

General Assembly

February Session, 2022

Substitute Bill No. 5424

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ELIGIBILITY OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY FOR THE PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES PROGRAM.

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

Section 1. Section 12-18b of the 2022 supplement to the general
 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
 (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

4 (a) For the purposes of this section:

(1) "College and hospital property" means all real property described
in subsection (a) of section 12-20a;

7 (2) "District" has the same meaning as provided in section 7-324;

8 (3) "Equalized net grand list per capita" means the grand list of a 9 municipality upon which taxes were levied for the general expenses of 10 such municipality three years prior to the fiscal year in which a grant 11 under this section is to be paid, equalized in accordance with the 12 provisions of section 10-261a and divided by the total population of such 13 municipality;

(4) "Municipality" means any town, city, borough, consolidated townand city and consolidated town and borough;

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(5) "State, municipal or tribal property" means all real property
described in subsection (a) of section 12-19a;

(6) "Tier one municipality" means a municipality with an equalizednet grand list per capita of less than one hundred thousand dollars;

(7) "Tier two municipality" means a municipality with an equalized
net grand list per capita of one hundred thousand dollars to two
hundred thousand dollars; and

(8) "Tier three municipality" means a municipality with an equalizednet grand list per capita of greater than two hundred thousand dollars.

25 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 12-19a and 12-20a, all 26 funds appropriated for state grants in lieu of taxes shall be payable to 27 municipalities and districts pursuant to the provisions of this section. 28 On or before January first, annually, the Secretary of the Office of Policy 29 and Management shall determine the amount due, as a state grant in 30 lieu of taxes, to each municipality and district in this state wherein 31 college and hospital property is located, [and] to each municipality and 32 district in this state wherein state, municipal or tribal property, except 33 that which was acquired and used for highways and bridges, but not 34 excepting property acquired and used for highway administration or 35 maintenance purposes, is located, and to each municipality and district 36 in this state wherein any real property exempt from taxation under 37 section 12-81, except for any house of religious worship exempt from 38 taxation pursuant to subdivision (13) of section 12-81, is located.

(1) The grant payable to any municipality or district for [state,
municipal or tribal] property under the provisions of this section in the
fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, and each fiscal year thereafter, shall be
equal to the total of [:] seventy-seven per cent of the property taxes that
would have been paid with respect to any real property exempt from
taxation under section 12-81, except for any house of religious worship
exempt from taxation pursuant to subdivision (13) of section 12-81.

46 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this

47 <u>subsection, the grant for any real property listed in this subdivision shall</u>
48 <u>be equal to the total of:</u>

49 (A) One hundred per cent of the property taxes that would have been 50 paid with respect to any facility designated by the Commissioner of 51 Correction, on or before August first of each year, to be a correctional 52 facility administered under the auspices of the Department of 53 Correction or a juvenile detention center under direction of the 54 Department of Children and Families that was used for incarcerative 55 purposes during the preceding fiscal year. If a list containing the name 56 and location of such designated facilities and information concerning 57 their use for purposes of incarceration during the preceding fiscal year 58 is not available from the Secretary of the State on August first of any 59 year, the Commissioner of Correction shall, on said date, certify to the 60 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management a list containing such 61 information;

(B) One hundred per cent of the property taxes that would have been
paid with respect to that portion of the John Dempsey Hospital located
at The University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington that is
used as a permanent medical ward for prisoners under the custody of
the Department of Correction. Nothing in this section shall be construed
as designating any portion of The University of Connecticut Health
Center John Dempsey Hospital as a correctional facility;

(C) One hundred per cent of the property taxes that would have been
paid on any land designated within the 1983 Settlement boundary and
taken into trust by the federal government for the Mashantucket Pequot
Tribal Nation on or after June 8, 1999;

(D) One hundred per cent of the property taxes that would have been
paid with respect to the property and facilities owned by the
Connecticut Port Authority;

76 (E) Subject to the provisions of subsection (c) of section 12-19a, sixty-77 five per cent of the property taxes that would have been paid with respect to the buildings and grounds comprising Connecticut ValleyHospital and Whiting Forensic Hospital in Middletown;

80 (F) With respect to any municipality in which more than fifty per cent 81 of the property is state-owned real property, one hundred per cent of 82 the property taxes that would have been paid with respect to such state-83 owned property;

