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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Twelve

An Act to promote municipal collaboration and regionalization throughout the Commonwealth..

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The following terms shall have the following meanings:
2 “Regional Planning Agencies”, all planning commissions in the commonwealth, specifically:
3 “Berkshire Regional Planning Commission”, established under Section 3 of chapter 40B of the
4 General Laws; “Cape Cod Commission”, established under chapter 716 of the Acts of 1989;
5 “Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission”, established under Section 3 of said
6 chapter 40B; “Franklin Regional Council of Governments”, established under Section 567 of
7 chapter 151 of the Acts of 1996, and as amended by chapter 344 of the Acts of 1998; “Martha’s
8 Vineyard Commission”, established under chapter 831 of the Acts of 1977, and as amended by
9 chapter 317 of the Acts of 1979; “Merrimack Valley Planning Commission”, established under
10 Section 3 of said chapter 40B; “Metropolitan Area Planning Council”, established under Section
11 26 of said chapter 40B; “Montachusett Regional Planning Commission”, established under

12 Section 3 of said chapter 40B; “Nantucket Planning and Economic Development Commission”,
13 established under chapter 561 of the Acts of 1973, and as amended by chapter 98 of the Acts of
14 1981 and chapter 458 of the Acts of 1991; “Northern Middlesex Council of Governments”,
15 established under Section 3 of said chapter 40B, and as amended by chapter 357 of the Acts of
16 1972, chapter 14 of the Acts of 1974 and chapter 420 of the Acts of 1989; “Old Colony Planning
17 Council”, established under chapter 332 of the Acts of 1967, and as amended by chapter 663 of
18 the Acts of 1973; “Pioneer Valley Planning Commission”, established under Section 3 of said
19 chapter 40B, and “Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District”,
20 established under Section 9 of said chapter 40B.

21 SECTION 2. The Governor shall direct all executive branch agencies, commissions and
22 departments to evaluate all grant, loan, and technical assistance programs administered by such
23 for opportunities to promote, facilitate and implement inter-municipal cooperation, collaboration,
24 and regional service delivery at the local level.

25 Each department, agency, and commission within the executive branch shall provide evaluation
26 results to the Governor within ninety (90) days, with the goal to identify opportunities to
27 leverage state resources to promote regional, efficient solutions to common problems.

28 Independent agencies and commissions are encouraged to undertake similar evaluations of any
29 grant, loan, or technical assistance program administered by them.

30 SECTION 3. The Governor shall direct the chairman of the Municipal Affairs Coordinating
31 Cabinet to evaluate departmental programs for opportunities to increase collaboration between
32 communities, and make recommendations to the Governor on the most promising opportunities

33 that would achieve the aforementioned aims of efficient and enhanced local government service
34 delivery.

35 SECTION 4. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, any executive agency
36 which administers a program through which funding may be provided to a municipality, shall
37 encourage municipal efficiencies by prioritizing those applications for funds which come from
38 cities or towns that have developed a method by which to jointly and more efficiently utilize
39 such funding.

40 SECTION 5. Section 22A of chapter 7 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking the
41 words “the state purchasing agent subject to such rules, regulations and procedures as may be
42 established from time to time by the purchasing agent” and inserting in place thereof the
43 following words:-

44 the state purchasing agent or a regional planning agency established pursuant to chapter 40B of
45 the General Laws or special act, subject to such rules, regulations and procedures as may be
46 established from time to time by said purchasing agent or regional planning agency.

47 SECTION 6. Section 1 of Chapter 30B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official
48 Edition, is hereby amended by striking out paragraph (c) and inserting in place thereof the
49 following:

50 This chapter shall be deemed to have been complied with on all purchases made under the
51 provisions of sections 22A and 22B of chapter 7 when one political subdivision, as defined in
52 said section 22A, acting on behalf of other political subdivisions, complies with the provisions of
53 this chapter, or when purchases are made from a vendor pursuant to a contract for the item or

54 items being purchased either with the commonwealth, or with a regional planning agency
55 established pursuant to chapter 40B of the General Laws or any special act.

