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NEW 2007 STATE MANDATES

PA 07-2 June Special Session) (HB 8002) An Act Implementing The Provisions Of The Budget Concerning Human Services And Public Health.

Mandate Description

The bill reduces the venous blood lead level from 20 microgram to 15 micrograms that causes the local health director to initiate an on-site inspection to identify the source of the lead. In addition, starting January 1, 2012 if one percent or more of children under the age of six report blood lead levels of ten micrograms, the local director shall conduct an on-site inspection and order any necessary remediation for such child who registers a ten microgram blood lead level twice in tests given at least three months apart.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Emergency Certification

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

State Mandate - Cost.

PA 07-11 (SHB 5186) An Act Concerning The Evacuation Of Pets And Service Animals And Approval Of The Local Emergency Plan Of Operations.

Mandate Description

This bill requires municipal civil preparedness evacuation plans to include a plan for the evacuation of pets and service animals.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Public Safety and Security - Committee of Cognizance
Planning and Development

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

OFA did not see any fiscal impact on municipalities. However, ACIR believes that this bill will result in a workload increase and cost.

PA 07-50 (HB 5722) An Act Concerning Reimbursement Of Marshal Costs Where There Is An Error By The Tax Assessor Or Tax Collector.

Mandate Description

This bill requires that any municipality engaged in a tax foreclosure must reimburse the property owner for state marshal costs and any seized property if incurred because of an error by the tax assessor or tax collector.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Planning and Development – Committee of Cognizance

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

State Mandate - Cost.

PA 07-66 (SHB 7350) An Act Concerning In-School Suspensions.

Mandate Description

This bill prohibits out of school suspensions for most cases and increases the maximum length of suspensions from five to ten days.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Education – Committee of Cognizance

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

This bill could result in minimal cost increases for school districts based upon a need for increased staff to provide alternative in-school programs. Larger school districts could see costs that are considered more than minimal.

PA 07-94 (SSB 1017) An Act Concerning The Emergency Plans Of Operations Of Shoreline Communities And The Designation Of Liquefied Natural Gas Hazard And Security Zones.

Mandate Description

This bill requires all shoreline municipalities to include in their emergency plans provisions addressing an emergency caused by an existing liquefied natural gas terminal located on Long Island Sound and to submit such plan to the Public Safety and Security Committee and the Commissioner of the Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, in a manner stipulated by section 11-4a.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Public Safety and Security – Committee of Cognizance
Planning and Development
Appropriations

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

This bill could result in minimal cost increases for municipalities.

PA 07-122 (HB 7273) An Act Concerning Suspensions And Expulsions By Local And Regional Boards Of Education.

Mandate Description

This bill requires school districts to offer an administration specified program to those students who have been suspended or expelled for the first time, which may shorten the length of or waive the suspension period if the pupil successfully completes such program.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Education – Committee of Cognizance

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

OFA did not see any fiscal impact on municipalities. However, ACIR believes that this bill will result in a workload increase and cost.

PA 07-141 (SSB 167) An Act Revising The Process For The Taking Of Real Property By Municipalities For Redevelopment And Economic Development And Revising The Process For Providing Relocation Assistance For Outdoor Advertising Structures Acquired By The Commissioner Of Transportation.

Mandate Description

This bill prohibits the taking of property by eminent domain for the primary purpose of increasing local tax revenues, requires a public hearing on a plan and certain findings about taking property, requires the town legislative body to approve proposed takings by a two-thirds vote of its members for takings under the municipal development and Manufacturing Assistance Act (MAA) statutes and imposes an overall 10-year deadline for completing a taking. In addition, the bill adds procedural steps for a municipality, including adding requirements for preparing and approving a development

plan, making additional findings, additional notification requirements, and places the burden of proof for the taking on the municipality.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Judiciary - Committee of Cognizance
Planning and Development
Appropriations

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

OFA believes that there is a potential significant cost to municipalities.

PA 07-161 (SB 845) An Act Concerning Survivor Benefits.

Mandate Description

This bill prohibits municipalities from terminating pension benefits for surviving spouses of municipal firefighters and police officers killed in the line of duty if they remarry.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Labor and Public Employees – Committee of Cognizance
Appropriations

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

OFA stated that this provision will preclude municipalities from achieving a survivor benefit cost savings.

PA 07-168 (SB 5234) An Act Banning Pesticide Use On School Grounds.

