

General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5256

February Session, 2022



AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGIONALIZATION OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICTS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2022) (a) Notwithstanding the 2 provisions of sections 7-273l and 7-273m of the general statutes, 3 commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, and each fiscal 4 year thereafter until the fiscal year ending June 30, 2033, inclusive, if a 5 municipality that formed a transit district or the combined member 6 municipalities included in a transit district pursuant to section 7-273b of 7 the general statutes do not have a population of one hundred thousand 8 or more, as determined by the most recent population estimate by the 9 Department of Public Health, the Commissioner of Transportation shall 10 reduce such transit district's subsidy as follows: (1) For the fiscal year 11 ending June 30, 2023, subsidize no more than ninety per cent of such 12 transit district's operating expenses, and (2) each fiscal year thereafter 13 until the fiscal year ending June 30, 2033, or until the municipality that 14 formed such transit district or the combined member municipalities 15 included in such transit district have a population of one hundred 16 thousand or more, whichever is earlier, further reduce such subsidy by 17 an additional five percentage points.

(b) The commissioner may waive the reduction in subsidies pursuant

18

- to the provisions of subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection (a) of this section, provided such transit district (1) applies for a waiver from the
- 21 commissioner, in the form and manner prescribed by the commissioner,
- 22 (2) demonstrates the intention of such transit district to join one or more
- 23 municipalities that have a combined population of one hundred
- 24 thousand or more and identifies the intended transit district partner or
- 25 partners, and (3) provides the status of the regionalization.
- 26 (c) Commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2034, and each
- 27 fiscal year thereafter, if a municipality that formed a transit district or
- 28 the combined member municipalities included in a transit district do not
- 29 have a population of one hundred thousand or more, the commissioner
- 30 shall subsidize no more than forty per cent of such transit district's
- 31 operating expenses.
- 32 (d) The provisions of this section shall not apply to transit districts
- 33 that receive funding under the federal rural transportation assistance
- 34 program in accordance with 49 USC 5311(b)(3), as amended from time
- 35 to time.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2022	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

Subsec. (a) was rewritten for clarity and in Subsec. (d), "transit" was changed to "transportation" for accuracy.

TRA Joint Favorable Subst.