56 SECTION 7. The Governor shall direct the executive office of administration and finance to
57 amend 801 C.M.R. 21.00 to state that contracts between regional planning agencies and any
58 Executive Office, Department, Agency, Office, Division, Board, Commission or Institution
59 within the Executive Branch to provide or to receive services, facilities, staff assistance or money
60 payments shall be the equivalent of interdepartmental service agreements and exempt from the
61 provisions of 801 C.M.R. 21.00.

62 SECTION 8. The General Laws are hereby amended by inserting after the second paragraph of
63 Section 5 of chapter 40B the following paragraphs:-

64 Notwithstanding the provisions of any other section in this chapter, planning commissions
65 established hereunder may administer and provide regional services to member cities and towns
66 and may delegate such authority to subregional groups of such cities and towns. Planning
67 commissions may enter into cooperative agreements with other planning commissions or
68 regional councils of government to provide such regional services.

69 Regional services provided to member municipalities shall be determined by each planning
70 commission's executive committee, and may include any service which may be provided by the
71 municipality or any other public entity in the commonwealth. In the event that an executive
72 committee has not been established, such services shall be determined by the district planning
73 commission.

74 Notwithstanding the provisions of any other section in this chapter, any city or town which is a
75 member of the planning commission may enter into a cooperative agreement with said

76 commission to perform jointly or for the other or in cooperation with other member cities and
77 towns, any service, activity or undertaking which such city or town is authorized by law to
78 perform.

79 All cooperative agreements entered into pursuant to this section by member cities and towns are
80 voluntary, and notwithstanding any other law, require authorization by the relevant Board of
81 Selectmen or City Council, with the approval of the mayor.

82 Notwithstanding the provisions of any other section in this chapter, planning commissions are
83 authorized to enter into contracts and agreements with any department, agency or subdivision of
84 the federal or state government and any individual, corporation, association or public authority to
85 provide or receive services, facilities, staff assistance or money payments in connection with the
86 work of planning commissions, and planning commissions may contribute or receive services,
87 facilities, staff assistance or money payments as consideration such contracts and agreements.

88 SECTION 9. Section 14 of said chapter 40B, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting
89 after subsection (o) the following subsections:-

90 (p) notwithstanding the provisions of any other section in this chapter, to administer and provide
91 regional services to member cities and towns and may delegate such authority to subregional
92 groups of such cities and towns. The commission may enter into cooperative agreements with
93 other planning commissions or regional councils of government to provide such regional
94 services. Regional services provided to member municipalities shall be determined by the
95 executive committee and may include any service which may be provided by the municipality or
96 any other public entity in the commonwealth.

97 (q) notwithstanding the provisions of any other section in this chapter, any city or town which is
98 a member of the district may enter into a cooperative agreement with the commission to perform
99 jointly or for the other or in cooperation with other member cities and towns, any service,
100 activity or undertaking which such city or town is authorized by law to perform.

101 (r) all cooperative agreements entered into pursuant to subsection (p) or (q) of this section by
102 member cities and towns are voluntary, and notwithstanding any other law, require authorization
103 by the relevant Board of Selectmen or City Council, with the approval of the mayor.

104 SECTION 10. Said chapter 40B is hereby further amended by inserting after the final paragraph
105 of Section 29 the following sections:-

106 Section 29A. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other section in this chapter, the council is
107 authorized to administer and provide regional services to member cities and towns and may
108 delegate such authority to subregional groups of such cities and towns. The council may enter
109 into cooperative agreements with other planning commissions or regional councils of
110 government to provide such regional services.

111 Regional services provided to member municipalities shall be determined by the executive
112 committee and may include any service which may be provided by the municipality or any other
113 public entity in the commonwealth.

114 Section 29B. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other section in this chapter, any city or
115 town which is a member of the council may enter into a cooperative agreement with said council
116 to perform jointly or for the other or in cooperation with other member cities and towns, any
117 service, activity or undertaking which such city or town is authorized by law to perform.

118 Section 29C. All cooperative agreements entered into by member cities and towns pursuant to
119 Section 29A or Section 29B are voluntary, and notwithstanding any other law, require
120 authorization by the relevant Board of Selectmen or City Council, with the approval of the
121 mayor.