Mandate Description

This bill expands the prohibition on the use of pesticides on the grounds of any public or private school with students in eighth grade or lower.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Environment – Committee of Cognizance
Education

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

OFA anticipates that school districts can meet the requirements within available resources. ACIR believes that this bill will result in a workload increase and cost.

PA 07-173 (SHB 7025) An Act Concerning Civil Preparedness.

Mandate Description

This bill requires municipalities to submit annually, and keep current, emergency plans of operations, and local civil preparedness organizations to take oaths annually and to provide the Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security with a roster of the sworn volunteer civil preparedness force members.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Public Safety and Security – Committee of Cognizance
Planning and Development
Appropriations
Judiciary

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

State Mandate - Cost.

PA 07-184 (SSB 1438) An Act Concerning Notice Of Certain Probate Court Hearings And The Filing Of Certain Reports, The Administration Of The Courts Of Probate And The Duties Of The Probate Court Administrator.

Mandate Description

This bill requires the chief executive officer of any town which receives written notice from the Probate Court Administrator concerning inadequate court facilities in said town to file with the Administrator, by January 1 of the following year, a plan and time frame for meeting such requirements.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Judiciary - Committee of Cognizance

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

OFA did not see any fiscal impact on municipalities. However, ACIR believes that this bill will result in a workload increase and cost.

PA 07-185 (SB 1484) An Act Concerning The HealthFirst Connecticut And Healthy Kids Initiative.

Mandate Description

This bill requires any school-based health clinic constructed on or after October 1, 2007, that is located in or attached to a school building to be constructed with an entrance that is separate from the entrance to the school building.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Emergency Certification

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

OFA did not see any fiscal impact on municipalities. However, ACIR believes that this bill will result in a workload increase and cost.

PA 07-189 (SHB 7249) An Act Concerning The Collection And Recycling Of Covered Electronic Devices.

Mandate Description

This bill requires municipalities to provide for the recycling of covered electronic devices, as defined by this section. This shall include making information readily available as to how the collection shall take place, the actual collection of such devices from the residents and the transportation of the collected items to a covered electronic recycler.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Environment – Committee of Cognizance
Finance, Revenue and Bonding
Government Administration and Elections
Appropriations
Judiciary

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

It is uncertain if a municipality's cost could be handled within the municipality's normal budgetary resources.

PA 07-194 (SSB 1311) An Act Concerning The Integrity And Security Of The Voting Process.

Mandate Description

This bill requires registrars of voters to conduct manual audits of a minimum of ten percent of the votes in any election and to report the results of such audit to the Secretary of the State, in a manner specified by the bill. Such audit shall be noticed in advance. The bill also requires the registrars to file a written opinion with the clerk whenever he appoints additional election officials, giving the reasons for any such appointments. In addition, the moderator shall place all challenged ballots in an envelope which is given to the clerk who must retain such envelope until allowed to destroy it. Registrars are required to appoint up to two electors for each ballot box to be box tenders. All expenses in providing the ballot boxes for paper ballots are to be paid for by the municipality.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Government Administration & Elections – Committee of Cognizance
Appropriations
Planning and Development

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

State Mandate - Cost.

PA 07-208 (SSB 1110) An Act Concerning Security Assessments And Assistance For Schools And Emergency Response Plans For Institutions Of Higher Education.

Mandate Description

This bill requires school districts, in the case of any project involving a school entrance, to include security infrastructure in the plans.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Education – Committee of Cognizance

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

State Mandate - Cost.

PA 07-218 (SHB 5729) An Act Concerning The Sale, Lease Or Transfer Of Municipal Property.

Mandate Description

This bill requires municipalities to conduct a public hearing whenever it plans to sell, lease or transfer any real property owned by the municipality. Notice shall be published in the newspaper at least every other day for 10-15 days before such action is approved. Also, a prominent sign must be displayed on the real property land announcing the public hearing.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Planning and Development – Committee of Cognizance

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

State Mandate - Cost.

PA 07-224 (SHB 6955) An Act Concerning Operator’s Licenses Bearing A School Bus Endorsement.

Mandate Description

This bill requires every school bus to have painted conspicuously on its rear and sides the name of the school bus company, its telephone number and the school bus number.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Education – Committee of Cognizance
Transportation
Appropriations
Judiciary

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

State Mandate - Cost.

