



# Senate

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 146

*Senate, April 12, 2021*

The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through SEN. BRADLEY of the 23rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING REVENUE FROM GAMING ACTIVITIES,  
GRANTS IN LIEU OF TAXES FOR TRIBAL LANDS AND SALE OF  
ALCOHOL BY CASINO PERMITTEES.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) If sports wagering or  
2 online casino gaming outside of Indian lands, as defined in the Indian  
3 Gaming Regulatory Act, 25 USC 2703(4), is authorized pursuant to (1)  
4 amendments to the Mashantucket Pequot procedures and to the  
5 Mashantucket Pequot memorandum of understanding with the  
6 Mashantucket Pequot Tribe and amendments to the Mohegan compact  
7 and to the Mohegan memorandum of understanding with the Mohegan  
8 Tribe of Indians of Connecticut, or new compacts with the  
9 Mashantucket Pequot Tribe or the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of  
10 Connecticut, or both, and (2) any provision of the general statutes or a  
11 public or special act, any funds received by the state from an operator  
12 of such sports wagering or online casino gaming shall be deposited in  
13 the General Fund.

14 (b) Beginning in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, and each fiscal  
15 year thereafter, the following amounts shall be transferred annually  
16 from the funds deposited in the General Fund pursuant to subsection  
17 (a) of this section:

18 (1) Any amount required to be transferred to the Mashantucket  
19 Pequot and Mohegan Fund pursuant to the provisions of section 3-55i  
20 of the general statutes, as amended by this act;

21 (2) Twenty million dollars, to the state-wide tourism marketing  
22 account, established pursuant to section 10-395a of the general statutes;  
23 and

24 (3) Ten million dollars, to the Arts, Culture and Tourism Fund,  
25 established pursuant to section 10-395b of the general statutes, as  
26 amended by this act.

27 Sec. 2. Section 3-55i of the general statutes is repealed and the  
28 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

29 (a) There is established the "Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan  
30 Fund" which shall be a separate nonlapsing fund. All funds received by  
31 the state of Connecticut from the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe pursuant  
32 to the joint memorandum of understanding entered into by and  
33 between the state and the tribe on January 13, 1993, as amended on April  
34 30, 1993, and any successor thereto, shall be deposited in the General  
35 Fund. [During the fiscal year] For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2015,  
36 [and each fiscal year thereafter] to June 30, 2023, inclusive, from the  
37 funds received by the state from the tribe pursuant to said joint  
38 memorandum of understanding, as amended, and any successor  
39 thereto, an amount equal to the appropriation to the Mashantucket  
40 Pequot and Mohegan Fund for Grants to Towns shall be transferred to  
41 the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund, [and shall be distributed  
42 by the Office of Policy and Management, during said fiscal year, in  
43 accordance with the provisions of section 3-55j.] For the fiscal year  
44 ending June 30, 2024, and each fiscal year thereafter, one hundred thirty-  
45 nine million three hundred eighty thousand dollars of the funds

46 deposited in the General Fund pursuant to this subsection, the  
47 memorandum of understanding entered into by and between the state  
48 and the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut on May 17, 1994, as  
49 amended from time to time, and section 1 of this act shall be transferred  
50 from the General Fund to the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund.  
51 During each fiscal year, the Office of Policy and Management shall make  
52 distributions of any funds transferred to the Mashantucket Pequot and  
53 Mohegan Fund pursuant to this section in accordance with the  
54 provisions of section 3-55j, as amended by this act. The amount of the  
55 grant payable to each municipality during any fiscal year, in accordance  
56 with [said] section 3-55j, as amended by this act, shall be reduced  
57 proportionately if the total of such grants exceeds the amount of funds  
58 available for such year. The grant shall be paid in three installments as  
59 follows: The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall,  
60 annually, not later than the fifteenth day of December, the fifteenth day  
61 of March and the fifteenth day of June certify to the Comptroller the  
62 amount due each municipality under the provisions of section 3-55j, as  
63 amended by this act, and the Comptroller shall draw an order on the  
64 Treasurer on or before the fifth business day following the fifteenth day  
65 of December, the fifth business day following the fifteenth day of March  
66 and the fifth business day following the fifteenth day of June and the  
67 Treasurer shall pay the amount thereof to such municipality on or before  
68 the first day of January, the first day of April and the thirtieth day of  
69 June.

70 (b) The transfers from the General Fund to the Mashantucket Pequot  
71 and Mohegan Fund required by subsection (a) of this section and  
72 subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 1 of this act shall not be  
73 reduced except upon (1) submission to the General Assembly by the  
74 Governor of a certification of an emergency requiring such reduction;  
75 and (2) a vote of at least two-thirds of the members of each house of the  
76 General Assembly approving such reduction.

77 Sec. 3. Section 3-55j of the general statutes is repealed and the  
78 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

79 (a) Twenty million dollars of the moneys available in the  
80 Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund established by section 3-55i,  
81 as amended by this act, shall be paid to municipalities eligible for a state  
82 grant in lieu of taxes pursuant to subsection (b) of section 12-18b, as  
83 amended by this act, in addition to the grants payable to such  
84 municipalities pursuant to section 12-18b, as amended by this act,  
85 subject to the provisions of subsection (b) of this section. Such grant shall  
86 be equal to that paid to the municipality pursuant to this subsection for  
87 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. Any eligible special services district  
88 shall receive a portion of the grant payable under this subsection to the  
89 town in which such district is located. The portion payable to any such  
90 district under this subsection shall be the amount of the grant to the  
91 town under this subsection which results from application of the district  
92 mill rate to exempt property in the district. As used in this subsection  
93 and subsection (c) of this section, "eligible special services district"  
94 means any special services district created by a town charter, having its  
95 own governing body and for the assessment year commencing October  
96 1, 1996, containing fifty per cent or more of the value of total taxable  
97 property within the town in which such district is located.