122 SECTION 11. Section 4 of chapter 716 of the Acts of 1989 is hereby amended by inserting after
123 subsection (a)(27) the following subsections:-

124 (28) notwithstanding the provisions of any other section of this chapter, to administer and
125 provide regional services to member cities and towns and may delegate such authority to
126 subregional groups of such cities and towns. The commission may enter into cooperative
127 agreements with other planning commissions or regional councils of government to provide such
128 regional services. Regional services provided to member municipalities shall be determined by
129 the commission and may include any service which may be provided by the municipality or any
130 other public entity in the commonwealth.

131 (29) notwithstanding the provisions of any other section in this chapter, any city or town which is
132 a member of the commission may enter into a cooperative agreement with said commission to
133 perform jointly or for the other or in cooperation with other member cities and towns, any
134 service, activity or undertaking which such city or town is authorized by law to perform.

135 (30) all cooperative agreements entered into by member cities and towns pursuant to subsections
136 (28) and (29) of this section are voluntary, and notwithstanding any other law, require
137 authorization by the relevant Board of Selectmen or City Council, with the approval of the
138 mayor.

139 (31) notwithstanding the provisions of any other section in this chapter, the commission is
140 authorized to

141 enter into contracts and agreements with any department, agency or subdivision of the federal or
142 state government and any individual, corporation, association or public authority to provide or
143 receive services, facilities, staff assistance or money payments in connection with the work of the
144 commission, and the commission may contribute or receive services, facilities, staff assistance or
145 money payments as consideration such contracts and agreements.

146 SECTION 12. Section 3 of chapter 831 of the Acts of 1977 is hereby amended by inserting after
147 the fourth paragraph the following section:-

148 Section 3A. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other section of this chapter, the commission
149 may administer and provide regional services to member cities and towns and may delegate such
150 authority to subregional groups of such cities and towns. The commission may enter into
151 cooperative agreements with other planning commissions or regional councils of government to
152 provide such regional services.

153 Regional services provided to member municipalities shall be determined by the commission and
154 may include any service which may be provided by the municipality or any other public entity in
155 the commonwealth.

156 Notwithstanding the provisions of any other section in this chapter, any city or town which is a
157 member of the commission may enter into a cooperative agreement with said commission to
158 perform jointly or for the other or in cooperation with other member cities and towns, any
159 service, activity or undertaking which such city or town is authorized by law to perform.

160 All cooperative agreements entered into by member cities and towns pursuant to Section 3A are
161 voluntary, and notwithstanding any other law, require authorization by the relevant Board of
162 Selectmen or City Council, with the approval of the mayor.

163 Notwithstanding the provisions of any other section in this chapter, the commission is authorized
164 to enter into contracts and agreements with any department, agency or subdivision of the federal
165 or state government and any individual, corporation, association or public authority to provide or
166 receive services, facilities, staff assistance or money payments in connection with the work of the
167 commission, and the commission may contribute or receive services, facilities, staff assistance or
168 money payments as consideration such contracts and agreements.

169 SECTION 13. Section 2 of chapter 561 of the Acts of 1973 is hereby amended by inserting after
170 the first paragraph the following paragraphs:-

171 Notwithstanding the provisions of any other section in this chapter, the Commission may
172 administer and provide regional services to the county and town. The Commission may enter
173 into cooperative agreements with other planning commissions or regional councils of
174 government to provide such regional services.

175 Regional services provided to the county and town shall be determined by the Commission and
176 may include any service which may be provided by the municipality or any other public entity in
177 the commonwealth.

178 Notwithstanding the provisions of any other section in this chapter, the county and town which is
179 a member of the Commission may enter into a cooperative agreement with said Commission to
180 perform jointly any service, activity or undertaking which such county or town is authorized by
181 law to perform.

182 All agreements entered into by the county or town pursuant to this section are voluntary, and
183 notwithstanding any other law, require authorization by the Board of Selectmen.

184 Notwithstanding the provisions of any other section in this chapter, the Commission is
185 authorized to enter into contracts and agreements with any department, agency or subdivision of
186 the federal or state government and any individual, corporation, association or public authority to
187 provide or receive services, facilities, staff assistance or money payments in connection with the
188 work of the Commission, and the Commission may contribute or receive services, facilities, staff
189 assistance or money payments as consideration such contracts and agreements.