PA 07-231 (HB 6768) An Act Concerning The Approval Of Small Alternative On-Site Sewage Treatment Systems.

Mandate Description

This bill requires local directors of health, or sanitarians, to issue permits or approvals for alternative on-site sewage treatment systems, in a manner stipulated by the Commissioner of Public Health.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Environment – Committee of Cognizance

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

OFA says the bill will result in a workload increase to local directors of health that could result in an indeterminate cost depending on the volume of requests for permits.

PA 07-242 (HB 7432) An Act Concerning Electricity And Energy Efficiency.

Mandate Description

This bill requires that (1) any new construction of a facility that is projected to cost \$5 million or more, \$2 million or more of which is state funded and is authorized by the General Assembly on or after January 1, 2009, and (2) any renovation of a public school facility that is expected to cost \$2 million or more, \$2 million or more of which is state funded and is authorized by the General Assembly on or after January 1, 2009, be consistent with or exceed the silver building rating of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design's rating system, including energy standards that exceed those set forth in the 2004 edition of ASHRAE Standard 90.1, by no less than 20 percent or an equivalent standard. In addition, the bill now requires, rather than allows, municipalities to provide tax exemptions to any Class I renewable energy source, hydropower facility or any passive or active solar water or space heating system or geothermal energy resource.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Emergency Certification

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

This bill will result in increased costs to local and regional school districts.

PA 07-245 (SB 1447) An Act Concerning Family And Medical Leave For Municipal Employees And The Applicability Of Certain Statutory Provisions To Civil Union Status.

Mandate Description

This bill requires municipalities and boards of education to provide their employees who are party to a civil union with the same

Federal Family And Medical Leave Act benefits that the state provides its employees who are a party to marriage.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Judiciary – Committee of Cognizance
Planning and Development
Appropriations

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

State Mandate - Cost.

PA 07-249 (SSB 1406) An Act Concerning Authorization Of State Grant Commitments For School Building Projects And Changes To The Statutes Concerning School Building Projects.

Mandate Description

This bill requires orders and contracts for architectural or construction management services be put to bid on any school building construction project receiving state assistance.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Education – Committee of Cognizance
Finance, Revenue and Bonding

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

OFA did not see any fiscal impact on municipalities. However, ACIR believes that this bill will result in a cost to school districts.

PA 07-252 (SHB 7163) An Act Concerning Revisions To Statutes Relating To The Departments Of Public Health And Social Services And Town Clerks.

Mandate Description

This bill requires all municipalities to provide public access to an electronic indexing system that combines the grantor index and the grantee index of the town's land records by January 1, 2009.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Public Health – Committee of Cognizance
Judiciary

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

State Mandate - Cost.

PA 07-253 (SHB 7182) An Act Concerning Certified Competitive Video Service.

Mandate Description

This bill exempts from property taxes, for 3 years, new property and portions of other property used by AT&T in the provision of its new video service. Provides affected municipalities, in perpetuity, with \$5 million from the gross receipts tax paid by AT&T.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Energy and Technology – Committee of Cognizance
Finance, Revenue and Bonding
Joint Committee on Legislative Management
Judiciary

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

This bill results in a revenue loss to towns in FY 08.

PA 07-254 (SHB 7282) An Act Concerning Property Tax Delinquencies Of Telecommunications Companies, Municipal Broadband Networks, Machinery Surcharges And Certain Tax Exemptions.

Mandate Description

This bill exempts the property of certain charitable organizations from local property taxes, as stipulated in the bill, even if these organizations lease space to another charitable corporation, as well as property owned by a religious organization used exclusively as a daycare center.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

This bill results in a net grand list loss and will likely necessitate an increase in a municipality's mill rate.

MINIMAL MANDATES

PA 07-30 (SSB 1287) An Act Concerning Visiting International Teacher Permits.

Mandate Description

This bill requires any local or regional school district that requests the issuance of an international teacher permit in a subject shortage area to attest to the existence of a plan for the supervision of the teacher (in effect, the districts must develop and implement such plan).

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Education – Committee of Cognizance

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

OFA did not see any fiscal impact on municipalities. However, ACIR believes that this bill will result in a minimal workload increase and cost to school districts.

PA 07-38 (SSB 1113) An Act Concerning Unified School District # 1 Education Credit.

