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sHB-6957

AN ACT ALLOWING A TOWN TO DESIGNATE ITSELF A CITY.

As Amended by House "A" (LCO 8067)

House Calendar No.: 236

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: See below

Explanation

The bill makes various changes described below.

Section 1 allows a town to designate itself a city which does not result in a fiscal impact.

Section 2 requires all, rather than one, inland wetlands agency members and employees to complete the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's (DEEP) training program. This is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact as the training is currently available for free online.

Sections 3 to 5 extends the time frame in which a municipality may correct tax assessment errors from three to four years if the municipality adopts an ordinance. Any fiscal impact is dependent on the nature of the assessment error.

Section 6 requires additional information to be submitted with studies or evaluations on local land use, does not result in a fiscal impact to municipalities as they have the resources necessary to review this information.

Section 7 creates a task force to study the regulation of corporate housing acquisitions, resulting in no fiscal impact to the state because the task force has the expertise needed to meet the requirements of the bill.

Section 8 expands the use of housing trust funds to apply toward the purchase of land to be used for affordable housing. This may result in housing trust funds being expended more quickly.

Sections 9 to 11 which makes changes to rules that common interest ownership communities may adopt regarding solar installations, is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact to the state or to municipalities. This change primarily concerns private entities.

Section 12 eliminates Newington and West Hartford from the list of towns that may receive investment and support from the Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA), a quasi-public state agency. This results in potential savings to CRDA to the extent that funding from CRDA would have been provided to development projects in those towns. These towns may instead qualify for support from the Municipal Redevelopment Authority (MRDA), another quasi-public state agency, which provides funding for housing and economic development projects in certain qualifying towns that do not fall under CRDA.

Section 13 results in a potential revenue gain to the Millstone Ridge Tax District in New Milford as the amendment allows this district to apportion certain costs. Any revenue gain will be dependent on the administrative costs the district apportions.

House "A" strikes the underlying bill and its associated fiscal resulting in the impacts described above.

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Municipal Impact: None