



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 375**

LCO No. 2352



Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS

Introduced by:  
(APP)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE MASHANTUCKET PEQUOT AND MOHEGAN FUND.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 3-55i of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

3 (a) (1) There is established the "Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan  
4 Fund" which shall be a separate nonlapsing fund. All funds received by  
5 the state of Connecticut from the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe pursuant  
6 to the joint memorandum of understanding entered into by and  
7 between the state and the tribe on January 13, 1993, as amended on April  
8 30, 1993, and any successor thereto, shall be deposited in the General  
9 Fund. [During the fiscal year]

10 (2) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2015, [and each fiscal year  
11 thereafter] to June 30, 2025, inclusive, from the funds received by the  
12 state from the tribe pursuant to said joint memorandum of  
13 understanding, as amended, and any successor thereto, an amount  
14 equal to the appropriation to the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan  
15 Fund for Grants to Towns shall be transferred to the Mashantucket

16 Pequot and Mohegan Fund and shall be distributed by the Office of  
17 Policy and Management, during said fiscal [year] years, in accordance  
18 with the provisions of section 3-55j, as amended by this act. For the fiscal  
19 year ending June 30, 2026, and each fiscal year thereafter, one hundred  
20 thirty-nine million three hundred eighty thousand dollars of the funds  
21 deposited in the General Fund pursuant to subdivision (1) of this  
22 subsection or received by the state pursuant to the memorandum of  
23 understanding entered into by and between the state and the Mohegan  
24 Tribe of Indians of Connecticut on May 17, 1994, as amended from time  
25 to time, shall be transferred from the General Fund to the Mashantucket  
26 Pequot and Mohegan Fund. During each fiscal year, the Office of Policy  
27 and Management shall make distributions of any funds transferred to  
28 the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund pursuant to this section  
29 in accordance with the provisions of section 3-55j, as amended by this  
30 act. The amount of the grant payable to each municipality during any  
31 fiscal year, in accordance with [said] section 3-55j, as amended by this  
32 act, shall be reduced proportionately if the total of such grants exceeds  
33 the amount of funds available for such year. The grant shall be paid in  
34 three installments as follows: The Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
35 Management shall, annually, not later than the fifteenth day of  
36 December, the fifteenth day of March and the fifteenth day of June  
37 certify to the Comptroller the amount due each municipality under the  
38 provisions of section 3-55j, as amended by this act, and the Comptroller  
39 shall draw an order on the Treasurer on or before the fifth business day  
40 following the fifteenth day of December, the fifth business day  
41 following the fifteenth day of March and the fifth business day  
42 following the fifteenth day of June and the Treasurer shall pay the  
43 amount thereof to such municipality on or before the first day of  
44 January, the first day of April and the thirtieth day of June.

45 (b) The transfers from the General Fund to the Mashantucket Pequot  
46 and Mohegan Fund required by subsection (a) of this section shall not  
47 be reduced except upon (1) submission to the General Assembly by the  
48 Governor of a certification of an emergency requiring such reduction;  
49 and (2) a vote of at least two-thirds of the members of each house of the

50 General Assembly approving such reduction.

51 Sec. 2. Subsection (i) of section 3-55j of the general statutes is repealed  
52 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

53 (i) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, to the fiscal year ending  
54 June 30, 2006, inclusive, the municipalities of Ledyard, Montville,  
55 Norwich, North Stonington and Preston shall each receive a grant of five  
56 hundred thousand dollars, [which] and (2) for the fiscal year ending  
57 June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year thereafter, the municipalities of  
58 Ledyard and Montville shall each receive a grant of up to six hundred  
59 thousand dollars if the state revokes taxation of non-Indian property on  
60 reservation land. Such amounts shall be paid from the Mashantucket  
61 Pequot and Mohegan Fund established pursuant to section 3-55i, as  
62 amended by this act, and [which] shall be in addition to the grants paid  
63 to said municipalities pursuant to subsections (a) to (g), inclusive, of this  
64 section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	3-55i
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	3-55j(i)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To change the requirements for the distribution of funds deposited into the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*