Mandate Description

This bill requires school districts receiving transfer students from Unified School District # 1 to provide written notification of the enrollment to the unified district within 10 days. The unified district must transfer the student's records within 10 days of receiving the notice.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Education – Committee of Cognizance

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

OFA believes that the act results in a potential minimal cost to local and regional school districts.

PA 07-59 (SB 1079) An Act Concerning Dogs That Attack Domestic Animals Or Livestock.

Mandate Description

Upon receipt of a complaint by a person who has sustained damage, the appropriate Animal Control Officer shall immediately investigate such complaint.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Environment - Committee of Cognizance

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

OFA believes this bill will have a minimal workload increase.

PA 07-85 (SHB 7121) An Act Concerning The Aquifer Protection Area Program.

Mandate Description

This bill adds the a local acquifer protection agency to those agencies required to notify the clerk of any adjoining municipality, by certified mail, of any application, petition, appeal, request or plan concerning certain specified projects.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Environment – Committee of Cognizance

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

OFA did not see any fiscal impact on municipalities. However, ACIR believes that this bill will result in a minimal workload increase and cost to school districts.

PA 07-102 (SHB 7040) An Act Concerning Resubdivisions And Clarifying Considerations Of Inland Wetlands Decisions By Planning And Zoning Commissions.

Mandate Description

The bill requires the planning commission, when it is considering an application to subdivide or resubdivide land regulated as an inland

wetland and it imposes terms and conditions that are not consistent with the wetland agency's final decision to state its reasons for the terms and conditions on the record. The bill imposes the same conditions on zoning commissions when they act on any site plan applications that are in the jurisdiction of the wetlands agency.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Planning and Development – Committee of Cognizance

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

OFA believes that any increase in the administrative workload of the planning or zoning commissions is to be nominal and within resources.

PA 07-111 (SSB 1151) An Act Concerning Alias Tax Warrants And Executions Against Debts Due To Judgment Debtors Served Upon Financial Institutions.

Mandate Description

This bill prohibits tax collectors or officers from serving alias tax warrants on more than one financial institution at a time and prevents a collector from serving more than 15 alias tax warrants on one financial institution in the same day without first confirming that the taxpayers have funds held with that institution.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Banks - Committee of Cognizance
Judiciary

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

The provisions of the bill are likely to make it more difficult to administer and serve tax warrants, which may have a negative impact on a municipality's efforts to collect delinquent taxes.

PA 07-127 (SHB 6776) An Act Preserving Maritime Heritage Land.

Mandate Description

This bill requires the tax assessor to file annually with the town clerk a certificate for any land classified as maritime heritage land. The town clerk shall notify the tax assessor when any such land is sold.

Upon receipt of such notice, the tax assessor shall inform the new owner of the benefits of the maritime heritage classification.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Environment - Committee of Cognizance
Finance, Revenue and Bonding

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

This portion of the bill was not addressed by OFA. ACIR believes that this bill will result in a workload and expenditure increase for municipalities.

PA 07-138 (HB 7017) An Act Concerning Democracy Education In Elementary Schools.

Mandate Description

This bill requires elementary schools to include a program on democracy in their fourth or fifth grade curriculum, in which students learn about all branches of government.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Education - Committee of Cognizance

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

OFA did not see any fiscal impact on school districts. However, ACIR believes that this bill will result in a workload increase and cost.

PA 07-147 (SSB 977) An Act Concerning Restraints And Seclusion In Public Schools.

Mandate Description

This bill requires boards of education providing special education, direct care, education or supervision to notify the parent or guardian of any child who has been placed in physical restraint or seclusion.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Select Committee on Children – Committee of Cognizance
Education
Appropriations

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

OFA called this a state mandate – minimal cost.

PA 07-163 (SSB 938) An Act Concerning The Reporting Of Lost Or Stolen Firearms And Illegal Firearms Trafficking.

Mandate Description

This bill requires local police departments to report any lost or stolen firearm, within 72 hours, and to submit a copy of the report to the Commissioner of Public Safety.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Public Safety and Security – Committee of Cognizance

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

The bill could result in a minimal workload increase.

MANDATES NOT SPECIFICALLY DIRECTED AT MUNICIPALITIES

PA 07-2 (June Special Session) (HB 8002) An Act Implementing The Provisions Of The Budget Concerning Human Services And Public Health.

Mandate Description

The bill requires all group health insurance policies, not later than January 1, 2008, to provide coverage for blood screening and risk assessments, ordered by a primary care provider.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Emergency Certification

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

This portion of the bill was not addressed by OFA. ACIR believes that this bill will result in a minimal cost for municipalities.

