# An Act Concerning the Enhancement of the

Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened: Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 2-79a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Eﬀective July 1, 2024):

(a)(1) There shall be a Connecticut Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations. The purpose of the commission shall be to enhance coordination and cooperation between the state and local governments.

1. Before July 1, 2019, the commission shall consist of the president pro tempore of the Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives, the minority leader of the Senate, the minority leader of the House of Representatives, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, the Commissioners of Education, Energy and Environmental Protection, Economic and Community Development, or their designees, and sixteen additional members as follows: (A) Six municipal officials appointed by the Governor, four of whom shall be selected from a list of nominees submitted to the Governor by the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities and two of whom shall be selected from a list submitted by the Council of Small Towns. Two of such six officials shall be from towns having populations of twenty thousand or less persons, two shall be from towns having populations of more than twenty thousand but less than sixty thousand persons and two shall be from towns having populations of sixty thousand or more persons; (B) two local public education officials appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be selected from a list of nominees submitted to the Governor by the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education and one of whom shall be selected from a list submitted by the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents; (C) one representative of a regional council of governments appointed by the Governor from a list of nominees submitted to the Governor by the Connecticut Association of Councils of Governments; (D) five persons who do not hold elected or appointed office in state or local government, one of whom shall be appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the Senate and one of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives;

(E) one representative of the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities appointed by said conference; and (F) one representative of the Council of Small Towns appointed by said council.

1. On and after July 1, 2019 July 1, 2024, the commission shall consist of the president pro tempore of the Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives, the minority leader of

the Senate, the minority leader of the House of Representatives, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, the Commissioner of Education, the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection and the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, or their designees, and seventeen additional members as follows: (A) ~~Six~~ four municipal officials ~~appointed~~ selected by the ~~Governor, four of whom shall be~~ ~~selected from a list of nominees submitted to the Governor by the~~ Connecticut Conference of Municipalities ~~and two of whom shall be selected from a list submitted by~~ ~~the Council of Small Towns~~. One of such ~~Six~~ four officials, two shall be ~~from a town having~~ ~~a population of ten thousand or less persons, one shall be from a town having a population~~ ~~of more than ten thousand but less than twenty thousand persons, two shall be~~ from towns having populations of more than twenty thousand but less than sixty thousand persons and two shall be from towns having populations of sixty thousand or more persons;; (B) Two municipal officials selected by the Connecticut Council of Small Towns one of which shall be from a town having a population of ten thousand or less persons, and one shall be from a town having a population of more than ten thousand but less than twenty thousand persons, ~~(B~~ (C) ~~two~~ three local public education officials, representing an urban, suburban and rural school districts respectively ~~appointed~~ selected ~~by the Governor, one of whom~~ ~~shall be selected from a list of nominees submitted to the Governor~~ by the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education and (D) one superintendent of schools ~~of whom shall~~ ~~be~~ selected ~~from a list submitted~~ by the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents; (C E) one representative of a regional council of governments selected ~~appointed by the Governor from a list of nominees submitted to the Governor~~ by the Connecticut Association of Councils of Governments; (~~D~~ F) one representatives of organized labor selected ~~appointed by the Governor from a list of nominees submitted to~~ ~~the Governor~~ by the Connecticut AFL-CIO; (G) five persons who do not hold elected or appointed office in state or local government, one of whom shall be appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the Senate and one of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives; (H J) one representative of the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities appointed by said conference; and (I K) one representative of the Council of Small Towns appointed by said council. Any member designated by an authorized organization may appoint a designee to serve in their absence.

1. (NEW) The chairs and ranking members of the Planning and Development Committee; Finance Revenue and Bonding Committee; Appropriations Committee and the Government Administrations and Elections Committee or their legislative designee shall be ex officio, non- voting members of the commission.

(~~4~~ 5) Before July 1, 2019, each member of the commission appointed pursuant to subparagraphs (A) to (F), inclusive, of subdivision (2) of this subsection shall serve for a

term of two years. On and after July 1, 2019, each member of the commission appointed pursuant to subparagraphs (A) to (G), inclusive, of subdivision (3) of this subsection shall serve for a term of two and may serve until a successor is appointed and has qualified. All other members shall serve for terms which are coterminous with their terms of office. The Governor shall appoint a chairperson and a vice-chairperson from among the commission members. Members of the General Assembly may serve as gubernatorial appointees to the commission. Members of the commission shall not be compensated for their services but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

(6) (NEW) A majority of the commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business of the commission. A majority of the membership of a sub-committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business of such sub-committee . The commission shall meet as often as deemed necessary by the chairperson or a majority of the commission. Any appointed member who fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the commission or of a sub-committee or who fails to attend fifty per cent of all meetings of the commission or its sub- committees held during any calendar year shall be deemed to have resigned from the commission. In the event of such circumstance, the chairperson shall immediately notify the appointing authority for such commission member of the need for a new commission member appointment.