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Committee Bill No. 858

LCO No. 5063



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Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS

Introduced by:
(APP)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE MASHANTUCKET PEQUOT AND
MOHEGAN FUND.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 3-55i of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

3 (a) (1) There is established the "Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan
4 Fund" which shall be a separate nonlapsing fund. All funds received by
5 the state of Connecticut from the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe pursuant
6 to the joint memorandum of understanding entered into by and
7 between the state and the tribe on January 13, 1993, as amended on April
8 30, 1993, and any successor thereto, shall be deposited in the General
9 Fund. [During the fiscal year]

10 (2) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2015, [and each fiscal year
11 thereafter] to June 30, 2026, inclusive, from the funds received by the
12 state from the tribe pursuant to said joint memorandum of
13 understanding, as amended, and any successor thereto, an amount
14 equal to the appropriation to the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan
15 Fund for Grants to Towns shall be transferred to the Mashantucket

16 Pequot and Mohegan Fund and shall be distributed by the Office of
17 Policy and Management, during said fiscal [year] years, in accordance
18 with the provisions of section 3-55j, as amended by this act. For the fiscal
19 year ending June 30, 2027, and each fiscal year thereafter, one hundred
20 thirty-nine million three hundred eighty thousand dollars of the funds
21 deposited in the General Fund pursuant to subdivision (1) of this
22 subsection or received by the state pursuant to the memorandum of
23 understanding entered into by and between the state and the Mohegan
24 Tribe of Indians of Connecticut on May 17, 1994, as amended from time
25 to time, shall be transferred from the General Fund to the Mashantucket
26 Pequot and Mohegan Fund. During each fiscal year, the Office of Policy
27 and Management shall make distributions of any funds transferred to
28 the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund pursuant to this section
29 in accordance with the provisions of section 3-55j, as amended by this
30 act. The amount of the grant payable to each municipality during any
31 fiscal year, in accordance with [said] section 3-55j, as amended by this
32 act, shall be reduced proportionately if the total of such grants exceeds
33 the amount of funds available for such year. The grant shall be paid in
34 three installments as follows: The Secretary of the Office of Policy and
35 Management shall, annually, not later than the fifteenth day of
36 December, the fifteenth day of March and the fifteenth day of June
37 certify to the Comptroller the amount due each municipality under the
38 provisions of section 3-55j, as amended by this act, and the Comptroller
39 shall draw an order on the Treasurer on or before the fifth business day
40 following the fifteenth day of December, the fifth business day
41 following the fifteenth day of March and the fifth business day
42 following the fifteenth day of June and the Treasurer shall pay the
43 amount thereof to such municipality on or before the first day of
44 January, the first day of April and the thirtieth day of June.

45 (b) The transfers from the General Fund to the Mashantucket Pequot
46 and Mohegan Fund required by subsection (a) of this section shall not
47 be reduced except upon (1) submission to the General Assembly by the
48 Governor of a certification of an emergency requiring such reduction;
49 and (2) a vote of at least two-thirds of the members of each house of the

50 General Assembly approving such reduction.

51 Sec. 2. Subsection (i) of section 3-55j of the general statutes is repealed
52 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

53 (i) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, to the fiscal year ending
54 June 30, 2006, inclusive, the municipalities of Ledyard, Montville,
55 Norwich, North Stonington and Preston shall each receive a grant of five
56 hundred thousand dollars, [which] and (2) for the fiscal year ending
57 June 30, 2026, and each fiscal year thereafter, the municipalities of
58 Ledyard and Montville shall each receive a grant of up to six hundred
59 thousand dollars if the state revokes taxation of non-Indian property on
60 reservation land. Such amounts shall be paid from the Mashantucket
61 Pequot and Mohegan Fund established pursuant to section 3-55i, as
62 amended by this act, and [which] shall be in addition to the grants paid
63 to said municipalities pursuant to subsections (a) to (g), inclusive, of this
64 section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	3-55i
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	3-55j(i)

Statement of Purpose:

To restore the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund to its original intent of funding all towns.

[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.]

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