PA 07-61 (SSB 1091) An Act Concerning Dam Safety.

Mandate Description

The bill requires the owner of a dam to complete any necessary maintenance or repairs to maintain the dam in a safe condition when notified by DEP after its inspection.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Environment – Committee of Cognizance

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

This portion of the bill was not addressed by OFA. ACIR believes that this bill will result in a minimal cost for municipalities.

PA 07-67 (SSB 389) An Act Concerning Hospitalization At An Out-Of-Network Facility During Treatment In Cancer Clinical Trials.

Mandate Description

The bill requires group health insurance policies to include hospitalization at an out-of-network facility for their insured clients involved in a cancer clinical trial if treatments are not available at an in-network facility and are not eligible for reimbursements by the sponsors of such clinical trials.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Insurance and Real Estate – Committee of Cognizance

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

The bill's impact on municipal health insurance costs cannot be determined at this time.

PA 07-80 (SSB 1036) An Act Concerning Notification To Injured Employees Of The Discontinuation Or Reduction Of Workers' Compensation Benefits.

Mandate Description

This bill extends from ten to fifteen days the time period that an employee may request a hearing after receipt of notice concerning discontinuance or reduction of workers' compensation benefits.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Labor and Public Employees – Committee of Cognizance
Judiciary

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

This portion of the bill was not addressed by OFA. ACIR believes that this bill could result in a minimal cost for municipalities.

PA 07-85 (SHB 7121) An Act Concerning The Aquifer Protection Area Program.

Mandate Description

This bill requires any water company that creates a new well field serving one thousand or more persons to map areas of contribution and recharge areas and to submit such map in a manner provided by this section.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Environment – Committee of Cognizance

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

The mapping requirements are not anticipated to result in additional costs to municipalities.

PA 07-96 (HB 5496) An Act Regulating Limited Benefit Medical Plans.

Mandate Description

The bill prohibits group health insurers after January 1, 2008 from issuing any policies providing limited coverage to any employer as a replacement for a comprehensive health insurance plan.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Insurance and Real Estate – Committee of Cognizance

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

The bill's impact on municipal health insurance costs cannot be determined at this time.

PA 07-106 (SHB 7270) An Act Concerning The Emergency 9-1-1 Surcharge, The Misuse Of The E 9-1-1 System And The Emergency Management And Homeland Security Coordinating Council.

Mandate Description

This bill expands the monthly assessed fee on each telephone and commercial mobile radio service to include prepaid wireless service providers and Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) services.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Public Safety and Security - Committee of Cognizance
Energy and Technology
Finance, Revenue and Bonding
Judiciary

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

To the extent that various municipalities use prepaid wireless service providers or VOIP, a minimal cost may be incurred.

PA 07-134 (SHB 5537) An Act Concerning Wheelchair Transfer Safety.

Mandate Description

The bill requires anyone transporting a wheelchair-bound individual to do so using a device designed to secure individuals while transferring them from the ground to the vehicle and vice-versa. Vehicles requiring this device include livery services, service buses, vanpool vehicles, school buses, student transportation vehicles and ambulance or rescue services.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Transportation – Committee of Cognizance
Public Health
Appropriations

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

There is a potential, indeterminate cost for municipalities dependent on the type and number of vehicles purchased or leased.

PA 07-185 (SB 1484) An Act Concerning The HealthFirst Connecticut And Healthy Kids Initiative.

Mandate Description

This bill requires all group health insurance plans to increase the maximum age of unmarried children living in the state covered under the plan from 23 to 26 years of age.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill
Emergency Certification

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

To the extent that municipal health plans are required to provide the expanded coverage under the bill, there will be increased municipal cost.

PA 07-193 (SB 1292) An Act Concerning The Alternative Base Period For Purposes Of Unemployment Compensation.

Mandate Description

This bill removes the alternative base period sunset date for calculating unemployment compensation benefit eligibility, thus making the alternative base period permanent. The alternative base period allows individuals who do not meet the earnings requirements to qualify for unemployment benefits under the base period, to utilize a more recent earnings period.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Labor and Public Employees – Committee of Cognizance
Appropriations

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

State Mandate - Cost.

PA 07-197 (SB 66) An Act Expanding Insurance Coverage For Specialized Formulas For Children.