84 (G) Forty-five per cent of the property taxes that would have been 85 paid with respect to all municipally owned airports; except for the 86 exemption applicable to such property, on the assessment list in such 87 municipality for the assessment date two years prior to the 88 commencement of the state fiscal year in which such grant is payable. 89 The grant provided pursuant to this section for any municipally owned 90 airport shall be paid to any municipality in which the airport is located, 91 except that the grant applicable to Sikorsky Airport shall be paid one-92 half to the town of Stratford and one-half to the city of Bridgeport;

93 (H) One hundred per cent of the property taxes that would have been 94 paid with respect to any land designated within the 1983 Settlement 95 boundary and taken into trust by the federal government for the 96 Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation prior to June 8, 1999, or taken into 97 trust by the federal government for the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of 98 Connecticut, provided the real property subject to this subparagraph 99 shall be the land only, and shall not include the assessed value of any 100 structures, buildings or other improvements on such land; and

(I) Forty-five per cent of the property taxes that would have been paidwith respect to all other state-owned real property.

[(2)] (3) The grant payable to any municipality or district for college and hospital property under the provisions of this section in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, and each fiscal year thereafter, shall be equal to the total of seventy-seven per cent of the property taxes that, except for any exemption applicable to any college and hospital property under the provisions of section 12-81, would have been paid with respect to 109 college and hospital property on the assessment list in such municipality

110 or district for the assessment date two years prior to the commencement

111 of the state fiscal year in which such grant is payable.

(c) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall list municipalities, boroughs and districts based on the equalized net grand list per capita. Boroughs and districts shall have the same equalized net grand list per capita as the town, city, consolidated town and city or consolidated town and borough in which such borough or district is located.

(d) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, and each fiscal yearthereafter:

(1) The total amount of the grants paid to a municipality or district
pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall not be lower than the
total amount of the payment in lieu of taxes grants received by such
municipality or district for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

(2) If the total of grants payable to each municipality and district in
accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) of this section exceeds
the amount appropriated for the purposes of said subsection for a fiscal
year:

(A) Each tier one municipality shall receive fifty per cent of the grant
amount payable to such municipality as calculated under subsection (b)
of this section;

(B) Each tier two municipality shall receive forty per cent of the grantamount payable to such municipality as calculated under subsection (b)of this section; and

(C) Each tier three municipality shall receive thirty per cent of thegrant amount payable to such municipality as calculated undersubsection (b) of this section.

137 (3) Each municipality designated as an alliance district pursuant to

section 10-262u or in which more than fifty per cent of the property isstate-owned real property shall be classified as a tier one municipality.

(4) Each district shall receive the same percentage of the grant amountpayable to the municipality in which it is located.

142 (5) (A) If the total of grants payable to each municipality and district 143 in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) of this section 144 exceeds the amount appropriated for the purposes of said subsection, 145 but such appropriated amount exceeds the amount required for grants 146 payable to each municipality and district in accordance with the 147 provisions of subdivisions (1) to (4), inclusive, of this subsection, the 148 amount of the grant payable to each municipality and district shall be 149 increased proportionately.

(B) If the total of grants payable to each municipality and district in accordance with the provisions of subdivisions (1) to (4), inclusive, of this subsection exceeds the amount appropriated for the purposes of said subdivisions, the amount of the grant payable to each municipality and district shall be reduced proportionately, except that no grant shall be reduced below the amount set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection.

(e) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) to (d), inclusive,of this section:

(1) The grant payable to any municipality or district with respect to a
campus of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs
Connecticut Healthcare Systems shall be one hundred per cent;

(2) For any municipality receiving payments under section 15-120ss,
property located in such municipality at Bradley International Airport
shall not be included in the calculation of any state grant in lieu of taxes
pursuant to this section; and

(3) The city of Bridgeport shall be due five million dollars, on orbefore the thirtieth day of September, annually, which amount shall be

in addition to the amount due such city pursuant to the provisions ofsubsections (b) or (d) of this section.

(f) For purposes of this section, any real property that is owned by the John Dempsey Hospital Finance Corporation established pursuant to the provisions of sections 10a-250 to 10a-263, inclusive, or by one or more subsidiary corporations established pursuant to subdivision (13) of section 10a-254 and that is free from taxation pursuant to the provisions of section 10a-259 shall be deemed to be state-owned real property.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following
sections:Section 1October 1, 202212-18b

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Subsec. (b), "and to each municipality and district in this state wherein any real property exempt from taxation under section 12-81, except for any house of religious worship exempt from taxation pursuant to subdivision (13) of section 12-81, is located" was added for consistency and accuracy.

PD Joint Favorable Subst.