



**Substitute Senate Bill No. 449**

**Public Act No. 26-137**

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL POLICY AND PLANNING DIVISION WITHIN THE OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT.**

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

Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 10-265u of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

(d) On [~~March~~] April first of each year, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall notify each public school operator of the amount allocated to such public school operator pursuant to subsections (b) and (c) of this section and shall post on said office's Internet web site such allocation amounts and the calculations for all public school operators.

Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2026*) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 12-107a to 12-107e, inclusive, 12-107g, 12-504e and 12-504f of the general statutes, any special act, municipal charter or ordinance, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall collaborate with each state agency having custody or control of real property belonging to or held in trust for the state, to identify all such

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real property that is farm land, forest land, open space land or maritime heritage land, as those terms are defined in section 12-107b of the general statutes. Upon making any such identification, the secretary shall notify the assessor of the municipality in which such land is located, in whole or in part, that such land has been identified as farm land, forest land, open space land or maritime heritage land, as applicable. The secretary shall make such notification not earlier than thirty days before or later than thirty days after the assessment date in any year, except that in a year in which a revaluation is required pursuant to section 12-62 of the general statutes, such notification may be made not later than ninety days after such assessment date. Upon receipt of such notification, the assessor shall (1) classify such property accordingly, (2) value such property in accordance with the schedules of unit prices developed pursuant to section 12-2b of the general statutes, and (3) add such property to the grand list of the municipality in the manner described in section 12-109 of the general statutes.

(b) Any classification of property as farm land, forest land, open space land or maritime heritage land pursuant to this section shall be deemed personal to the state and shall not run with the land. Any such property that has been so classified shall remain so classified without additional notification to the municipal assessor until (1) the use of such property is changed to a use other than that identified by the secretary pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, or (2) such property is sold or transferred.

Sec. 3. Section 8-3j of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

[(a)] No zoning regulation shall treat any family child care home or group child care home, located in a residence and licensed by the Office of Early Childhood pursuant to chapter 368a, in a manner different from single or multifamily dwellings.

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[(b) Not later than December 1, 2023, and annually thereafter, each municipality shall submit to the Office of Policy and Management a sworn statement from the chief executive officer of the municipality stating (1) that the municipality's zoning ordinances are in compliance with (A) subsection (a) of this section, and (B) the provisions of subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of section 8-2, or (2) the specific time frame within which the municipality will bring its zoning ordinances into compliance with subsection (a) of this section and subsection (d) of section 8-2.]

Sec. 4. Subsection (b) of section 4-124s of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

(b) There is established a regional performance incentive program that shall be administered by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management. Any regional council of governments, regional educational service center or a combination thereof may submit a proposal to the secretary for: (1) The provision of any service that two or more participating municipalities of such council or local or regional board of education of such regional educational service center may provide on a regional and ongoing basis, (2) the redistribution of grants awarded pursuant to sections 4-66g, 4-66h [, 4-66m] and 7-536, according to regional priorities, or (3) regional revenue sharing among such participating municipalities pursuant to section 7-148bb. A copy of said proposal shall be sent to the legislators representing said participating municipalities or local or regional boards of education. Any regional educational service center serving a population greater than one hundred thousand may submit a proposal to the secretary for a regional special education initiative.

Sec. 5. Section 4-66m of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective October 1, 2026*)

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