is no board of appeals for the
1695 municipality in which the building official serves, a person who claims
1696 to be aggrieved by such decision may submit an appeal [, in writing,] to
1697 the chief executive officer of such municipality. Such appeal may be

1698 made in writing or by electronic mail, in a manner prescribed by the
1699 chief executive officer. If, within five days, exclusive of Saturdays,
1700 Sundays and legal holidays, after the date of receipt of such appeal by
1701 such officer, the municipality fails to appoint a board of appeals from
1702 among either its own residents or residents of other municipalities, such
1703 officer shall file a notice of such failure with the building official from
1704 whom the appeal has been taken and, prior to such filing, mail a copy
1705 of the notice to the person taking the appeal. Such person may appeal
1706 the decision of the building official to the Codes and Standards
1707 Committee within fourteen days after the filing of such notice with the
1708 building official. If the municipality succeeds in appointing a board of
1709 appeals, the chief executive officer of the municipality shall immediately
1710 transmit the written appeal to such board, which shall review the appeal
1711 in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) of this section.

1712 (d) Any person aggrieved by any ruling of the Codes and Standards
1713 Committee may appeal to the superior court for the judicial district
1714 where such building or structure has been or is being erected.

1715 Sec. 30. Section 4-124n of the general statutes is repealed and the
1716 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1717 A regional council of governments shall adopt bylaws for the conduct
1718 of its business and shall annually elect from among the representatives
1719 to the council a chairman, a vice-chairman, a secretary, a treasurer [, who
1720 shall be bonded,] and such other officers as may be designated or
1721 permitted in the bylaws. The bylaws may provide for alternate
1722 representatives of the council to attend and vote at any meeting in place
1723 of absent representatives and may provide for the organization of a
1724 regional planning commission. [No representative shall be eligible to
1725 serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.] The bylaws
1726 [shall] may provide for an executive committee of the council and [an
1727 executive committee of the regional planning commission and may
1728 provide] for additional committees including nonvoting advisory
1729 committees. Meetings of the council shall be called [by the chairman or
1730 as the bylaws shall otherwise provide] pursuant to the bylaws and

1731 minutes of all meetings of the council, its committees and other official
1732 actions shall be filed in the office of the council and shall be of public
1733 record.

1734 Sec. 31. Section 4-124s of the general statutes is repealed and the
1735 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1736 (a) For purposes of this section:

1737 (1) "Regional council of governments" means any such council
1738 organized under the provisions of sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive;

1739 (2) "Municipality" means a town, city or consolidated town and
1740 borough;

1741 (3) "Legislative body" means the board of selectmen, town council,
1742 city council, board of alderman, board of directors, board of
1743 representatives or board of the warden and burgesses of a municipality;

1744 (4) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
1745 Management or the designee of the secretary; [and]

1746 (5) "Regional educational service center" has the same meaning as
1747 provided in section 10-282; [.] and

1748 (6) "Employee organization" means any lawful association, labor
1749 organization, federation or council having as a primary purpose the
1750 improvement of wages, hours and other conditions of employment.

1751 (b) There is established a regional performance incentive program
1752 that shall be administered by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
1753 Management. [On or before December 31, 2011, and annually thereafter,
1754 any] Any regional council of governments, [any two or more
1755 municipalities acting through a regional council of governments, any
1756 economic development district, any] regional educational service center
1757 or [any] a combination thereof may submit a proposal to the secretary
1758 for: (1) The [joint] provision of any service that one or more participating
1759 municipalities of such council [.] or local or regional board of education

1760 of such regional educational service center [or agency] currently provide
1761 but which is not provided on a regional basis, (2) [a planning study
1762 regarding the joint provision of any service on a regional basis, or (3)
1763 shared information technology services] the redistribution of grants
1764 awarded pursuant to sections 4-66g, 4-66h, 4-66m and 7-536, according
1765 to regional priorities, or (3) regional revenue sharing among such
1766 participating municipalities pursuant to section 7-148bb, as amended by
1767 this act. A copy of said proposal shall be sent to the legislators
1768 representing said participating municipalities or local or regional
1769 boards of education. Any [local or regional board of education or]
1770 regional educational service center serving a population greater than
1771 one hundred thousand may submit a proposal to the secretary for a
1772 regional special education initiative.

1773 (c) (1) A regional council of governments [, an economic development
1774 district, a] or regional educational service center [or a local or regional
1775 board of education] shall submit each proposal in the form and manner
1776 the secretary prescribes and shall, at a minimum, provide the following
1777 information for each proposal: (A) Service or initiative description; (B)
1778 the explanation of the need for such service or initiative; (C) the method
1779 of delivering such service or initiative on a regional basis; (D) the
1780 organization that would be responsible for regional service or initiative
1781 delivery; (E) a description of the population that would be served; (F)
1782 the manner in which the proposed regional service or initiative delivery
1783 will achieve economies of scale for participating municipalities or
1784 boards of education; (G) the amount by which participating
1785 municipalities will reduce their mill rates as a result of savings realized;
1786 (H) a cost benefit analysis for the provision of the service or initiative by
1787 each participating municipality and by the entity or board of education
1788 submitting the proposal; (I) a plan of implementation for delivery of the
1789 service or initiative on a regional basis; (J) a resolution endorsing such
1790 proposal approved by the [legislative] governing body of [each
1791 participating municipality; and (K)] the council or center, which shall
1792 include a statement that not less than twenty-five per cent of the cost of
1793 such proposal shall be funded by the council or center in the first year

1794 of operation, and that by the fourth year of operation the council or
1795 center shall fund one hundred per cent of such cost; (K) a resolution
1796 endorsing such proposal approved by the governing body of the council
1797 of each planning region in which the service or initiative is to be
1798 provided; (L) an acknowledgment from any employee organization that
1799 may be impacted by such proposal that they have been informed of and
1800 consulted about the proposal; and (M) an explanation of the potential
1801 legal obstacles, if any, to the regional provision of the service or
1802 initiative, and how such obstacles will be resolved.