Mandate Description

The bill requires group health insurance policies to provide coverage for medically necessary specialized formulas for children up to age twelve (under current law it is up to age eight).

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Insurance and Real Estate – Committee of Cognizance

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

To the extent that municipal health plans are required to provide the expanded coverage under the bill, there will be increased municipal cost.

PA 07-224 (SHB 6955) An Act Concerning Operator’s Licenses Bearing A School Bus Endorsement.

Mandate Description

This bill requires every school bus driver to undergo drug testing before being allowed to drive any school bus or school transportation vehicle. Also, each carrier must check at least twice a month the Department of Motor Vehicles list of suspended licenses to ensure that any school vehicle driver is not on such list.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Education – Committee of Cognizance
Transportation
Appropriations
Judiciary

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill.)

This portion of the bill was not addressed by OFA. ACIR believes that this bill will result in a minimal cost for municipalities, for those few school districts that own and operate their own school buses.

NEW 2007 STATE MANDATE REDUCTIONS

PA 07-51 (SHB 5728) An Act Concerning Bonds Of Municipal Water Pollution Control Authorities.

Mandate Reduction Description

The bill allows municipalities to issue up to \$3 million in General Obligation bonds for a water or sewage system provided they secured the bonds in one of two specific manners provided by this bill. The legislation relieved the municipalities of the need to hold a referendum to issue the bonds.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Planning and Development – Committee of Cognizance

PA 07-87 (SHB 7385) An Act Concerning School Construction Bond Maturity.

Mandate Reduction Description

The bill allows municipalities and school districts to issue bonds for limited school construction projects with a maximum term of 30 rather than 20 years reducing the amount of money that the town must budget annually debt service payments.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Finance, Revenue and Bonding – Committee of Cognizance

PA 07-154 (SHB 6856) An Act Concerning A Municipal Stormwater Authority Pilot Program, Special Services Districts, Clean Water Fund Disbursements And The Definition Of Unimproved Land For Tax Purposes.

Mandate Reduction Description

This bill extends the time period that special services districts have to pay off any obligation from borrowing money from one to seven years.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Environment – Committee of Cognizance
Planning and Development
Finance, Revenue and Bonding

PA 07-196 (SSB 1440) An Act Concerning The Special Taxing Districts Within Redding And Bridgeport And The Authority Of Special Services Districts To Borrow Money.

Mandate Reduction Description

The bill changes the requirement in Sec. 7-339n from one to seven years the time frame for special services district to pay off any borrowed money. Also, the bill raises the ceiling on annual receipts for “reporting agencies” from two hundred thousand to one million dollars.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Finance, Revenue and Bonding – Committee of Cognizance

Appendix A

MANDATE LEGISLATION LISTED BY LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Banks Committee

PA 111 (SSB 1151) An Act Concerning Alias Tax Warrants And Executions Against Debts Due To Judgment Debtors Served Upon Financial Institutions.

Education Committee

PA 30 (SSB 1287) An Act Concerning Visiting International Teacher Permits.

PA 38 (SSB 1113) An Act Concerning Unified School District # 1 Education Credit.

PA 66 (SHB 7350) An Act Concerning In-School Suspensions.

PA 122 (HB 7273) An Act Concerning Suspensions And Expulsions By Local And Regional Boards Of Education.

PA 138 (HB 7017) An Act Concerning Democracy Education In Elementary Schools.

PA 208 (SSB 1110) An Act Concerning Security Assessments And Assistance For Schools And Emergency Response Plans For Institutions Of Higher Education.

PA 224 (SHB 6955) An Act Concerning Operator's Licenses Bearing A School Bus Endorsement.

PA 249 (SSB 1406) An Act Concerning Authorization Of State Grant Commitments For School Building Projects And Changes To The Statutes Concerning School Building Projects.

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PA 2 (HB 8002) An Act Implementing The Provisions Of The Budget Concerning Human Services And Public Health (June Special Session).

PA 185 (SB 1484) An Act Concerning The HealthFirst Connecticut And Healthy Kids Initiative.

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PA 253 (SHB 7182) An Act Concerning Certified Competitive Video Service.

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PA 59 (SB 1079) An Act Concerning Dogs That Attack Domestic Animals Or Livestock.

PA 61 (SSB 1091) An Act Concerning Dam Safety.

PA 85 (SHB 7121) An Act Concerning The Acquifer Protection Area Program.

