

Limits on General Assembly Action with Regards to Municipalities

- Require a supermajority vote in the legislature to adopt any new unfunded mandate.

Education Related Mandate Relief

Increased Flexibility with Regards to Educating our Children

- Allow for Local Flexibility for Small Local Board of Educations
 - Section 10-157 of the C.G.S. requires that each local or regional board of education have a school superintendent.
 - Recommend allowing towns with a population of less than 10,000, with less than three public schools located in their town and with less than 2,000 resident students to not have a local superintendent. Recommend allowing said small towns receive direction from another local board of education's superintendent.
- Allow boards of education to enter into cooperative arrangements to provide administration and central office duties.
- To allow for a reduction of associated expenses, allow boards of education that jointly employ a superintendent to either (1) reduce the number of meetings they individually hold or (2) hold joint meetings at least quarterly.

Minimum Budget Requirement

- Extend the minimum budget requirement (MBR) exemption for high-performing school districts, which expires this year.
- Eliminate the MBR requirement for non-alliance districts.
- If ECS funding is reduced after education budgets are adopted, authorize towns to reduce education budgets by the same amount without seeking a waiver from the state Department of Education and without going to referendum.

Measures to Ensure Intergovernmental Cost Containment

- Require boards of education to consult with municipalities when entering into leases for equipment, such as phone systems, computers, portable classrooms, vehicles, and copiers without town authorization.
- Require boards of education to adhere to town purchasing procedures.
- Require boards of education to consult with towns before purchasing new payroll, and payable software systems to determine whether such purchases can be shared or purchased on a regional basis.
- Require boards of education to consult with municipalities, when timing of contracts allows, for municipal and board of education consolidation with regards to the purchase of property casualty and workers' compensation insurance.
- Require boards of education to consult with municipalities regarding shared maintenance of buildings, grounds, equipment and information technology between boards of educations and towns.
- Prohibit boards of education from hiring any administrative personnel for positions which are not included in the proposed and approved budget without town concurrence.
- Authorize regional school districts to establish finance boards consisting of representatives from members towns to provide input on local budget issues.

Binding Arbitration/Collective Bargaining Agreement Modifications

- Allow towns to reopen collective bargaining agreements when changes are needed to effectuate consolidation or shared services agreements.
- Require decisions in the arbitration of unfair labor practices to be issued not later than 60 days after the post-hearing briefs are filed.

- Require all municipal employers and municipal employee organizations engaged in mandatory binding arbitration to complete negotiations within one year from the date that binding arbitration to complete negotiations within one year from the date that binding arbitration was imposed by the state.
- Provide for the random selection of neutral arbitrators and the use of a single neutral through an agreement of the parties in the binding arbitration process.
- Require all employment contracts with administrative personnel (and amendment, including wage modifications) to be filed with the Town Clerk, and in regional districts, all town clerks.
- Provide that 15% or less of a budget reserve fund shall not be available for an argument towards a town's ability to pay.
- Allow municipalities to use volunteers by prohibiting collective bargaining agreements from containing provisions prohibiting the practice.

Miscellaneous Statutory Mandate Relief

- Increase the current prevailing wage thresholds from the current \$400,000 to \$1,000,000 for new construction and from \$100,000 to \$500,000 for remodeling and alterations. Exempt projects specific to roofing, elevators, included are all DECD funded projects.
- With regards to the 2018 fiscal year, for those municipalities that forecasted reduced state revenue when setting their mill rate and tax levy, said municipalities would be required to rebase their mill rate and tax levy upon actual revenue from the state as included in the adopted FY 2018 FY 2019 Biennial Budget. Any excess taxes levied by municipalities shall be returned to taxpayers in full in January 2018.
- Allow towns to reduce municipal tax levy during the fiscal year if they receive more state aid than anticipated when the local budget was initially adopted.