190 SECTION 14. Section 2 of chapter 332 of the Acts of 1967 is hereby amended by inserting after
191 the seventh paragraph the following section:-

192 Section 2A. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other section in this chapter, the Council may
193 administer and provide regional services to member cities and towns and may delegate such
194 authority to subregional groups of such cities and towns. The Council may enter into cooperative
195 agreements with other planning commissions or regional councils of government to provide such
196 regional services.

197 Regional services provided to member municipalities shall be determined by the Council and
198 may include any service which may be provided by the municipality or any other public entity in
199 the commonwealth.

200 Notwithstanding the provisions of any other section in this chapter, any city or town which is a
201 member of the Council may enter into a cooperative agreement with said Council to perform
202 jointly or for the other or in cooperation with other member cities and towns, any service,
203 activity or undertaking which such city or town is authorized by law to perform.

204 All agreements entered into by member cities and towns pursuant to this section are voluntary,
205 and notwithstanding any other law, require authorization by the relevant Board of Selectmen or
206 City Council, with the approval of the mayor.

207 SECTION 15. Subsection (U) of Section 567 of chapter 151 of the Acts of 1996 is hereby
208 amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraphs:-

209 Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, the Franklin Council of Governments may
210 administer and provide regional services to member cities and towns and may delegate such
211 authority to subregional groups of such cities and towns. The Council of Governments may enter
212 into cooperative agreements with other planning commissions or regional councils of
213 government to provide such regional services.

214 Regional services provided to member municipalities shall be determined by the Council of
215 Governments Committee and may include any service which may be provided by the
216 municipality or any other public entity in the commonwealth.

217 All agreements entered into by member cities and towns pursuant to this section are voluntary,
218 and notwithstanding any other law, require authorization by the relevant Board of Selectmen or
219 City Council, with the approval of the mayor.

220 Notwithstanding the provisions of any other section in this chapter, the Franklin Council of
221 Governments is authorized to enter into contracts and agreements with any department, agency
222 or subdivision of the federal or state government and any individual, corporation, association or
223 public authority to provide or receive services, facilities, staff assistance or money payments in
224 connection with the work of the commission, and the commission may contribute or receive

225 services, facilities, staff assistance or money payments as consideration such contracts and
226 agreements.

227 SECTION 16. Section 2 of chapter 40D of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out,
228 in the first paragraph, the words “a town at an annual meeting or a special meeting called for the
229 purpose” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- by the board of selectmen, in a
230 town.

231 SECTION 17. Said section 2 of said chapter 40D is hereby amended by striking out, in the third
232 paragraph, the words “at an annual or special town meeting” and inserting in place thereof the
233 following words:- its board of selectmen.

234 SECTION 18. Section 3 of chapter 121C of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out
235 the words “a town at an annual town meeting or a special town meeting called for the purpose”
236 and inserting in place thereof the following words:- by the board of selectmen in a town.

237 SECTION 19. Section 30B of chapter 41, as amended by section 26 of Chapter 188 of the Acts
238 of 2010, is hereby amended by striking out the words “by vote of their legislative bodies” and
239 inserting in place thereof the following words:- by vote of the city council with the approval of
240 the mayor, in a city, and by vote of the board of selectmen, in a town.

241 SECTION 20. Section 27B of chapter 111, is hereby amended by striking out the words “and by
242 vote of a town at a regular annual town meeting” and inserting in place thereof the following
243 words:- and by a vote of the board of selectmen.

244 SECTION 21. Said section 27B of said chapter 111 is hereby amended by striking the words “at
245 a town meeting” and inserting in place thereof the following:- by vote of the board of selectmen.

246 SECTION 22. Section 44A of chapter 40, is hereby amended by striking out the words “a town
247 meeting” and inserting thereof the following words:- the board of selectmen.

248 SECTION 23. Said section 44A of said chapter 40, is hereby amended by striking the word
249 “moderator” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- board of selectmen.

