



General Assembly

January Session, 2019

**Proposed Bill No. 6359**

LCO No. 1449



\* 0 1 4 4 9 \*

Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by:  
REP. REBIMBAS, 70th Dist.

***AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL BINDING ARBITRATION.***

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

1 That chapter 113 of the general statutes be amended to provide that  
2 (1) if the parties to an arbitration cannot agree on a neutral arbitrator,  
3 either side may petition the Superior Court to appoint a state referee as  
4 the neutral arbitrator; (2) all arbitration hearings shall be open to the  
5 public and documents submitted during such arbitration shall be  
6 public records; (3) a municipality's ability to pay employee  
7 compensation from ongoing revenues without reducing municipal  
8 services shall be the primary factor for consideration by an arbitration  
9 board; and (4) an arbitration board shall not approve an award that  
10 would (A) increase the projected cost of employee compensation at a  
11 rate that is greater than the five-year average increase of sales and  
12 property taxes, (B) retroactively increase or decrease employee  
13 compensation other than base wages for service already rendered, (C)  
14 create a new unfunded liability for the municipality, or (D) interfere  
15 with the discretion of municipal police or fire chiefs to make  
16 operational or staffing decisions.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To reform the process of municipal binding arbitration.