98 (b) No municipality shall receive a grant pursuant to subsection (a)  
99 of this section which, when added to the amount of the grant payable to  
100 such municipality pursuant to subsection (b) of section 12-18b, as  
101 amended by this act, would exceed one hundred per cent of the property  
102 taxes which would have been paid with respect to all state-owned real  
103 property, except for the exemption applicable to such property, on the  
104 assessment list in such municipality for the assessment date two years  
105 prior to the commencement of the state fiscal year in which such grants  
106 are payable, except that, notwithstanding the provisions of said  
107 subsection (a), no municipality shall receive a grant pursuant to said  
108 subsection which is less than one thousand six hundred sixty-seven  
109 dollars.

110 (c) Twenty million one hundred twenty-three thousand nine  
111 hundred sixteen dollars of the moneys available in the Mashantucket  
112 Pequot and Mohegan Fund established by section 3-55i, as amended by

113 this act, shall be paid to municipalities eligible for a state grant in lieu of  
114 taxes pursuant to subsection (b) of section 12-18b, as amended by this  
115 act, in addition to the grants payable to such municipalities pursuant to  
116 section 12-18b, as amended by this act, subject to the provisions of  
117 subsection (d) of this section. Such grant shall be equal to that paid to  
118 the municipality pursuant to this subsection for the fiscal year ending  
119 June 30, 2015. Any eligible special services district shall receive a portion  
120 of the grant payable under this subsection to the town in which such  
121 district is located. The portion payable to any such district under this  
122 subsection shall be the amount of the grant to the town under this  
123 subsection which results from application of the district mill rate to  
124 exempt property in the district.

125 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (c) of this section,  
126 no municipality shall receive a grant pursuant to said subsection which,  
127 when added to the amount of the grant payable to such municipality  
128 pursuant to subsection (b) of section 12-18b, as amended by this act,  
129 would exceed one hundred per cent of the property taxes which, except  
130 for any exemption applicable to any private nonprofit institution of  
131 higher education, nonprofit general hospital facility or freestanding  
132 chronic disease hospital under the provisions of section 12-81, as  
133 amended by this act, would have been paid with respect to such exempt  
134 real property on the assessment list in such municipality for the  
135 assessment date two years prior to the commencement of the state fiscal  
136 year in which such grants are payable.

137 (e) Thirty-five million dollars of the moneys available in the  
138 Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund established by section 3-55i,  
139 as amended by this act, shall be paid to municipalities in accordance  
140 with the provisions of section 7-528, except that for the purposes of  
141 section 7-528, "adjusted equalized net grand list per capita" means the  
142 equalized net grand list divided by the total population of a town, as  
143 defined in subdivision (7) of subsection (a) of section 10-261, multiplied  
144 by the ratio of the per capita income of the town to the per capita income  
145 of the town at the one hundredth percentile among all towns in the state  
146 ranked from lowest to highest in per capita income, and "equalized net

147 grand list" means the net grand list of such town upon which taxes were  
148 levied for the general expenses of such town two years prior to the fiscal  
149 year in which a grant is to be paid, equalized in accordance with section  
150 10-261a.

151 (f) Five million four hundred seventy-five thousand dollars of the  
152 moneys available in the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund  
153 established by section 3-55i, as amended by this act, shall be paid to the  
154 following municipalities in accordance with the provisions of section 7-  
155 528, except that for the purposes of said section 7-528, "adjusted  
156 equalized net grand list per capita" means the equalized net grand list  
157 divided by the total population of a town, as defined in subdivision (7)  
158 of subsection (a) of section 10-261, multiplied by the ratio of the per  
159 capita income of the town to the per capita income of the town at the  
160 one hundredth percentile among all towns in the state ranked from  
161 lowest to highest in per capita income, and "equalized net grand list"  
162 means the net grand list of such town upon which taxes were levied for  
163 the general expenses of such town two years prior to the fiscal year in  
164 which a grant is to be paid, equalized in accordance with section 10-  
165 261a: Bridgeport, Hamden, Hartford, Meriden, New Britain, New  
166 Haven, New London, Norwalk, Norwich, Waterbury and Windham.

167 (g) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) to (f), inclusive,  
168 of this section, and except as provided in subsection (l) of this section,  
169 the total grants paid to the following municipalities from the moneys  
170 available in the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund established  
171 by section 3-55i, as amended by this act, shall be as follows:

T1	Bloomfield	\$ 267,489
T2	Bridgeport	10,506,506
T3	Bristol	1,004,050
T4	Chaplin	141,725
T5	Danbury	1,612,564
T6	Derby	432,162
T7	East Hartford	522,421
T8	East Lyme	488,160

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T9	Groton	2,037,088
T10	Hamden	1,592,270
T11	Manchester	1,014,244
T12	Meriden	1,537,900
T13	Middletown	2,124,960
T14	Milford	676,535
T15	New Britain	3,897,434
T16	New London	2,649,363
T17	North Haven	268,582
T18	Norwalk	1,451,367
T19	Norwich	1,662,147
T20	Preston	461,939
T21	Rocky Hill	477,950
T22	Stamford	1,570,767
T23	Union	38,101
T24	Voluntown	156,902
T25	Waterbury	5,179,655
T26	Wethersfield	371,629
T27	Windham	1,307,974
T28	Windsor Locks	754,833

172 (h) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999, and each fiscal year  
 173 thereafter, if the amount of grant payable to a municipality in  
 174 accordance with this section is increased as the result of an  
 175 appropriation to the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund for such  
 176 fiscal year which exceeds eighty-five million dollars, the portion of the  
 177 grant payable to each eligible service district, in accordance with  
 178 subsections (a) and (c) of this section shall be increased by the same  
 179 proportion as the grant payable to such municipality under this section  
 180 as a result of said increased appropriation.

