



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 548**

January Session, 2019



**AN ACT CONCERNING COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND  
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2019*) (a) Except as provided in  
2 subsection (b) of this section, in each municipality with a population of  
3 more than sixty thousand, as enumerated in the 2010 federal decennial  
4 census, and having a total area of not more than thirty square miles,  
5 the chief executive officer of such municipality shall establish and  
6 appoint members to one community investment board for each  
7 neighborhood in the municipality. Each community investment board  
8 may be comprised of, but need not be limited to, residents, business  
9 owners, religious leaders, community development corporation  
10 representatives and community group representatives. Such boards  
11 shall identify priorities for the use of municipal revenue sharing grants  
12 awarded pursuant to section 4-66l of the general statutes, as amended  
13 by this act, and select grants for payment in lieu of taxes awarded  
14 pursuant to section 12-18c of the general statutes, as amended by this  
15 act.

16 (b) If any municipality described in subsection (a) of this section has  
17 established a neighborhood revitalization zone for a neighborhood  
18 pursuant to section 7-600 of the general statutes, the chief executive  
19 officer of such municipality shall designate the neighborhood

20 revitalization planning committee of such neighborhood, as described  
21 in section 7-601 of the general statutes, as the community investment  
22 board for such neighborhood for the purposes of carrying out the  
23 provisions of said subsection.

24 Sec. 2. Section 4-66l of the general statutes is amended by adding  
25 subsection (j) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

26 (NEW) (j) On and after October 1, 2022, any municipal revenue  
27 sharing grant awarded pursuant to this section to a municipality  
28 whose chief executive officer has established or designated community  
29 investment boards pursuant to section 1 of this act may be expended  
30 by such municipality as follows: (1) Thirty-five per cent of such grant  
31 shall be expended on priorities identified by such community  
32 investment boards, (2) thirty-five per cent of such grant shall be  
33 expended on priorities identified by the legislative body of the  
34 municipality, and (3) thirty per cent of such grant shall be expended on  
35 priorities jointly agreed upon by such community investment boards  
36 and the legislative body of the municipality.

37 Sec. 3. Section 12-18c of the general statutes is repealed and the  
38 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

39 (a) There is established an account to be known as the "select  
40 payment in lieu of taxes account" which shall be a separate, nonlapsing  
41 account within the General Fund. The account shall contain any  
42 moneys required by law to be deposited in the account. Moneys in the  
43 account shall be expended by the Office of Policy and Management for  
44 the purposes of making select grants to municipalities and districts for  
45 payments in lieu of taxes as provided for in subdivision (1) of  
46 subsection (e) of section 12-18b, subparagraphs (B) and (C) of  
47 subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of section 12-18b, subdivision (3) of  
48 subsection (e) of section 12-18b and for any other purpose expressly  
49 provided by law.

50 (b) Any select grant for payment in lieu of taxes awarded to a

51 municipality whose chief executive officer has established or  
52 designated community investment boards pursuant to section 1 of this  
53 act may be expended by such municipality as provided in subsection  
54 (j) of section 4-66l, as amended by this act.

55 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2019*) (a) Not later than January 1,  
56 2021, the Office of Policy and Management shall create and maintain  
57 an Internet web site to allow residents and organizations to submit  
58 proposals for solutions to problems specific to urban areas to the Office  
59 of Policy and Management.

60 (b) If the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the  
61 secretary's designee, determines that a proposal submitted through the  
62 Internet web site created pursuant to subsection (a) of this subsection  
63 is viable, the secretary shall (1) identify a municipality or  
64 neighborhood in which to establish a pilot program to implement the  
65 proposal, (2) establish the pilot program in such municipality or  
66 neighborhood, (3) monitor the implementation of the pilot program,  
67 and (4) assess the results of the pilot program.

68 (c) The Office of Policy and Management shall, within available  
69 appropriations, provide a monetary award to each resident or  
70 organization that submits a proposal through the Internet web site  
71 created pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, if the secretary, or the  
72 secretary's designee, determines that a pilot program established to  
73 implement the proposal was successful after assessing the results of  
74 the pilot program pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

75 Sec. 5. (*Effective July 1, 2019*) (a) There is established a task force to  
76 study the (1) programs for which state funding is utilized by nonprofit  
77 providers, and (2) requirements imposed on nonprofit providers by  
78 state agencies and compliance with those requirements by nonprofit  
79 providers.

80 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

81 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

82 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

83 (3) Two appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
84 Representatives;

85 (4) Two appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

86 (5) Two appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
87 Representatives; and

88 (6) Two appointed by the minority leader of the Senate.

89 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),  
90 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member  
91 of the General Assembly.

92 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than  
93 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be  
94 filled by the appointing authority.

95 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president  
96 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force  
97 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall  
98 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not  
99 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

100 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
101 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to planning  
102 and development shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

103 (g) Not later than January 1, 2020, the task force shall submit a  
104 report on its findings and any recommendations to the joint standing  
105 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
106 relating to planning and development, in accordance with the  
107 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall  
108 terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2020,  
109 whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	4-66l
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	12-18c
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	New section

***Statement of Legislative Commissioners:***

In Section 1(a), "select grants for payment in lieu of taxes pursuant to" was inserted before "section 12-18c" for clarity.

***PD***      *Joint Favorable Subst.*