250 SECTION 24. Said section 44A of said chapter 40, is hereby amended by striking Section 44E
251 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

252 Section 44E. The selectmen of each of the several towns, upon receipt of a recommendation that
253 a regional refuse disposal district be established, shall vote on accepting such plan. The mayors
254 of the several cities, upon receipt of a recommendation that a regional refuse disposal district be
255 established, shall submit the question of accepting such plan to the city council within sixty days
256 after receipt of the recommendation.

257 If a majority of the members of each city council voting on the question and the board of
258 selectmen in each town shall vote in the affirmative, the proposed regional refuse disposal
259 district shall be deemed to be established forthwith in accordance with the terms of the proposed
260 agreement.”

261 SECTION 25. Subsection subsection (f) of said section 44 of said chapter is hereby amended by
262 striking the words “a majority of the voters present and voting on the matter at a town meeting
263 called for the purpose of expressing such disapproval” and inserting in place thereof the
264 following words:- the board of selectmen.

265 SECTION 26. Section 3 of chapter 115, is hereby amended by striking out the last sentence in
266 the first paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:-

267 Two or more municipalities may, by approval of the mayor or manager in a city or by vote of the
268 board of selectmen in a town, appoint one person to serve as veterans' agent for such
269 municipalities and may apportion the payment of compensation among such municipalities.

270 SECTION 27. Section 10 of said chapter 115, is hereby amended by striking out the first
271 sentence of the second paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:-

272 Two or more municipalities may, in a city by vote of the city council thereof, and in a town by
273 vote of the selectmen thereof, form a district for the purposes set forth in the first paragraph of
274 this section, including the appointment and compensation of a director of veterans' services, for
275 the enforcement therein of such purposes and of such other provisions of law as it may be his
276 duty to enforce.

277 SECTION 28. The General Laws are hereby amended by inserting after section 4A of chapter 40
278 the following section:-

279 Section 4A^{1/2}. (a) For purposes of this section, the following words shall have the following
280 meanings:-

281 "Governmental unit", a city, town or a regional school district, a district as defined in section 1A,
282 a regional planning commission, however constituted, a regional transit authority established
283 under chapter 161B, a water and sewer commission established under chapter 40N or by special
284 law, a county, or a state agency as defined in section 1 of chapter 6A.

285 "Joint powers agreement", a contract specifying the terms and conditions of the joint exercise of
286 powers and duties entered into by participating governmental units pursuant to the laws
287 governing any such unit and the provisions of this section.

288 “Region”, any geographically-designated area within which the powers and duties provided in a
289 joint powers agreement shall be exercised.

290 (b) Notwithstanding any general law or special act to the contrary, the chief executive officer of
291 a city or town, or a board, committee or officer authorized by law to execute a contract in the
292 name of a governmental unit may, on behalf of the unit, enter into a joint powers agreement with
293 another governmental unit for the joint exercise of any of their common powers and duties
294 within a designated region. The joint powers agreement shall be authorized by the parties thereto
295 in the following manner: in a city by the city council with the approval of the mayor, in a town
296 by the board of selectmen and in a district by the prudential committee. A decision to enter into a
297 joint powers agreement under this section, or to join an existing region, shall not be subject to
298 bargaining under chapter 150E.

299 (c) The joint powers agreement shall specify:

300 (1) its purpose and the method by which the purpose sought shall be accomplished;

301 (2) the services, activities or undertakings to be jointly performed within the region;

302 (3) the specific organization, composition and nature of any separate legal or administrative
303 entity created thereby to perform the services, activities or undertakings within the region, and
304 the specific powers and duties delegated thereto, provided such entity may be legally created.

305 Such entity may include an independent entity created pursuant to subsection (d), a nonprofit

306 corporation organized pursuant to chapter 180 whose membership is limited solely to the

307 participating governmental units, a limited partnership organized pursuant to chapter 109 whose

308 membership is limited solely to the participating governmental units, or a limited liability

309 company organized under chapter 156C whose membership is limited solely to the participating

310 governmental units. The funds of any such entity, corporation, limited partnership, or limited
311 liability company shall be subject to audit in the manner provided by law for the auditing of
312 public funds.

313 (4) the manner of financing the joint services, activities or undertakings within the region and of
314 establishing and maintaining a budget therefore;

315 (5) any procedures related to the termination of the joint powers agreement, the withdrawal of
316 any participating governmental unit and the addition of any new governmental units.