181 (i) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, to the fiscal year ending  
 182 June 30, 2006, inclusive, the municipalities of Ledyard, Montville,  
 183 Norwich, North Stonington and Preston shall each receive a grant of five  
 184 hundred thousand dollars which shall be paid from the Mashantucket  
 185 Pequot and Mohegan Fund established by section 3-55i, as amended by

186 this act, and which shall be in addition to the grants paid to said  
187 municipalities pursuant to subsections (a) to (g), inclusive, of this  
188 section.

189 (j) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2000, June 30, 2001, and June  
190 30, 2002, the sum of forty-nine million seven hundred fifty thousand  
191 dollars shall be paid to municipalities, and for the fiscal year ending  
192 June 30, 2003, and each fiscal year thereafter, the sum of forty-seven  
193 million five hundred thousand dollars shall be paid to municipalities, in  
194 accordance with this subsection, from the Mashantucket Pequot and  
195 Mohegan Fund established by section 3-55i, as amended by this act. The  
196 grants payable under this subsection shall be used to proportionately  
197 increase the amount of the grants payable to each municipality in  
198 accordance with subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this section and shall  
199 be in addition to the grants payable under subsections (a) to (g),  
200 inclusive, of this section.

201 (k) The amount of the grant payable to each municipality in  
202 accordance with subsection (j) of this section shall be reduced  
203 proportionately in the event that the total of the grants payable to each  
204 municipality pursuant to this section exceeds the amount appropriated  
205 for such grants with respect to such year.

206 (l) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) to (k), inclusive,  
207 of this section, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, and each fiscal  
208 year thereafter, the total annual grants paid to the following  
209 municipalities from the moneys available in the Mashantucket Pequot  
210 and Mohegan Fund established by section 3-55i, as amended by this act,  
211 shall be as follows:

T29	<u>Andover</u>	<u>38,366</u>
T30	<u>Ansonia</u>	<u>518,735</u>
T31	<u>Ashford</u>	<u>56,334</u>
T32	<u>Avon</u>	<u>42,157</u>
T33	<u>Barkhamsted</u>	<u>36,457</u>
T34	<u>Beacon Falls</u>	<u>65,409</u>
T35	<u>Berlin</u>	<u>97,586</u>
T36	<u>Bethany</u>	<u>40,605</u>



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T37	<u>Bethel</u>	99,897
T38	<u>Bethlehem</u>	33,057
T39	<u>Bloomfield</u>	372,983
T40	<u>Bolton</u>	37,216
T41	<u>Bozrah</u>	36,796
T42	<u>Branford</u>	133,076
T43	<u>Bridgeport</u>	14,650,117
T44	<u>Bridgewater</u>	20,139
T45	<u>Bristol</u>	1,400,033
T46	<u>Brookfield</u>	67,478
T47	<u>Brooklyn</u>	498,866
T48	<u>Burlington</u>	51,227
T49	<u>Canaan</u>	22,570
T50	<u>Canterbury</u>	74,283
T51	<u>Canton</u>	51,867
T52	<u>Chaplin</u>	209,219
T53	<u>Cheshire</u>	5,097,406
T54	<u>Chester</u>	36,024
T55	<u>Clinton</u>	75,663
T56	<u>Colchester</u>	124,418
T57	<u>Colebrook</u>	26,729
T58	<u>Columbia</u>	48,715
T59	<u>Cornwall</u>	20,466
T60	<u>Coventry</u>	91,065
T61	<u>Cromwell</u>	91,516
T62	<u>Danbury</u>	2,248,535
T63	<u>Darien</u>	22,796
T64	<u>Deep River</u>	37,233
T65	<u>Derby</u>	602,600
T66	<u>Durham</u>	38,070
T67	<u>Eastford</u>	30,794
T68	<u>East Granby</u>	40,418
T69	<u>East Haddam</u>	64,436
T70	<u>East Hampton</u>	205,334
T71	<u>East Hartford</u>	728,456
T72	<u>East Haven</u>	206,161
T73	<u>East Lyme</u>	723,587
T74	<u>Easton</u>	47,081
T75	<u>East Windsor</u>	79,664
T76	<u>Ellington</u>	102,992
T77	<u>Enfield</u>	3,382,575
T78	<u>Essex</u>	34,333

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T79	<u>Fairfield</u>	691,814
T80	<u>Farmington</u>	73,803
T81	<u>Franklin</u>	28,464
T82	<u>Glastonbury</u>	86,195
T83	<u>Goshen</u>	26,981
T84	<u>Granby</u>	59,255
T85	<u>Greenwich</u>	232,963
T86	<u>Griswold</u>	195,858
T87	<u>Groton</u>	3,036,119
T88	<u>Guilford</u>	64,257
T89	<u>Haddam</u>	47,808
T90	<u>Hamden</u>	2,220,238
T91	<u>Hampton</u>	33,517
T92	<u>Hartford</u>	17,012,247
T93	<u>Hartland</u>	30,435
T94	<u>Harwinton</u>	42,276
T95	<u>Hebron</u>	67,331
T96	<u>Kent</u>	26,274
T97	<u>Killingly</u>	235,490
T98	<u>Killingworth</u>	40,700
T99	<u>Lebanon</u>	68,853
T100	<u>Ledyard</u>	1,505,924
T101	<u>Lisbon</u>	50,010
T102	<u>Litchfield</u>	43,529
T103	<u>Lyme</u>	21,625
T104	<u>Madison</u>	51,675
T105	<u>Manchester</u>	1,414,247
T106	<u>Mansfield</u>	658,506
T107	<u>Marlborough</u>	46,284
T108	<u>Meriden</u>	2,144,425
T109	<u>Middlebury</u>	43,159
T110	<u>Middlefield</u>	37,073
T111	<u>Middletown</u>	2,963,013
T112	<u>Milford</u>	943,350
T113	<u>Monroe</u>	75,374
T114	<u>Montville</u>	1,676,151
T115	<u>Morris</u>	24,521
T116	<u>Naugatuck</u>	462,114
T117	<u>New Britain</u>	5,434,525
T118	<u>New Canaan</u>	21,982
T119	<u>New Fairfield</u>	65,447
T120	<u>New Hartford</u>	56,151