1803 (2) The secretary shall review each proposal and shall award grants
1804 for proposals the secretary determines best [meet the requirements of
1805 this section. In awarding such grants, the secretary shall give priority to
1806 a proposal submitted by (A) any entity specified in subsection (a) of this
1807 section that includes participation of all of the member municipalities of
1808 such entity, and which may increase the purchasing power of
1809 participating municipalities or provide a cost savings initiative resulting
1810 in a decrease in expenses of such municipalities, allowing such
1811 municipalities to lower property taxes, (B) any economic development
1812 district, and (C) any local or regional board of education] satisfy the
1813 following criteria: (A) The proposed service or initiative will be
1814 available to or benefit all participating members of the regional council
1815 of governments or regional educational service center regardless of such
1816 members' participation in the grant application process; (B) when
1817 compared to the existing delivery of services by participating members
1818 of the council or center, the proposal demonstrates (i) a positive cost
1819 benefit to such members, (ii) increased efficiency and capacity in the
1820 delivery of services, (iii) a diminished need for state funding, and (iv)
1821 increased cost savings; (C) the proposed service or initiative promotes
1822 cooperation among participating members that may lead to a reduction
1823 in economic or social inequality; (D) the proposal has been approved by
1824 a majority of the members of the council or center and, pursuant to
1825 subsection (c) of this section, contains a statement that not less than
1826 twenty-five per cent of the cost of such proposal shall be funded by the
1827 council or center in the first year of operation, and that by the fourth

1828 year of operation the council or center shall fund one hundred per cent
1829 of such cost; and (E) any employee organizations that may be impacted
1830 by such proposal have been informed of and consulted about such
1831 proposal, pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

1832 (d) [On or before December 31, 2013, and annually thereafter until
1833 December 31, 2018, in addition to any proposal submitted pursuant to
1834 this section, any municipality or regional council of governments may
1835 apply to the secretary for a grant to fund: (1) Operating costs associated
1836 with connecting to the state-wide high speed, flexible network
1837 developed pursuant to section 4d-80, including the costs to connect at
1838 the same rate as other government entities served by such network; and
1839 (2) capital cost associated with connecting to such network, including
1840 expenses associated with building out the internal fiber network
1841 connections required to connect to such network, provided the secretary
1842 shall make any such grant available in accordance with the two-year
1843 schedule by which the Bureau of Enterprise Systems and Technology
1844 recommends connecting each municipality and regional council of
1845 governments to such network. Any municipality or regional council of
1846 governments shall submit each application in the form and manner the
1847 secretary prescribes.] Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 7-339a
1848 to 7-339l, inclusive, or any other provision of the general statutes, no
1849 regional council of governments or regional educational service center
1850 or any member municipalities or local or regional boards of education
1851 of such councils or centers shall be required to execute an interlocal
1852 agreement to implement a proposal submitted pursuant to subsection
1853 (c) of this section.

1854 (e) Any board of education awarded a grant for a proposal submitted
1855 pursuant to subsection (c) of this section may deposit any cost savings
1856 realized as a result of the implementation of the proposed service or
1857 initiative into a nonlapsing account pursuant to section 10-248a.

1858 [(e)] (f) The secretary shall submit to the Governor and the joint
1859 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
1860 matters relating to finance, revenue and bonding a report on the grants

1861 provided pursuant to this section. Each such report shall (1) include
1862 information on the amount of each grant [.] and the potential of each
1863 grant for leveraging other public and private investments, and (2)
1864 describe any property tax reductions and improved services achieved
1865 by means of the program established pursuant to this section. The
1866 secretary shall submit a report for the fiscal year commencing July 1,
1867 2011, not later than February 1, 2012, and shall submit a report for each
1868 subsequent fiscal year not later than the first day of March in such fiscal
1869 year. [Such reports shall include the property tax reductions achieved
1870 by means of the program established pursuant to this section.]

1871 Sec. 32. Subsection (b) of section 8-31b of the general statutes is
1872 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
1873 *passage*):

1874 (b) A regional council of governments may accept or participate in
1875 any grant, donation or program available to any political subdivision of
1876 the state and may also accept or participate in any grant, donation or
1877 program made available to counties by any other governmental or
1878 private entity. Notwithstanding the provisions of any special or public
1879 act, any political subdivision of the state may enter into an agreement
1880 with a regional council of governments to perform jointly or to provide,
1881 alone or in cooperation with any other entity, any service, activity or
1882 undertaking that the political subdivision is authorized by law to
1883 perform. A regional council of governments established pursuant to this
1884 section may administer and provide regional services to municipalities
1885 by affirmative vote of the member municipalities of such council, and
1886 may delegate such authority to subregional groups of such
1887 municipalities. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 7-339a to 7-
1888 339l, inclusive, the administration and provision of such services shall
1889 not require the execution of any interlocal agreement. Regional services
1890 provided to member municipalities shall be determined by each
1891 regional council of governments, except as provided in subsection (b) of
1892 section 9-229 and section 9-229b, and may include, without limitation,
1893 the following services: (1) Engineering; (2) inspectional and planning;
1894 (3) economic development; (4) public safety; (5) emergency

1895 management; (6) animal control; (7) land use management; (8) tourism
1896 promotion; (9) social; (10) health; (11) education; (12) data management;
1897 (13) regional sewerage; (14) housing; (15) computerized mapping; (16)
1898 household hazardous waste collection; (17) recycling; (18) public facility
1899 siting; (19) coordination of master planning; (20) vocational training and
1900 development; (21) solid waste disposal; (22) fire protection; (23) regional
1901 resource protection; (24) regional impact studies; and (25)
1902 transportation.

