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House Bill No. 6995
As Amended by House Amendment
Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner
May 12, 2025

**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

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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.

House "A" makes a technical change which does not result in a fiscal impact.

The Out Years

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis

HB 6995 (as amended by House "A")

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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)