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T121	<u>New Haven</u>	<u>14,403,776</u>
T122	<u>Newington</u>	<u>980,744</u>
T123	<u>New London</u>	<u>3,959,059</u>
T124	<u>New Milford</u>	<u>210,172</u>
T125	<u>Newtown</u>	<u>2,256,828</u>
T126	<u>Norfolk</u>	<u>33,383</u>
T127	<u>North Branford</u>	<u>90,149</u>
T128	<u>North Canaan</u>	<u>46,735</u>
T129	<u>North Haven</u>	<u>374,507</u>
T130	<u>North Stonington</u>	<u>935,691</u>
T131	<u>Norwalk</u>	<u>2,023,765</u>
T132	<u>Norwich</u>	<u>3,863,048</u>
T133	<u>Old Lyme</u>	<u>38,649</u>
T134	<u>Old Saybrook</u>	<u>36,357</u>
T135	<u>Orange</u>	<u>104,569</u>
T136	<u>Oxford</u>	<u>75,321</u>
T137	<u>Plainfield</u>	<u>253,700</u>
T138	<u>Plainville</u>	<u>191,054</u>
T139	<u>Plymouth</u>	<u>162,780</u>
T140	<u>Pomfret</u>	<u>39,806</u>
T141	<u>Portland</u>	<u>57,938</u>
T142	<u>Preston</u>	<u>1,579,151</u>
T143	<u>Prospect</u>	<u>74,850</u>
T144	<u>Putnam</u>	<u>222,266</u>
T145	<u>Redding</u>	<u>29,236</u>
T146	<u>Ridgefield</u>	<u>35,884</u>
T147	<u>Rocky Hill</u>	<u>666,446</u>
T148	<u>Roxbury</u>	<u>19,665</u>
T149	<u>Salem</u>	<u>38,201</u>
T150	<u>Salisbury</u>	<u>21,660</u>
T151	<u>Scotland</u>	<u>37,306</u>
T152	<u>Seymour</u>	<u>161,335</u>
T153	<u>Sharon</u>	<u>20,830</u>
T154	<u>Shelton</u>	<u>175,721</u>
T155	<u>Sherman</u>	<u>21,922</u>
T156	<u>Simsbury</u>	<u>83,580</u>
T157	<u>Somers</u>	<u>3,994,926</u>
T158	<u>Southbury</u>	<u>89,712</u>
T159	<u>Southington</u>	<u>282,109</u>
T160	<u>South Windsor</u>	<u>109,525</u>
T161	<u>Sprague</u>	<u>59,377</u>
T162	<u>Stafford</u>	<u>206,863</u>

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T163	<u>Stamford</u>	<u>2,190,254</u>
T164	<u>Sterling</u>	<u>84,665</u>
T165	<u>Stonington</u>	<u>95,178</u>
T166	<u>Stratford</u>	<u>409,829</u>
T167	<u>Suffield</u>	<u>7,015,494</u>
T168	<u>Thomaston</u>	<u>106,406</u>
T169	<u>Thompson</u>	<u>115,766</u>
T170	<u>Tolland</u>	<u>82,456</u>
T171	<u>Torrington</u>	<u>664,969</u>
T172	<u>Trumbull</u>	<u>123,609</u>
T173	<u>Union</u>	<u>53,127</u>
T174	<u>Vernon</u>	<u>410,003</u>
T175	<u>Voluntown</u>	<u>218,782</u>
T176	<u>Wallingford</u>	<u>346,634</u>
T177	<u>Warren</u>	<u>20,455</u>
T178	<u>Washington</u>	<u>20,805</u>
T179	<u>Waterbury</u>	<u>7,222,435</u>
T180	<u>Waterford</u>	<u>87,622</u>
T181	<u>Watertown</u>	<u>155,820</u>
T182	<u>Westbrook</u>	<u>36,113</u>
T183	<u>West Hartford</u>	<u>1,022,726</u>
T184	<u>West Haven</u>	<u>1,524,994</u>
T185	<u>Weston</u>	<u>23,007</u>
T186	<u>Westport</u>	<u>66,088</u>
T187	<u>Wethersfield</u>	<u>518,194</u>
T188	<u>Willington</u>	<u>60,215</u>
T189	<u>Wilton</u>	<u>28,491</u>
T190	<u>Winchester</u>	<u>170,938</u>
T191	<u>Windham</u>	<u>1,949,760</u>
T192	<u>Windsor</u>	<u>184,924</u>
T193	<u>Windsor Locks</u>	<u>1,052,528</u>
T194	<u>Wolcott</u>	<u>172,581</u>
T195	<u>Woodbridge</u>	<u>36,709</u>
T196	<u>Woodbury</u>	<u>51,195</u>
T197	<u>Woodstock</u>	<u>67,128</u>

212 Sec. 4. Section 3-55l of the general statutes is repealed and the  
 213 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

214 (a) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, the municipalities of  
 215 Ledyard, Montville, Norwich, North Stonington and Preston shall each  
 216 receive a grant of two hundred fifty thousand dollars which shall be

217 paid from the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund established by  
218 section 3-55i, as amended by this act, and which shall be in addition to  
219 the grants paid to said municipalities pursuant to section 3-55j, as  
220 amended by this act.