1903 Sec. 33. Section 4-66k of the general statutes is repealed and the
1904 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1905 (a) There is established an account to be known as the "regional
1906 planning incentive account" which shall be a separate, nonlapsing
1907 account within the General Fund. The account shall contain any moneys
1908 required by law to be deposited in the account. Except as provided in
1909 subsection [(d)] (e) of this section, moneys [,] in the account shall be
1910 expended by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management [in
1911 accordance with subsection (b) of this section] for the purposes of first
1912 providing funding to regional planning organizations in accordance
1913 with the provisions of subsections (b), [and] (c) and (d) of this section
1914 and then to providing grants under the regional performance incentive
1915 program established pursuant to section 4-124s, as amended by this act.

1916 (b) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, funds from the regional
1917 planning incentive account shall be distributed to each regional
1918 planning organization, as defined in section 4-124i, revision of 1958,
1919 revised to January 1, 2013, in the amount of one hundred twenty-five
1920 thousand dollars. Any regional council of governments that is
1921 comprised of any two or more regional planning organizations that
1922 voluntarily consolidate on or before December 31, 2013, shall receive an
1923 additional payment in an amount equal to the amount the regional
1924 planning organizations would have received if such regional planning
1925 organizations had not voluntarily consolidated.

1926 (c) [Beginning in the fiscal year] For the fiscal years ending June 30,

1927 2015, [and annually thereafter] to June 30, 2021, inclusive, funds from
1928 the regional planning incentive account shall be distributed to each
1929 regional council of governments formed pursuant to section 4-124j, in
1930 the amount of one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars plus fifty cents
1931 per capita, using population information from the most recent federal
1932 decennial census. Any regional council of governments that is
1933 comprised of any two or more regional planning organizations, as
1934 defined in section 4-124i, revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2013,
1935 that voluntarily consolidated on or before December 31, 2013, shall
1936 receive a payment in the amount of one hundred twenty-five thousand
1937 dollars for each such regional planning organization that voluntarily
1938 consolidated on or before said date.

1939 (d) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, and each fiscal year
1940 thereafter, funds from the regional planning incentive account shall be
1941 distributed to each regional council of governments formed pursuant to
1942 section 4-124j, in the amount of one hundred eighty-five thousand five
1943 hundred dollars plus sixty-eight cents per capita, using population
1944 information from the most recent federal decennial census.

1945 (2) Not later than July 1, 2021, and annually thereafter, each regional
1946 council of governments shall submit to the secretary a proposal for
1947 expenditure of the funds described in subdivision (1) of this subsection.
1948 Such proposal may include, but need not be limited to, a description of
1949 (A) functions, activities or services currently performed by the state or
1950 municipalities that may be provided in a more efficient, cost-effective,
1951 responsive or higher quality manner by such council, a regional
1952 educational service center or similar regional entity; (B) anticipated cost
1953 savings relating to the sharing of government services, including, but
1954 not limited to, joint purchasing; (C) the standardization and alignment
1955 of various regions of the state; or (D) any other initiatives that may
1956 facilitate the delivery of services to the public in a more efficient, cost-
1957 effective, responsive or higher quality manner.

1958 [(d)] (e) There is established a regionalization subaccount within the
1959 regional planning incentive account. If the Connecticut Lottery

1960 Corporation offers online its existing lottery draw games through the
1961 corporation's Internet web site, online service or mobile application, the
1962 revenue from such online offering that exceeds an amount equivalent to
1963 the costs of the debt-free community college program under section 10a-
1964 174 shall be deposited in the subaccount, or, if such online offering is not
1965 established, the amount provided under subsection (b) of section 364 of
1966 public act 19-117 for regionalization initiatives shall be deposited in the
1967 subaccount. Moneys in the subaccount shall be expended only for the
1968 purposes recommended by the task force established under section 4-
1969 66s.

1970 Sec. 34. Section 4-66r of the general statutes is repealed and the
1971 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1972 (a) For the fiscal [year] years ending June 30, 2018, [and each fiscal
1973 year thereafter] and June 30, 2019, each regional council of governments
1974 shall, within available appropriations, receive a grant-in-aid to be
1975 known as a regional services grant, the amount of which shall be based
1976 on a formula to be determined by the Secretary of the Office of Policy
1977 and Management. No such council shall receive a grant for the fiscal
1978 year ending June 30, 2018, unless the secretary approves a spending plan
1979 for such grant moneys submitted by such council to the secretary on or
1980 before November 1, 2017. No such council shall receive a grant for the
1981 fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, [or any fiscal year thereafter,] unless the
1982 secretary approves a spending plan for such grant moneys submitted by
1983 such council to the secretary on or before July 1, 2018. [, and annually
1984 thereafter.]

1985 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 29 of public act 19-117,
1986 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, and each fiscal year thereafter,
1987 each regional council of governments shall receive a grant-in-aid to be
1988 known as a regional services grant, the amount of which shall be
1989 determined pursuant to section 4-66k, as amended by this act. No such
1990 council shall receive a grant for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, or
1991 any fiscal year thereafter, unless the secretary approves a spending plan
1992 for such grant moneys submitted by such council to the secretary on or

1993 before July 1, 2019, and annually thereafter. The secretary may provide
1994 biennial spending plan approval process guidelines at the secretary's
1995 discretion.

1996 (c) Each regional council of governments shall use such grant funds
1997 for planning purposes and to achieve efficiencies in the delivery of
1998 municipal services, without diminishing the quality of such services. On
1999 or before October 1, 2018, and annually thereafter, each regional council
2000 of governments shall submit a report, in accordance with section 11-4a,
2001 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
2002 cognizance of matters relating to planning and development and
2003 finance, revenue and bonding, and to the secretary. Such report shall (1)
2004 summarize the expenditure of such grant funds in the prior fiscal year,
2005 (2) describe any regional program, project or initiative currently
2006 provided or planned by the council, (3) review the performance of any
2007 existing regional program, project or initiative relative to its initial goals
2008 and objectives, (4) analyze the existing services provided by member
2009 municipalities or by the state that, in the opinion of the council, could
2010 be more effectively or efficiently provided on a regional basis, and (5)
2011 provide recommendations for legislative action concerning potential
2012 impediments to the regionalization of services.

