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Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by:
(PD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS FROM THE
REGIONAL PLANNING INCENTIVE ACCOUNT TO EACH REGIONAL
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR THE HIRING OF CERTAIN
PERSONNEL.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 4-66k of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

3 (a) There is established an account to be known as the "regional
4 planning incentive account" which shall be a separate, nonlapsing
5 account within the General Fund. The account shall contain any moneys
6 required by law to be deposited in the account. Moneys in the account
7 shall be expended by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
8 Management for the purposes of first providing funding to regional
9 planning organizations in accordance with the provisions of this section,
10 next providing grants for the support of regional election advisors
11 pursuant to section 9-229c and then providing grants under the regional
12 performance incentive program established pursuant to section 4-124s.

13 (b) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, funds from the regional

14 planning incentive account shall be distributed to each regional
15 planning organization, as defined in section 4-124i of the general
16 statutes, revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2013, in the amount of
17 one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars. Any regional council of
18 governments that is comprised of any two or more regional planning
19 organizations that voluntarily consolidate on or before December 31,
20 2013, shall receive an additional payment in an amount equal to the
21 amount the regional planning organizations would have received if
22 such regional planning organizations had not voluntarily consolidated.

23 [(c)] (2) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2015, to June 30, 2021,
24 inclusive, funds from the regional planning incentive account shall be
25 distributed to each regional council of governments formed pursuant to
26 section 4-124j, in the amount of one hundred twenty-five thousand
27 dollars plus fifty cents per capita, using population information from
28 the most recent federal decennial census. Any regional council of
29 governments that is comprised of any two or more regional planning
30 organizations, as defined in section 4-124i of the general statutes,
31 revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2013, that voluntarily consolidated
32 on or before December 31, 2013, shall receive a payment in the amount
33 of one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars for each such regional
34 planning organization that voluntarily consolidated on or before said
35 date.

36 [(d) (1)] (3) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2022, and June 30, 2023,
37 funds from the regional planning incentive account shall be distributed
38 to each regional council of governments formed pursuant to section 4-
39 124j, in the amount of one hundred eighty-five thousand five hundred
40 dollars plus sixty-eight cents per capita, using population information
41 from the most recent federal decennial census.

42 [(2)] (4) For the fiscal [year] years ending June 30, 2024, and [each
43 fiscal year thereafter] June 30, 2025, funds from the regional planning
44 incentive account shall be distributed to the regional [council] councils
45 of governments formed pursuant to section 4-124j, in the amount

46 totaling seven million dollars. Such funds shall be distributed under a
47 formula determined by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
48 Management in consultation with the regional ~~[council]~~ councils of
49 governments, that includes (A) a base payment amount payable to each
50 such regional council, and (B) a per capita payment amount to each such
51 regional council based upon population data for each such regional
52 council from the most recent federal decennial census. [Such formula
53 shall be reviewed and updated every five years after the initial adoption
54 of such formula.]

55 (5) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and each fiscal year
56 thereafter, funds from the regional planning incentive account shall be
57 distributed to the regional councils of governments formed pursuant to
58 section 4-124j as follows: (A) Each such regional council shall receive
59 four hundred thousand dollars, for the purpose of funding three
60 positions within each such council, including, but not limited to, a
61 regional building inspector position, to provide technical support for
62 the planning and development of additional housing in each such
63 council's region, and (B) an amount totaling seven million dollars shall
64 be distributed under a formula determined by the Secretary of the Office
65 of Policy and Management in consultation with the regional councils of
66 governments, that includes (i) a base payment amount payable to each
67 such regional council, and (ii) a per capita payment amount to each such
68 regional council based upon population data for each such regional
69 council from the most recent federal decennial census. Such formula
70 shall be reviewed and updated every five years after the initial adoption
71 of such formula.

72 ~~[(3)]~~ (c) Not later than July 1, 2021, and annually thereafter, each
73 regional council of governments shall submit to the secretary a proposal
74 for expenditure of the funds described in [subdivision (1) of this]
75 subsection (b) of this section. Such proposal may include, but need not
76 be limited to, a description of ~~[(A)]~~ (1) functions, activities or services
77 currently performed by the state or municipalities that may be provided
78 in a more efficient, cost-effective, responsive or higher quality manner

79 by such council, a regional educational service center or similar regional
80 entity; [(B)] (2) anticipated cost savings relating to the sharing of
81 government services, including, but not limited to, joint purchasing;
82 [(C)] (3) the standardization and alignment of various regions of the
83 state; or [(D)] (4) any other initiatives that may facilitate the delivery of
84 services to the public in a more efficient, cost-effective, responsive or
85 higher quality manner.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	4-66k

Statement of Purpose:

To distribute funds from the regional planning incentive account to each regional council of governments for the hiring of personnel to facilitate the creation of additional housing.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]