221 (b) For the fiscal [year] years ending June 30, 2007, [and each fiscal  
222 year thereafter] to June 30, 2023, inclusive, the municipalities of  
223 Ledyard, Montville, Norwich, North Stonington and Preston shall each  
224 receive a grant of seven hundred fifty thousand dollars which shall be  
225 paid from said fund and which shall be in addition to the grants paid to  
226 said municipalities pursuant to section 3-55j, as amended by this act.

227 (c) The grants payable in accordance with this section shall be  
228 determined prior to the determination of grants pursuant to said section  
229 3-55j, as amended by this act, and shall not be reduced proportionately  
230 if the total of the grants payable to each municipality pursuant to said  
231 section exceeds the amount appropriated for grants pursuant to section  
232 3-55i, as amended by this act, with respect to each such year.

233 Sec. 5. Section 3-55m of the general statutes is repealed and the  
234 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

235 For the fiscal [year] years ending June 30, 2008, [and each fiscal year  
236 thereafter] to June 30, 2023, inclusive, one million six hundred thousand  
237 dollars of the appropriation to the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan  
238 Fund, for Grants to Towns, shall be distributed to municipalities that are  
239 members of the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments and  
240 to any distressed municipality that is a member of the Northeastern  
241 Connecticut Council of Governments or the Windham Area Council of  
242 Governments. Said amount shall be distributed proportionately to each  
243 such municipality based on the total amount of payments received by  
244 all such municipalities from said fund in the preceding fiscal year,  
245 determined in accordance with section 3-55j, as amended by this act. The  
246 grants payable in accordance with this section shall be determined prior  
247 to the determination of grants pursuant to said section 3-55j, as amended  
248 by this act, and shall not be reduced proportionately if the total of the  
249 grants payable to each municipality pursuant to said section exceeds the

250 amount appropriated for such grants with respect to such year. The  
251 payments to municipalities authorized by this section shall be made in  
252 accordance with the schedule set forth in section 3-55i, as amended by  
253 this act.

254 Sec. 6. Subparagraph (G) of subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section  
255 12-18b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted  
256 in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

257 (G) [Forty-five] One hundred per cent of the property taxes that  
258 would have been paid with respect to any land designated within the  
259 1983 Settlement boundary and taken into trust by the federal  
260 government for the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation prior to June 8,  
261 1999, or taken into trust by the federal government for the Mohegan  
262 Tribe of Indians of Connecticut, provided the real property subject to  
263 this subparagraph shall be the land only, and shall not include the  
264 assessed value of any structures, buildings or other improvements on  
265 such land; and

266 Sec. 7. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) If the Connecticut Lottery  
267 Corporation is authorized to establish a program to sell lottery tickets  
268 for lottery draw games through the corporation's Internet web site, an  
269 online service or a mobile application pursuant to (1) amendments to  
270 the Mashantucket Pequot procedures and to the Mashantucket Pequot  
271 memorandum of understanding with the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe  
272 and amendments to the Mohegan compact and to the Mohegan  
273 memorandum of understanding with the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of  
274 Connecticut, or new compacts with the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe or  
275 the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut, or both, and (2) any  
276 provision of the general statutes or a public or special act, the  
277 corporation shall establish a fund into which all revenue from such  
278 program shall be deposited, from which all payments and expenses of  
279 the corporation for such program shall be paid and from which transfers  
280 to the debt-free community college account, established in section 8 of  
281 this act, shall be made pursuant to subsection (d) of section 12-812 of the  
282 general statutes, as amended by this act.

283       Sec. 8. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) There is established an account  
284 to be known as the "debt-free community college account" which shall  
285 be a separate, nonlapsing account within the General Fund. The account  
286 shall contain any moneys required by law to be deposited in the account,  
287 including, but not limited to, deposits from the Connecticut Lottery  
288 Corporation in accordance with subsection (d) of section 12-812 of the  
289 general statutes, as amended by this act. Moneys in the account shall be  
290 expended by the Board of Regents for Higher Education for the  
291 purposes of the debt-free community college program established  
292 pursuant to section 10a-174 of the general statutes.

293       (b) Not later than thirty days after the initial offering of lottery tickets  
294 for lottery draw games through the Connecticut Lottery Corporation's  
295 Internet web site, online service or mobile application, and on January  
296 first annually thereafter, the president of said corporation shall estimate  
297 and report to the Board of Regents for Higher Education the anticipated  
298 amount of the deposit required pursuant to subsection (d) of section 12-  
299 812 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or the anticipated net  
300 revenue from such online offering during the current and next fiscal  
301 year.

302       Sec. 9. Section 12-801 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
303 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

304       As used in section 12-563a and sections 12-800 to 12-818, inclusive, as  
305 amended by this act, and section 7 of this act, the following terms [shall]  
306 have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates another  
307 meaning:

308       (1) "Board" or "board of directors" means the board of directors of the  
309 corporation;

310       (2) "Corporation" means the Connecticut Lottery Corporation as  
311 created under section 12-802;

312       (3) "Division" means the former Division of Special Revenue in the  
313 Department of Revenue Services;

314 (4) "Lottery" means (A) the Connecticut state lottery conducted prior  
315 to the transfer authorized under section 12-808 by the Division of Special  
316 Revenue, (B) after such transfer, the Connecticut state lottery conducted  
317 by the corporation pursuant to sections 12-563a and 12-800 to 12-818,  
318 inclusive, as amended by this act, and section 7 of this act, (C) the state  
319 lottery referred to in subsection (a) of section 53-278g, and (D) keno  
320 conducted by the corporation pursuant to section 12-806c;

321 (5) "Keno" means a lottery game in which a subset of numbers are  
322 drawn from a larger field of numbers by a central computer system  
323 using an approved random number generator, wheel system device or  
324 other drawing device. "Keno" does not include a game operated on a  
325 video facsimile machine;

326 (6) "Lottery fund" means a fund or funds established by, and under  
327 the management and control of, the corporation, into which all lottery  
328 revenues of the corporation are deposited, from which all payments and  
329 expenses of the corporation are paid and from which transfers to the  
330 General Fund or the Connecticut Teachers' Retirement Fund Bonds  
331 Special Capital Reserve Fund, established in section 10-183vv, are made  
332 pursuant to section 12-812, as amended by this act, but "lottery fund"  
333 does not include a fund established under section 7 of this act; and

334 (7) "Operating revenue" means total revenue received from lottery  
335 sales less all cancelled sales and amounts paid as prizes but before  
336 payment or provision for payment of any other expenses.