2013 Sec. 35. Section 4-66l of the general statutes is repealed and the
2014 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

2015 (a) For the purposes of this section:

2016 (1) "FY 15 mill rate" means the mill rate a municipality used during
2017 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015;

2018 (2) "Mill rate" means, unless otherwise specified, the mill rate a
2019 municipality uses to calculate tax bills for motor vehicles;

2020 (3) "Municipality" means any town, city, consolidated town and city
2021 or consolidated town and borough. "Municipality" includes a district for
2022 the purposes of subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of this section;

2023 (4) "Municipal spending" means:

T17	Municipal	Municipal	
T18	spending for	spending for	
T19	the fiscal year	the fiscal year	
T20	prior to the	- two years	
T21	current fiscal	prior to the	
T22	year	current year	Municipal
T23	<hr/>		X 100 Municipal
T24	Municipal spending for the fiscal		spending;
T25	year two years prior to the		
T26	current year		

2024 (5) "Per capita distribution" means:

T27	Municipal population		
T28	<hr/>	X Sales tax revenue	= Per capita distribution
T29	Total state population		

2025 (6) "Pro rata distribution" means:

T30	Municipal weighted		
T31	mill rate calculation		
T32	<hr/>	X Sales tax revenue	= Pro rata distribution;
T33	Sum of all municipal		
T34	weighted mill rate		
T35	calculations combined		

2026 (7) "Regional council of governments" means any such council
2027 organized under the provisions of sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive;

2028 (8) "Municipal population" means the number of persons in a
2029 municipality according to the most recent estimate of the Department of
2030 Public Health;

2031 (9) "Total state population" means the number of persons in this state

2032 according to the most recent estimate published by the Department of
2033 Public Health;

2034 (10) "Weighted mill rate" means a municipality's FY 15 mill rate
2035 divided by the average of all municipalities' FY 15 mill rate;

2036 (11) "Weighted mill rate calculation" means per capita distribution
2037 multiplied by a municipality's weighted mill rate;

2038 (12) "Sales tax revenue" means the moneys in the account remaining
2039 for distribution pursuant to subdivision [(7)] (6) of subsection (b) of this
2040 section;

2041 (13) "District" means any district, as defined in section 7-324; and

2042 (14) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
2043 Management.

2044 (b) There is established an account to be known as the "municipal
2045 revenue sharing account" which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account
2046 within the General Fund. The account shall contain any moneys
2047 required by law to be deposited in the account. The secretary shall set
2048 aside and ensure availability of moneys in the account in the following
2049 order of priority and shall transfer or disburse such moneys as follows:

2050 (1) Ten million dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, shall
2051 be transferred not later than April fifteenth for the purposes of grants
2052 under section 10-262h;

2053 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, and each fiscal year
2054 thereafter, moneys sufficient to make motor vehicle property tax grants
2055 payable to municipalities pursuant to subsection (c) of this section shall
2056 be expended not later than August first annually by the secretary;

2057 (3) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, and each fiscal year
2058 thereafter, moneys sufficient to make the grants payable from the select
2059 payment in lieu of taxes grant account established pursuant to section
2060 12-18c shall annually be transferred to the select payment in lieu of taxes

2061 account in the Office of Policy and Management;

2062 (4) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2018, and June 30, 2019,
2063 moneys sufficient to make the municipal revenue sharing grants
2064 payable to municipalities pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (d)
2065 of this section shall be expended not later than October thirty-first
2066 annually by the secretary;

2067 [(5) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, and each fiscal year
2068 thereafter, seven million dollars shall be expended for the purposes of
2069 the regional services grants pursuant to subsection (e) of this section to
2070 the regional councils of governments;]

2071 [(6)] (5) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, and each fiscal year
2072 thereafter, moneys may be expended for the purpose of supplemental
2073 motor vehicle property tax grants pursuant to subsection (c) of this
2074 section; and

2075 [(7)] (6) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, and each fiscal year
2076 thereafter, moneys in the account remaining shall be expended annually
2077 by the secretary for the purposes of the municipal revenue sharing
2078 grants established pursuant to subsection [(f)] (d) of this section. Any
2079 such moneys deposited in the account for municipal revenue sharing
2080 grants between October first and June thirtieth shall be distributed to
2081 municipalities on the following October first and any such moneys
2082 deposited in the account between July first and September thirtieth shall
2083 be distributed to municipalities on the following January thirty-first.
2084 Any municipality may apply to the Office of Policy and Management
2085 on or after July first for early disbursement of a portion of such grant.
2086 The Office of Policy and Management may approve such an application
2087 if it finds that early disbursement is required in order for a municipality
2088 to meet its cash flow needs. No early disbursement approved by said
2089 office may be issued later than September thirtieth.

2090 (c) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, motor vehicle property
2091 tax grants to municipalities that impose mill rates on real property and
2092 personal property other than motor vehicles greater than 39 mills or

2093 that, when combined with the mill rate of any district located within the
2094 municipality, impose mill rates greater than 39 mills, shall be made in
2095 an amount equal to the difference between the amount of property taxes
2096 levied by the municipality and any district located within the
2097 municipality on motor vehicles for the assessment year commencing
2098 October 1, 2013, and the amount such levy would have been if the mill
2099 rate on motor vehicles for said assessment year was 39 mills.