317 (6) its duration.

318 (d) A joint powers agreement may create a new independent entity for the purposes of carrying
319 out the powers and duties of a region. The powers of an entity established pursuant to this
320 subsection shall include, but not be limited to, the power to: (1) sue and be sued; (2) make and
321 execute contracts and other instruments necessary for the exercise of the powers of the region;
322 (3) make and from time to time amend and repeal policies and procedures relative to the
323 operation of the region; (4) receive and expend funds; (5) apply for and receive grants from the
324 commonwealth, the federal government and from other grantors; and (6) any such other powers
325 as are necessary to properly carry out its powers as an independent entity.

326 Such entity shall be governed by a board of directors comprised of at least one member
327 representing each participating governmental unit. The board of directors shall coordinate the
328 activities of the region and may establish any policies and procedures necessary to do so.

329 The board of directors shall establish and manage a fund to which all monies contributed by the
330 participating governmental units, and all grants and gifts from the federal or state government or

331 any other source shall be deposited. The board of directors shall appoint a treasurer who may be
332 a treasurer of one of the participating governmental units. The treasurer, subject to the direction
333 and approval of the board of directors, shall be authorized to receive, invest and disburse all
334 funds of the region without further appropriation. The treasurer shall give bond for the faithful
335 performance of his duties in a form and amount as fixed by the board of directors.

336 The board of directors may borrow money, enter into long or short-term loan agreements or
337 mortgages and apply for state, federal or corporate grants or contracts to obtain funds necessary
338 to carry out the purposes of the region. The board of directors may enter into contracts for the
339 purchase of supplies, materials and services and for the purchase or lease of land, buildings and
340 equipment as deemed necessary.

341 The entity shall be deemed to be a public employer and the board of directors may employ
342 personnel to carry out the purposes of the joint powers agreement and establish the duties,
343 compensation and other terms and conditions of employment of personnel.

344 (e) A participating governmental unit shall not liable for the acts or omission of another
345 participating government unit or the region or any entity created by the joint powers agreement,
346 unless the participating governmental unit has agreed otherwise in the joint powers agreement.

347 SECTION 29. There shall be established and set upon the books of the commonwealth a separate
348 fund to be known as the Regionalization Incentive and Implementation Fund. Amounts credited
349 to the fund shall be administered by the division of local services within the department of
350 revenue which shall determine that the funds are used for activities consistent with the purpose
351 of this act and the Massachusetts management and accounting report system. The amounts shall

352 be used, without further appropriation, solely for the administration and implementation of this
353 section.

354 The fund shall be a separate and expendable trust fund administered by the division of local
355 services within the department of revenue. There shall be credited to the fund, revenue from
356 appropriations or other monies authorized by the general court and specifically designated to be
357 credited to the fund and investment income earned on the fund's assets, and all other sources.
358 Money remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund, and
359 shall be allocated to the fund the following fiscal year.

360 One hundred percent of the monies deposited in the Regional Incentive and Implementation
361 Fund, but not more than \$4,000,000.00 in the aggregate in any fiscal year, shall be used by the
362 department of housing and community development within the executive office of housing and
363 economic development to provide grants on a competitive basis to districts and municipalities,
364 including councils of government and regional planning agencies that are applying on behalf of
365 two or more municipal entities, to fund the regionalization of municipal services including, but
366 not limited to, the areas of planning, implementation, transitional costs, staff, operations,
367 equipment, hardware, facilities, the subsidization of salaries for positions to perform municipal
368 functions jointly and projects to implement joint services, and related subject areas.

369 Grant applications shall be reviewed by a panel including the department of housing and
370 community development, executive office of administration and finance and department of
371 revenue division of local services.

372 The department of housing and community development shall promulgate rules and regulations
373 for the administration of the Regionalization Incentive and Implementation Fund.

374 SECTION 30. 1599-2010. For a reserve to fund the District Local Technical Assistance Fund
375 including projects that encourage regionalization to be administered by the division of local
376 services and distributed through the District Local Technical Assistance Fund, established in
377 section 2XXX of chapter 29 of the General Laws..... \$2,800,000