337 Sec. 10. Section 12-812 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
338 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

339 (a) The president of the corporation, subject to the direction of the  
340 board, shall conduct daily, weekly, multistate, special instant or other  
341 lottery games and shall determine the number of times a lottery shall be  
342 held each year, the form and price of the tickets and the aggregate  
343 amount of prizes, which shall not be less than forty-five per cent of the  
344 sales unless required by the terms of any agreement entered into for the  
345 conduct of multistate lottery games. The proceeds of the sale of tickets



346 shall be deposited in the lottery fund of the corporation from which  
347 prizes shall be paid, upon vouchers signed by the president, or by either  
348 of two persons designated and authorized by him, in such numbers and  
349 amounts as the president determines. The corporation may limit its  
350 liability in games with fixed payouts and may cause a cessation of sales  
351 of tickets of certain designation when such liability limit has been  
352 reached.

353 (b) The president, subject to the direction of the board, may enter into  
354 agreements for the sale of product advertising on lottery tickets, play  
355 slips and other lottery media.

356 (c) On a weekly basis, the president shall estimate, and certify to the  
357 State Treasurer, that portion of the balance in the lottery fund which  
358 exceeds the current needs of the corporation for the payment of prizes,  
359 the payment of current operating expenses and funding of approved  
360 reserves of the corporation. The corporation shall transfer the amount  
361 so certified from the lottery fund of the corporation to the General Fund  
362 upon notification of receipt of such certification by the Treasurer, except  
363 that if the amount on deposit in the Connecticut Teachers' Retirement  
364 Fund Bonds Special Capital Reserve Fund, established in section 10-  
365 183vv, is less than the required minimum capital reserve, as defined in  
366 subsection (b) of said section, the corporation shall pay such amount so  
367 certified to the trustee of the fund for deposit in the fund. If the  
368 corporation transfers any moneys to the General Fund at any time when  
369 the amount on deposit in said capital reserve fund is less than the  
370 required minimum capital reserve, the amount of such transfer shall be  
371 deemed appropriated from the General Fund to the Connecticut  
372 Teachers' Retirement Fund Bonds Special Capital Reserve Fund.

373 (d) On a weekly basis, the president shall estimate, and certify to the  
374 State Treasurer, that portion of the balance in the fund established  
375 pursuant to section 7 of this act which exceeds the current needs of the  
376 corporation for the payment of prizes, the payment of current operating  
377 expenses and funding of approved reserves of the corporation for the  
378 online lottery program described in section 7 of this act. The corporation

379 shall transfer the amount so certified to the debt-free community college  
380 account established pursuant to section 8 of this act upon notification of  
381 receipt of such certification by the State Treasurer.

382 Sec. 11. Section 12-818 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
383 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

384 [For each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2010, and June 30, 2011,  
385 the Connecticut Lottery Corporation shall transfer one million nine  
386 hundred thousand dollars of the revenue received from the sale of  
387 lottery tickets to the chronic gamblers treatment rehabilitation account  
388 created pursuant to section 17a-713. For the fiscal years ending June 30,  
389 2012, to June 30, 2013, inclusive, the Connecticut Lottery Corporation  
390 shall transfer one million nine hundred thousand dollars of the revenue  
391 received from the sale of lottery tickets to the chronic gamblers  
392 treatment rehabilitation account created pursuant to section 17a-713.]  
393 For the fiscal [year] years ending June 30, 2014, [and each fiscal year  
394 thereafter,] to June 30, 2021, inclusive, the Connecticut Lottery  
395 Corporation shall transfer two million three hundred thousand dollars  
396 of the revenue received from the sale of lottery tickets to the chronic  
397 gamblers treatment rehabilitation account created pursuant to section  
398 17a-713. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, and each fiscal year  
399 thereafter, the Connecticut Lottery Corporation shall transfer four  
400 million six hundred thousand dollars of the revenue received from the  
401 sale of lottery tickets to the chronic gamblers treatment rehabilitation  
402 account created pursuant to section 17a-713.

403 Sec. 12. Subsection (a) of section 30-91 of the general statutes is  
404 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
405 *passage*):

406 (a) The sale or the dispensing or consumption or the presence in  
407 glasses or other receptacles suitable to permit the consumption of  
408 alcoholic liquor by an individual in places operating under hotel  
409 permits, restaurant permits, cafe permits, Connecticut craft cafe permits,  
410 restaurant permits for catering establishments, bowling establishment  
411 permits, racquetball facility permits, club permits, coliseum permits,

412 coliseum concession permits, special sporting facility restaurant  
413 permits, special sporting facility employee recreational permits, special  
414 sporting facility guest permits, special sporting facility concession  
415 permits, special sporting facility bar permits, golf country club permits,  
416 nonprofit public museum permits, university permits, airport  
417 restaurant permits, airport bar permits, airport airline club permits,  
418 tavern permits, manufacturer permits for beer, casino permits, caterer  
419 liquor permits and charitable organization permits shall be unlawful on:  
420 (1) Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday between the  
421 hours of one o'clock a.m. and nine o'clock a.m.; (2) Saturday between the  
422 hours of two o'clock a.m. and nine o'clock a.m.; (3) Sunday between the  
423 hours of two o'clock a.m. and ten o'clock a.m.; (4) Christmas, except [(A)]  
424 for alcoholic liquor that is served where food is also available during the  
425 hours otherwise permitted by this section for the day on which  
426 Christmas falls; [, and (B) by casino permittees at casinos, as defined in  
427 section 30-37k;] and (5) January first between the hours of three o'clock  
428 a.m. and nine o'clock a.m., except that on any Sunday that is January  
429 first the prohibitions of this section shall be between the hours of three  
430 o'clock a.m. and ten o'clock a.m.