2100 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, and each fiscal year
2101 thereafter, motor vehicle property tax grants to municipalities that
2102 impose mill rates on real property and personal property other than
2103 motor vehicles greater than 45 mills or that, when combined with the
2104 mill rate of any district located within the municipality, impose mill
2105 rates greater than 45 mills, shall be made in an amount equal to the
2106 difference between the amount of property taxes levied by the
2107 municipality and any district located within the municipality on motor
2108 vehicles for the assessment year commencing October 1, 2016, and the
2109 amount such levy would have been if the mill rate on motor vehicles for
2110 said assessment year was 45 mills.

2111 (3) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, any municipality that
2112 imposed a mill rate for real and personal property of more than 39 mills
2113 during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, and effected a revaluation of
2114 real property for the 2014 or 2015 assessment year that resulted in an
2115 increase of 4 or more mills over the prior mill rate, may apply to the
2116 Office of Policy and Management for a supplemental motor vehicle
2117 property tax grant. The Office of Policy and Management may approve
2118 such an application, within available funds, provided such
2119 supplemental grant does not reduce any amount payable to any other
2120 municipality.

2121 (4) Not later than fifteen calendar days after receiving a property tax
2122 grant pursuant to this section, the municipality shall disburse to any
2123 district located within the municipality the amount of any such property
2124 tax grant that is attributable to the district.

2125 [(d) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, each municipality
2126 shall receive a municipal revenue sharing grant, which shall be payable
2127 August 1, 2016, from the Municipal Revenue Sharing Fund established
2128 in section 4-66p. The total amount of the grant payable is as follows:

T36	Municipality	Grant Amount
T37	Andover	66,705
T38	Ansonia	605,442
T39	Ashford	87,248
T40	Avon	374,711
T41	Barkhamsted	76,324
T42	Beacon Falls	123,341
T43	Berlin	843,048
T44	Bethany	114,329
T45	Bethel	392,605
T46	Bethlehem	42,762
T47	Bloomfield	438,458
T48	Bolton	106,449
T49	Bozrah	53,783
T50	Branford	570,402
T51	Bridgeport	14,476,283
T52	Bridgewater	15,670
T53	Bristol	1,276,119
T54	Brookfield	343,611
T55	Brooklyn	103,910
T56	Burlington	193,490
T57	Canaan	14,793
T58	Canterbury	58,684
T59	Canton	211,078
T60	Chaplin	48,563
T61	Cheshire	594,084
T62	Chester	57,736
T63	Clinton	268,611
T64	Colchester	330,363
T65	Colebrook	29,694

T66	Columbia	111,276
T67	Cornwall	11,269
T68	Coventry	252,939
T69	Cromwell	288,951
T70	Danbury	2,079,675
T71	Darien	171,485
T72	Deep River	93,525
T73	Derby	462,718
T74	Durham	150,019
T75	East Granby	106,222
T76	East Haddam	186,418
T77	East Hampton	263,149
T78	East Hartford	3,877,281
T79	East Haven	593,493
T80	East Lyme	243,736
T81	East Windsor	232,457
T82	Eastford	23,060
T83	Easton	155,216
T84	Ellington	321,722
T85	Enfield	911,974
T86	Essex	74,572
T87	Fairfield	795,318
T88	Farmington	335,287
T89	Franklin	26,309
T90	Glastonbury	754,546
T91	Goshen	30,286
T92	Granby	244,839
T93	Greenwich	366,588
T94	Griswold	243,727
T95	Groton	433,177
T96	Guilford	456,863
T97	Haddam	170,440
T98	Hamden	4,491,337
T99	Hampton	38,070
T100	Hartford	13,908,437

T101	Hartland	27,964
T102	Harwinton	113,987
T103	Hebron	208,666
T104	Kent	26,808
T105	Killingly	351,213
T106	Killingworth	85,270
T107	Lebanon	149,163
T108	Ledyard	307,619
T109	Lisbon	45,413
T110	Litchfield	169,828
T111	Lyme	21,862
T112	Madison	372,897
T113	Manchester	1,972,491
T114	Mansfield	525,280
T115	Marlborough	131,065
T116	Meriden	1,315,347
T117	Middlebury	154,299
T118	Middlefield	91,372
T119	Middletown	964,657
T120	Milford	1,880,830
T121	Monroe	404,221
T122	Montville	401,756
T123	Morris	28,110
T124	Naugatuck	2,405,660
T125	New Britain	5,781,991
T126	New Canaan	168,106
T127	New Fairfield	288,278
T128	New Hartford	140,338
T129	New Haven	2,118,290
T130	New London	750,249
T131	New Milford	565,898
T132	Newington	651,000
T133	Newtown	572,949
T134	Norfolk	20,141
T135	North Branford	292,517

T136	North Canaan	66,052
T137	North Haven	487,882
T138	North Stonington	107,832
T139	Norwalk	3,401,590
T140	Norwich	1,309,943
T141	Old Lyme	79,946
T142	Old Saybrook	101,527
T143	Orange	284,365
T144	Oxford	171,492
T145	Plainfield	310,350
T146	Plainville	363,176
T147	Plymouth	255,581
T148	Pomfret	54,257
T149	Portland	192,715
T150	Preston	58,934
T151	Prospect	197,097
T152	Putnam	76,399
T153	Redding	189,781
T154	Ridgefield	512,848
T155	Rocky Hill	405,872
T156	Roxbury	15,998
T157	Salem	85,617
T158	Salisbury	20,769
T159	Scotland	36,200
T160	Seymour	343,388
T161	Sharon	19,467
T162	Shelton	706,038
T163	Sherman	39,000
T164	Simsbury	567,460
T165	Somers	141,697
T166	South Windsor	558,715
T167	Southbury	404,731
T168	Southington	889,821
T169	Sprague	89,456
T170	Stafford	243,095