PA 127 (SHB 6776) An Act Preserving Maritime Heritage Land.

PA 154 (SHB 6856) An Act Concerning A Municipal Stormwater Authority Pilot Program, Special Services Districts, Clean Water Fund Disbursements And The Definition Of Unimproved Land For Tax Purposes. (Mandate Reduction)

PA 168 (SB 845) An Act Banning Pesticide Use On School Grounds.

PA 189 (SHB 7249) An Act Concerning The Collection and Recycling Of Covered Electronic Devices.

PA 231 (HB 6768) An Act Concerning The Approval Of Small Alternative On-Site Sewage Treatment Systems.

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PA 87 (SHB 7385) An Act Concerning School Construction Bond Maturity. (Mandate Reduction)

PA 196 (SSB 1440) An Act Concerning The Special Taxing Districts Within Redding And Bridgeport And The Authority Of Special Services Districts To Borrow Money. (Mandate Reduction)

PA 254 (SHB 7282) An Act Concerning Property Tax Delinquencies Of Telecommunications Companies, Municipal Broadband Networks, Machinery Surcharges And Certain Tax Exemptions.

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PA 194 (SSB 1311) An Act Concerning The Integrity And Security Of The Voting Process.

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PA 67 (SSB 389) An Act Concerning Hospitalization At An Out-Of-Network Facility During Treatment In Cancer Clinical Trials.

PA 96 (HB 5496) An Act Regulating Limited Benefit Medical Plans.

PA 197 (SB 66) An Act Expanding Insurance Coverage For Specialized Formulas for Children.

Judiciary Committee

PA 141 (SSB 167) An Act Revising The Process For The Taking Of Real Property By Municipalities For Redevelopment And Economic Development And Revising The Process For Providing Relocation Assistance For Outdoor Advertising Structures Acquired By The Commissioner Of Transportation.

PA 184 (SSB 1438) An Act Concerning Notice Of Certain Probate Court Hearings And The Filing Of Certain Reports, The Administration Of The Courts Of Probate And The Duties Of The Probate Court Administrator.

PA 245 (SB 1447) An Act Concerning Family And Medical Leave For Municipal Employees And The Applicability Of Certain Statutory Provisions To Civil Union Status.

Labor and Public Employees Committee

PA 80 (SSB 1036) An Act Concerning Notification To Injured Employees Of The Discontinuation Or Reduction Of Workers' Compensation Benefits.

- PA 161 (SB 845) An Act Concerning Survivor Benefits.
- PA 193 (SB 1292) An Act Concerning The Alternative Base Period For Purposes Of Unemployment Compensation.

Planning and Development Committee

- PA 50 (HB 5722) An Act Concerning Reimbursement Of Marshal Costs Where There Is An Error By The Tax Assessor Or Tax Collector.
- PA 51 (SHB 5728) An Act Concerning Bonds Of Municipal Water Pollution Control Authorities. (Mandate Reduction)
- PA 102 (SHB 7040) An Act Concerning Resubdivisions And Clarifying Considerations Of Inland Wetlands Decisions By Planning And Zoning Commissions.
- PA 218 (SHB 5729) An Act Concerning The Sale, Lease Or Transfer Of Municipal Property.

Public Health Committee

- PA 252 (SHB 7163) An Act Concerning Revisions To Statutes Relating To The Departments of Public Health And Social Services And Town Clerks.

Public Safety and Security Committee

- PA 11 (SHB 5186) An Act Concerning The Evacuation Of Pets And Service Animals And Approval Of The Local Emergency Plan Of Operations.
- PA 94 (SSB 1017) An Act Concerning The Emergency Plans Of Operations Of Shoreline Communities And The Designation Of Liquefied Natural Gas Hazard And Security Zones.
- PA 106 (SHB 7270) An Act Concerning The Emergency 9-1-1 Surcharge, The Misuse Of The E 9-1-1 System And The Emergency Management And Homeland Security Coordinating Council.
- PA 163 (SSB 938) An Act Concerning The Reporting Of Lost Or Stolen Firearms And Illegal Firearms Trafficking.

PA 173 (SHB 7025)

An Act Concerning Civil Preparedness.

Select Committee On Children

PA 147 (SSB 997)

An Act Concerning Restraints And Seclusion In Public Schools.

Transportation Committee

PA 134 (SHB 5537)

An Act Concerning Wheelchair Transfer Safety.