431 Sec. 13. Subsection (l) of section 30-91 of the general statutes is  
432 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
433 *passage*):

434 (l) Notwithstanding any provision of subsection (a) of this section, it  
435 shall be lawful for casino permittees at casinos, as defined in section 30-  
436 37k, to (1) allow the sale or dispensing of alcohol to, or consumption or  
437 presence in glasses or other receptacles suitable to permit the  
438 consumption of alcoholic liquor by, an individual who is staying at a  
439 hotel in the casino or a hotel or campground affiliated with the casino  
440 and accessible by a shuttle service, except such alcoholic liquor shall not  
441 be served to a patron of such casino on (A) Monday, Tuesday,  
442 Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday between the hours of four  
443 o'clock a.m. and nine o'clock a.m.; and (B) Sunday between the hours of  
444 four o'clock a.m. and ten o'clock a.m.; and (2) allow the presence of  
445 alcoholic liquor in glasses or other receptacles suitable to permit the

446 consumption thereof by an individual at any time on its gaming facility,  
447 as defined in subsection (a) of section 30-37k, [ provided such alcoholic  
448 liquor shall not be served to a patron of such casino during the hours  
449 specified in subsection (a) of this section.] Each casino permittee shall  
450 maintain, in writing, an alcohol service policy that provides for the safe  
451 sale and dispensing of alcohol pursuant to the casino permit. Each  
452 casino permittee shall review such policy at least once each year. For  
453 purposes of this section, "receptacles suitable to permit the consumption  
454 of alcoholic liquor" [shall] does not include bottles of distilled spirits or  
455 bottles of wine.

456 Sec. 14. Section 10-395b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
457 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

458 There is established a fund to be known as the ["Tourism Fund"]  
459 "Arts, Culture and Tourism Fund" which shall be a separate, nonlapsing  
460 fund. The fund shall contain any moneys required by law to be  
461 deposited in the fund.

462 Sec. 15. Subparagraph (K) of subdivision (1) of section 12-408 of the  
463 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
464 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

465 (K) (i) For calendar quarters ending on or after September 30, 2019,  
466 the commissioner shall deposit into the regional planning incentive  
467 account, established pursuant to section 4-66k, six and seven-tenths per  
468 cent of the amounts received by the state from the tax imposed under  
469 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision and ten and seven-tenths per cent  
470 of the amounts received by the state from the tax imposed under  
471 subparagraph (G) of this subdivision;

472 (ii) For calendar quarters ending on or after September 30, 2018, the  
473 commissioner shall deposit into the Arts, Culture and Tourism Fund  
474 established under section 10-395b, as amended by this act, ten per cent  
475 of the amounts received by the state from the tax imposed under  
476 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision;

477 Sec. 16. Subparagraph (J) of subdivision (1) of section 12-411 of the  
 478 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
 479 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

480 (J) (i) For calendar quarters ending on or after September 30, 2019, the  
 481 commissioner shall deposit into the regional planning incentive  
 482 account, established pursuant to section 4-66k, six and seven-tenths per  
 483 cent of the amounts received by the state from the tax imposed under  
 484 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision and ten and seven-tenths per cent  
 485 of the amounts received by the state from the tax imposed under  
 486 subparagraph (G) of this subdivision;

487 (ii) For calendar quarters ending on or after September 30, 2018, the  
 488 commissioner shall deposit into the Arts, Culture and Tourism Fund  
 489 established under section 10-395b, as amended by this act, ten per cent  
 490 of the amounts received by the state from the tax imposed under  
 491 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision;

492 Sec. 17. Sections 12-565a and 12-578j of the general statutes are  
 493 repealed. (*Effective from passage*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	3-55i
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	3-55j
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	3-55l
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	3-55m
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	12-18b(b)(1)(G)
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	12-801
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	12-812
Sec. 11	<i>from passage</i>	12-818
Sec. 12	<i>from passage</i>	30-91(a)
Sec. 13	<i>from passage</i>	30-91(l)
Sec. 14	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10-395b
Sec. 15	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	12-408(1)(K)

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Sec. 16	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	12-411(1)(J)
Sec. 17	<i>from passage</i>	Repealer section

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

In Section 3(g), "and except as provided in subsection (l) of this section," was added for clarity and consistency with the provisions of Subsec. (l), in Section 9, the exclusion from the definition of "lottery fund" was rewritten for clarity, and in Section 12, the exception was deleted for consistency with standard drafting conventions.

**PS**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 22 \$	FY 23 \$
Mental Health & Addiction Serv., Dept.	Chronic Gamblers Fund - Revenue Gain	2.3 million	2.3 million
Resources of the General Fund	GF - See Below	See Below	See Below
Department of Economic & Community Development	Tourism Fund - Potential Revenue Gain	See Below	See Below
Department of Economic & Community Development	GF- Statewide Tourism Marketing Account - Potential Revenue Gain	See Below	See Below
Board of Regents for Higher Education	GF - Potential Revenue Gain	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:**

Municipalities	Effect	FY 22 \$	FY 23 \$
Various Municipalities	See Below	See Below	See Below

**Explanation**

The bill, which makes various changes regarding gaming-related funding should sports wagering, online casino gaming, and online lottery draw games become legalized, results in the following fiscal impacts:

**Section 1** requires funds received from authorized sports wagering and online casino gaming operators to be deposited in the General

Fund. Beginning in FY 24 the bill earmarks those funds for the statewide tourism marketing account, the Arts, Culture and Tourism Fund, and the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund. This results in a potential revenue gain to the General Fund, a potential revenue gain of \$20 million to the statewide tourism marketing account beginning in FY 24, and a potential revenue gain of \$10 million to the Arts, Culture, and Tourism Fund beginning in FY 24.