T171	Stamford	2,372,358
T172	Sterling	77,037
T173	Stonington	202,888
T174	Stratford	1,130,316
T175	Suffield	321,763
T176	Thomaston	158,888
T177	Thompson	114,582
T178	Tolland	303,971
T179	Torrington	2,435,109
T180	Trumbull	745,325
T181	Union	17,283
T182	Vernon	641,027
T183	Voluntown	33,914
T184	Wallingford	919,984
T185	Warren	11,006
T186	Washington	25,496
T187	Waterbury	13,438,542
T188	Waterford	259,091
T189	Watertown	453,012
T190	West Hartford	1,614,320
T191	West Haven	1,121,850
T192	Westbrook	80,601
T193	Weston	211,384
T194	Westport	262,402
T195	Wethersfield	940,267
T196	Willington	121,568
T197	Wilton	380,234
T198	Winchester	224,447
T199	Windham	513,847
T200	Windsor	593,921
T201	Windsor Locks	256,241
T202	Wolcott	340,859
T203	Woodbridge	247,758
T204	Woodbury	200,175
T205	Woodstock	97,708

T206	Borough of Danielson	-
T207	Borough of Litchfield	-
T208	Bloomfield, Blue Hills FD	92,961
T209	Enfield Thompsonville FD #2	354,311
T210	Manchester - Eighth Utility District	436,718
T211	Middletown - City Fire	910,442
T212	Middletown So Fire	413,961
T213	Norwich CCD	552,565
T214	Norwich TCD	62,849
T215	Simsbury FD	221,536
T216	Plainfield Fire District	-
T217	Windham, Special Service District #2	640,000
T218	Windham 1st Taxing District	-
T219	Windham First	
T220	West Haven First Center (D1)	1,039,843
T221	West Haven: Allingtown FD (D3)	483,505
T222	West Haven: West Shore FD (D2)	654,640

2129 (2) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2018, and June 30, 2019, each
 2130 municipality shall receive a municipal sharing grant payable not later
 2131 than October thirty-first of each year. The total amount of the grant
 2132 payable is as follows:

T223	Municipality	Grant Amount
T224	Andover	96,020
T225	Ansonia	643,519
T226	Ashford	125,591
T227	Avon	539,387
T228	Barkhamsted	109,867
T229	Beacon Falls	177,547
T230	Berlin	1,213,548
T231	Bethany	164,574
T232	Bethel	565,146
T233	Bethlehem	61,554

T234	Bloomfield	631,150
T235	Bolton	153,231
T236	Bozrah	77,420
T237	Branford	821,080
T238	Bridgeport	9,758,441
T239	Bridgewater	22,557
T240	Bristol	1,836,944
T241	Brookfield	494,620
T242	Brooklyn	149,576
T243	Burlington	278,524
T244	Canaan	21,294
T245	Canterbury	84,475
T246	Canton	303,842
T247	Chaplin	69,906
T248	Cheshire	855,170
T249	Chester	83,109
T250	Clinton	386,660
T251	Colchester	475,551
T252	Colebrook	42,744
T253	Columbia	160,179
T254	Cornwall	16,221
T255	Coventry	364,100
T256	Cromwell	415,938
T257	Danbury	2,993,644
T258	Darien	246,849
T259	Deep River	134,627
T260	Derby	400,912
T261	Durham	215,949
T262	East Granby	152,904
T263	East Haddam	268,344
T264	East Hampton	378,798
T265	East Hartford	2,036,894
T266	East Haven	854,319
T267	East Lyme	350,852
T268	East Windsor	334,616

T269	Eastford	33,194
T270	Easton	223,430
T271	Ellington	463,112
T272	Enfield	1,312,766
T273	Essex	107,345
T274	Fairfield	1,144,842
T275	Farmington	482,637
T276	Franklin	37,871
T277	Glastonbury	1,086,151
T278	Goshen	43,596
T279	Granby	352,440
T280	Greenwich	527,695
T281	Griswold	350,840
T282	Groton	623,548
T283	Guilford	657,644
T284	Haddam	245,344
T285	Hamden	2,155,661
T286	Hampton	54,801
T287	Hartford	1,498,643
T288	Hartland	40,254
T289	Harwinton	164,081
T290	Hebron	300,369
T291	Kent	38,590
T292	Killingly	505,562
T293	Killingworth	122,744
T294	Lebanon	214,717
T295	Ledyard	442,811
T296	Lisbon	65,371
T297	Litchfield	244,464
T298	Lyme	31,470
T299	Madison	536,777
T300	Manchester	1,971,540
T301	Mansfield	756,128
T302	Marlborough	188,665
T303	Meriden	1,893,412

T304	Middlebury	222,109
T305	Middlefield	131,529
T306	Middletown	1,388,602
T307	Milford	2,707,412
T308	Monroe	581,867
T309	Montville	578,318
T310	Morris	40,463
T311	Naugatuck	1,251,980
T312	New Britain	3,131,893
T313	New Canaan	241,985
T314	New Fairfield	414,970
T315	New Hartford	202,014
T316	New Haven	114,863
T317	New London	917,228
T318	New Milford	814,597
T319	Newington	937,100
T320	Newtown	824,747
T321	Norfolk	28,993
T322	North Branford	421,072
T323	North Canaan	95,081
T324	North Haven	702,295
T325	North Stonington	155,222
T326	Norwalk	4,896,511
T327	Norwich	1,362,971
T328	Old Lyme	115,080
T329	Old Saybrook	146,146
T330	Orange	409,337
T331	Oxford	246,859
T332	Plainfield	446,742
T333	Plainville	522,783
T334	Plymouth	367,902
T335	Pomfret	78,101
T336	Portland	277,409
T337	Preston	84,835
T338	Prospect	283,717

