



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 315**

*January Session, 2025*

House Bill No. 6995

*House of Representatives, March 27, 2025*

The Committee on Planning and Development reported through REP. KAVROS DEGRAW of the 17th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT CONCERNING THE CHARTER OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF HARTFORD COUNTY.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 6 of special act 14-21 is amended to read as follows  
2 (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

3 The Metropolitan District [Commission] shall annually prepare a  
4 report that includes the following: (1) A list of all bond issues for the  
5 preceding fiscal year, including, for each such issue, the financial  
6 advisor and underwriters, whether the issue was competitive,  
7 negotiated or privately placed, and the issue's face value and net  
8 proceeds; (2) a list of all projects receiving financial assistance during  
9 the preceding fiscal year, including each project's purpose, location, and  
10 the amount of funds provided by the district; (3) the cumulative value  
11 of all bonds issued, the value of outstanding bonds and capital projects  
12 associated with such bonds; (4) as of February 15th of each fiscal year,  
13 an accounting showing all water revenue and expenditures by source,

14 category and type; and (5) the affirmative action policy statement, a  
15 description of the composition of the district's work force by race, sex,  
16 and occupation and a description of the district's affirmative action  
17 efforts. The district shall, not later than [January] July first, submit one  
18 copy of such report to the Governor, [to] the Auditors of Public  
19 Accounts, [and to] the Office of Fiscal Analysis and, [two copies of such  
20 report to the Legislative Program Review and Investigations  
21 Committee. Not later than thirty days after receiving copies of such  
22 report from the district, the Legislative Program Review and  
23 Investigations Committee shall prepare an assessment of whether the  
24 report complies with the requirements of this section and shall submit  
25 the assessment and a copy of the report to] in accordance with the  
26 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, the joint standing  
27 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
28 relating to municipalities.

29 Sec. 2. Section 1 of number 294 of the special acts of 1933 is amended  
30 to read as follows (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

31 Any town [which is contiguous to the metropolitan district] may,  
32 subject to the provisions of any relevant special act or municipal charter,  
33 ordinance or regulation, after receiving the formal approval of the  
34 district board, become incorporated [in said district] into The  
35 Metropolitan District substantially in the same manner as provided in  
36 section ninety-six, sub-section (e), of an act creating a metropolitan  
37 district within the county of Hartford, approved May 13, 1929. Each  
38 such town, upon its incorporation into said district, shall be entitled to  
39 be represented upon said district board by one member of the first form,  
40 to be appointed by the governor in accordance with the provisions of  
41 said sub-section and to hold office until his successor shall be appointed  
42 and shall have qualified.

43 Sec. 3. Number 173 of the special acts of 1939 is amended to read as  
44 follows (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

45 The district board of [the] The Metropolitan District is authorized,  
46 before approving the incorporation into said district of any town

47 contiguous thereto, to agree with such town as to the terms of such  
48 incorporation, which terms may include the fixing of a temporary  
49 service charge to be collected with and in addition to the uniform water  
50 rates for a stated period. After the expiration of such period, the water  
51 rates current in such town shall be uniform with the rates in the rest of  
52 said district. Nothing herein contained shall affect the admission into  
53 said district of the town of West Hartford as heretofore provided by law.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	SA 14-21, Sec. 6
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	Number 294 of the special acts of 1933, Sec. 1
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	Number 173 of the special acts of 1939

**PD**      *Joint Favorable*

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### **OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

### **Explanation**

The bill (1) allows all towns to become incorporated into the Metropolitan District regardless of if they are contiguous to the district, and (2) makes other technical changes. This is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

### **The Out Years**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

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DISTRICT OF HARTFORD COUNTY.***

**SUMMARY**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea    20    Nay   0    (03/07/2025)