

House Bill No. 6995

Special Act No. 25-11

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:

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

The Metropolitan District [Commission] shall annually prepare a report that includes the following: (1) A list of all bond issues for the preceding fiscal year, including, for each such issue, the financial advisor and underwriters, whether the issue was competitive, negotiated or privately placed, and the issue's face value and net proceeds; (2) a list of all projects receiving financial assistance during the preceding fiscal year, including each project's purpose, location, and the amount of funds provided by the district; (3) the cumulative value of all bonds issued, the value of outstanding bonds and capital projects associated with such bonds; (4) as of February 15th of each fiscal year, an accounting showing all water revenue and expenditures by source, category and type; and (5) the affirmative action policy statement, a description of the composition of the district's work force by race, sex, and occupation and a description of the district's affirmative action efforts. The district shall, not later than [January] July first, submit one copy of such report to the Governor, [to] the Auditors of Public

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Accounts, [and to] the Office of Fiscal Analysis and, [two copies of such report to the Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee. Not later than thirty days after receiving copies of such report from the district, the Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee shall prepare an assessment of whether the report complies with the requirements of this section and shall submit the assessment and a copy of the report to] <u>in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes</u>, the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to municipalities.

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

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

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

The district board of [the] The Metropolitan District is authorized, before approving the incorporation into said district of any town, [contiguous thereto,] to agree with such town as to the terms of such incorporation, which terms may include the fixing of a temporary

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service charge to be collected with and in addition to the uniform water rates for a stated period. After the expiration of such period, the water rates current in such town shall be uniform with the rates in the rest of said district. Nothing herein contained shall affect the admission into said district of the town of West Hartford as heretofore provided by law.

Governor's Action: Approved June 24, 2025