T339	Putnam	109,975
T340	Redding	273,185
T341	Ridgefield	738,233
T342	Rocky Hill	584,244
T343	Roxbury	23,029
T344	Salem	123,244
T345	Salisbury	29,897
T346	Scotland	52,109
T347	Seymour	494,298
T348	Sharon	28,022
T349	Shelton	1,016,326
T350	Sherman	56,139
T351	Simsbury	775,368
T352	Somers	203,969
T353	South Windsor	804,258
T354	Southbury	582,601
T355	Southington	1,280,877
T356	Sprague	128,769
T357	Stafford	349,930
T358	Stamford	3,414,955
T359	Sterling	110,893
T360	Stonington	292,053
T361	Stratford	1,627,064
T362	Suffield	463,170
T363	Thomaston	228,716
T364	Thompson	164,939
T365	Tolland	437,559
T366	Torrington	1,133,394
T367	Trumbull	1,072,878
T368	Union	24,878
T369	Vernon	922,743
T370	Voluntown	48,818
T371	Wallingford	1,324,296
T372	Warren	15,842
T373	Washington	36,701

T374	Waterbury	5,595,448
T375	Waterford	372,956
T376	Watertown	652,100
T377	West Hartford	2,075,223
T378	West Haven	1,614,877
T379	Westbrook	116,023
T380	Weston	304,282
T381	Westport	377,722
T382	Wethersfield	1,353,493
T383	Willington	174,995
T384	Wilton	547,338
T385	Winchester	323,087
T386	Windham	739,671
T387	Windsor	854,935
T388	Windsor Locks	368,853
T389	Wolcott	490,659
T390	Woodbridge	274,418
T391	Woodbury	288,147
T392	Woodstock	140,648

2133 (e) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, and each fiscal year
2134 thereafter, each regional council of governments shall receive a regional
2135 services grant, the amount of which will be based on a formula to be
2136 determined by the secretary, except that, for the fiscal year ending June
2137 30, 2018, and each fiscal year thereafter, thirty-five per cent of such grant
2138 moneys shall be awarded to regional councils of governments for the
2139 purpose of assisting regional education service centers in merging their
2140 human resource, finance or technology services with such services
2141 provided by municipalities within the region. For the fiscal year ending
2142 June 30, 2017, three million dollars shall be expended by the secretary
2143 from the Municipal Revenue Sharing Fund established in section 4-66p
2144 for the purpose of the regional services grant. No such council shall
2145 receive a grant for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, or any fiscal year
2146 thereafter, unless the secretary approves a spending plan for such grant

2147 moneys submitted by such council to the secretary on or before July 1,
 2148 2017, and annually thereafter. The regional councils of governments
 2149 shall use such grants for planning purposes and to achieve efficiencies
 2150 in the delivery of municipal services by regionalizing such services,
 2151 including, but not limited to, region-wide consolidation of such services.
 2152 Such efficiencies shall not diminish the quality of such services. A
 2153 unanimous vote of the representatives of such council shall be required
 2154 for approval of any expenditure from such grant. On or before October
 2155 1, 2017, and biennially thereafter, each such council shall submit a
 2156 report, in accordance with section 11-4a, to the joint standing
 2157 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
 2158 relating to planning and development and finance, revenue and
 2159 bonding. Such report shall summarize the expenditure of such grants
 2160 and provide recommendations concerning the expansion, reduction or
 2161 modification of such grants.]

2162 [(f)] (d) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, and each fiscal year
 2163 thereafter, each municipality shall receive a municipal revenue sharing
 2164 grant as follows:

2165 (1) (A) A municipality having a mill rate at or above twenty-five shall
 2166 receive the per capita distribution or pro rata distribution, whichever is
 2167 higher for such municipality.

2168 (B) Such grants shall be increased by a percentage calculated as
 2169 follows:

T393 Sum of per capita distribution amount
 T394 for all municipalities having a mill rate
 T395 below twenty-five – pro rata distribution
 T396 amount for all municipalities
 T397 having a mill rate below twenty-five

T398 _____
 T399 Sum of all grants to municipalities
 T400 calculated pursuant to subparagraph (A)
 T401 of subdivision (1) of this subsection.

2170 (C) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraphs (A) and (B) of
2171 this subdivision, Hartford shall receive not more than 5.2 per cent of the
2172 municipal revenue sharing grants distributed pursuant to this
2173 subsection; Bridgeport shall receive not more than 4.5 per cent of the
2174 municipal revenue sharing grants distributed pursuant to this
2175 subsection; New Haven shall receive not more than 2.0 per cent of the
2176 municipal revenue sharing grants distributed pursuant to this
2177 subsection and Stamford shall receive not more than 2.8 per cent of the
2178 equalization grants distributed pursuant to this subsection. Any excess
2179 funds remaining after such reductions in payments to Hartford,
2180 Bridgeport, New Haven and Stamford shall be distributed to all other
2181 municipalities having a mill rate at or above twenty-five on a pro rata
2182 basis according to the payment they receive pursuant to this
2183 subdivision; and

2184 (2) A municipality having a mill rate below twenty-five shall receive
2185 the per capita distribution or pro rata distribution, whichever is less for
2186 such municipality.

2187 (3) For the purposes of this subsection, "mill rate" means the mill rate
2188 for real property and personal property other than motor vehicles.

2189 [(g)] (e) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, a
2190 municipality may disburse any municipal revenue sharing grant funds
2191 to a district within such municipality.

2192 [(h)] (f) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection,
2193 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, and each fiscal year thereafter,
2194 the amount of the grant payable to a municipality in any year in
2195 accordance with subsection (d) [or (f)] of this section shall be reduced if
2196 such municipality increases its adopted budget expenditures for such
2197 fiscal year above a cap equal to the amount of adopted budget
2198 expenditures authorized for the previous fiscal year by 2.5 per cent or
2199 more or the rate of inflation, whichever is greater. Such reduction shall
2200 be in an amount equal to fifty cents for every dollar expended over the

2201 cap set forth in this subsection. For the purposes of this section, (A)
2202 "municipal spending" does not include expenditures for debt service,
2203 special education, implementation of court orders or arbitration awards,
2204 expenditures associated with a major disaster or emergency declaration
2205 by the President of the United States, a disaster emergency declaration
2206 issued by the Governor pursuant to chapter 517 or any disbursement
2207 made to a district pursuant to subsection (c) or ~~[(g)]~~ (e) of this section,
2208 budgeting for an audited deficit, nonrecurring grants, capital
2209 expenditures or payments on unfunded pension liabilities, (B) "adopted
2210 budget expenditures" includes expenditures from a municipality's
2211 general fund and expenditures from any nonbudgeted funds, and (C)
2212 "capital expenditure" means a nonrecurring capital expenditure of one
2213 hundred thousand dollars or more. Each municipality shall annually
2214 certify to the secretary, on a form prescribed by said secretary, whether
2215 such municipality has exceeded the cap set forth in this subsection and
2216 if so the amount by which the cap was exceeded.

2217 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, and each fiscal year
2218 thereafter, the amount of the grant payable to a municipality in any year
2219 in accordance with subsection (d) or ~~[(f)]~~ (e) of this section shall not be
2220 reduced in the case of a municipality whose adopted budget
2221 expenditures exceed the cap set forth in subdivision (1) of this
2222 subsection by an amount proportionate to any increase to its municipal
2223 population from the previous fiscal year, as determined by the secretary.

2224 ~~[(i)]~~ (g) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, and each fiscal year
2225 thereafter, the amount of the grant payable to a municipality in any year
2226 in accordance with subsection ~~[(f)]~~ (d) of this section shall be reduced
2227 proportionately in the event that the total of such grants in such year
2228 exceeds the amount available for such grants in the municipal revenue
2229 sharing account established pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

2230 Sec. 36. (NEW) (*Effective April 1, 2022*) (a) For the purposes of this
2231 section, "beverage" includes alcoholic liquor or an alcoholic beverage, as
2232 defined in section 30-1 of the general statutes, "food establishment"
2233 means a food establishment that is licensed or permitted to operate

2234 pursuant to section 19a-36i of the general statutes, and "municipality"
2235 has the same meaning as provided in section 8-1a of the general statutes.

2236 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, special act,
2237 municipal charter or ordinance, the zoning commission of each
2238 municipality shall allow any licensee or permittee of a food
2239 establishment operating in such municipality to engage in outdoor food
2240 and beverage service as an accessory use of such food establishment's
2241 permitted use. Such accessory use shall be allowed as of right, subject
2242 only to any required administrative site plan review to determine
2243 conformance with zoning requirements not contemplated by this
2244 section, provided such accessory use would not result in the expansion
2245 of a nonconforming use.

2246 (c) Any such licensee or permittee may engage in outdoor food and
2247 beverage service (1) on public sidewalks and other pedestrian pathways
2248 abutting the area permitted for principal use and on which vehicular
2249 access is not allowed, (A) provided a pathway (i) is constructed in
2250 compliance with physical accessibility guidelines, as applicable, under
2251 the federal Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 USC 12101, et seq., as
2252 amended from time to time, and (ii) such pathway extends for the length
2253 of the lot upon which the area permitted for principal use is located, and
2254 not less than four feet in width, not including any area on a street or
2255 highway, shall remain unobstructed for pedestrian use, and (B) subject
2256 to reasonable conditions imposed by the municipal official or agency
2257 that issues right-of-way or obstruction permits; (2) on off-street parking
2258 spaces associated with the permitted use, notwithstanding any
2259 municipal ordinance or zoning regulation establishing minimum
2260 requirements for off-street parking; (3) on any lot, yard, court or open
2261 space abutting the area permitted for principal use, provided (A) such
2262 lot, yard, court or open space is located in a zoning district where the
2263 operation of food establishments is permitted, (B) such use is in
2264 compliance with any applicable requirements for access or pathways
2265 pursuant to physical accessibility guidelines under the federal
2266 Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 USC 12101, et seq., as amended from
2267 time to time, and (C) the licensee or permittee obtains written

2268 authorization to engage in such service from the owner of such lot, yard,
 2269 court or open space and provides a copy of such authorization to the
 2270 zoning commission; and (4) until 9 o'clock p.m., or a time established by
 2271 the zoning commission of the municipality, whichever is later.

2272 Sec. 37. (*Effective from passage*) Section 5 of substitute house bill 6318
 2273 of the current session shall take effect October 1, 2021.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	1-200
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	1-206
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	1-227
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	1-228
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	7-8
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	1-232
Sec. 8	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 9	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	7-34a
Sec. 10	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	7-51a
Sec. 11	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 12	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	7-148j
Sec. 13	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	7-148k
Sec. 14	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	7-148bb
Sec. 15	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	7-148ii
Sec. 16	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	7-152b
Sec. 17	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	7-245
Sec. 18	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	7-255
Sec. 19	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	7-257
Sec. 20	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	12-111
Sec. 21	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	12-117
Sec. 22	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	12-170f(a)
Sec. 23	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	12-170g
Sec. 24	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	12-170w(a)
Sec. 25	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	12-170aa
Sec. 26	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	12-170cc
Sec. 27	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	29-263(a)
Sec. 28	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	29-264
Sec. 29	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	29-266

Sec. 30	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	4-124n
Sec. 31	<i>from passage</i>	4-124s
Sec. 32	<i>from passage</i>	8-31b(b)
Sec. 33	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	4-66k
Sec. 34	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	4-66r
Sec. 35	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	4-66l
Sec. 36	<i>April 1, 2022</i>	New section
Sec. 37	<i>from passage</i>	New section