**Sections 2 to 5** require, beginning in FY 24, a General Fund transfer to the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund of \$139.4 million and specifies the distribution of that funding. This reduces the revenue available in the General Fund by \$88.4 million annually beginning in FY 24, and results in a corresponding revenue gain to municipalities.

**Section 6** increases the cost to fully fund the State Property PILOT by up to \$4 million beginning in FY 23. The impact in future years would vary based on changes to municipal grand lists in the towns of Ledyard and Montville. This correspondingly results in a potential revenue gain to the towns of Ledyard and Montville that will vary based on funding levels for the State Property PILOT. Under current law, OPM may reduce payments in years that appropriations are insufficient to fully fund the grant.

**Sections 7 and 8** result in a potential General Fund revenue gain to the Board of Regents. The amount of the potential revenue gain will be equal to the revenues from the online lottery program (less program expenses), if it is authorized. **Section 7** requires the Connecticut Lottery Corporation (CLC) to establish a fund to receive all online lottery revenues, if an online lottery program is authorized. This potential fund would be used to pay all online lottery expenses and to defray the costs of the existing debt-free community college program, which provides grants to eligible students. A dedicated, nonlapsing debt-free community college account within the General Fund is established by **Section 8** of the bill to receive the funds from the CLC online lottery account, if created. Account funds must be expended by the Board of Regents for the debt-free community college program, which is



anticipated to cost the Board of Regents approximately \$13.9 million in FY 22 and \$15 million in FY 23, if program enrollment is uncapped.

**Section 11** increases the amount of CLC revenue to be deposited in the chronic gamblers treatment rehabilitation account. This results in a General Fund revenue loss of \$2.3 million, and a commensurate revenue gain to the chronic gamblers treatment rehabilitation account, annually beginning in FY 22.

**Sections 12 and 13** expand allowable hours of alcohol sales at casinos, which results in an estimated General Fund revenue gain of up to \$2 million on an annualized basis from additional slot revenues.

***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impacts identified above would continue into the future.

**OLR Bill Analysis****sSB 146*****AN ACT CONCERNING REVENUE FROM GAMING ACTIVITIES, GRANTS IN LIEU OF TAXES FOR TRIBAL LANDS AND SALE OF ALCOHOL BY CASINO PERMITTEES.*****SUMMARY**

This bill makes several changes related to existing and prospective gaming in Connecticut. Principally, it expands (1) grants to municipalities from the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund and (2) funding for the state's debt-free community college program. These expansions are contingent on the legalization of and revenue generated from, respectively, (1) sports wagering and online casino gaming outside of Indian lands and (2) online lottery draw games. The bill itself does not legalize those games but conditions its revenue provisions on certain executive actions and other legislation taking effect.

Additionally, the bill increases the payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) reimbursement rate for certain tribal land, increases the amount of money in the chronic gamblers treatment rehabilitation account, and expands the hours of casino alcohol sales. It also makes other minor, technical, and conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2021, except the repealer section and provisions on the chronic gamblers treatment rehabilitation account and hours of casino alcohol sales are effective upon passage.

**§§ 1-5 & 14-16 — MUNICIPAL GRANTS AND TOURISM FUNDING**

The bill makes several changes to existing state accounts, including renaming the Tourism Fund as the Arts, Culture and Tourism Fund. It also prospectively allocates funds received from sports wagering or online casino gaming outside of tribal lands if they are authorized in certain ways. Specifically, they must be authorized by (1) amendments

to the existing Mashantucket Pequot procedures, Mohegan compact, and related memorandums of understanding (MOUs) with each tribe; new compacts with the tribes; or both; and (2) the general statutes or a public or special act.

The bill requires funds received from authorized sports wagering and online casino gaming operators to be deposited in the General Fund. Then, beginning FY 24 and each fiscal year after, transfers must be made annually from those deposited funds as follows:

1. \$20 million to the statewide tourism marketing account;
2. \$10 million to the Arts, Culture and Tourism fund; and
3. a variable amount to the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund.

Under current law, the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund receives transfers from the General Fund each fiscal year, based on deposits from tribal casino video facsimile revenue that the state receives pursuant to MOUs with each tribe. The transfers must equal the amount appropriated for specific grants to municipalities. Money from the fund must then be distributed to municipalities according to various statutory formulas or amounts and grant criteria.

The bill sunsets the current transfer and distribution methodologies associated with the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund as of June 30, 2023. Beginning FY 24 and each of the following fiscal years, the bill requires that \$139.38 million be transferred from the General Fund to the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund based on the revenues from (1) sports wagering and online casino gaming and (2) tribal casino video facsimiles. Under the bill, this transfer amount may only be reduced by (1) an emergency certification from the governor requiring a reduction and (2) a vote of at least two-thirds of each General Assembly chamber approving the reduction.

Also beginning FY 24 and each fiscal year after, the bill allocates a total of \$139.38 million to municipalities and specifies the grant amounts

payable to each one. Under existing law and unchanged by the bill, the Office of Policy and Management must distribute the funds according to those specified amounts, reducing them proportionally if the grant total exceeds the amount of funds available for a year. By law, the amounts are paid in three installments on or before January 1, April 1, and June 30.

### **§ 6 — TRIBAL LANDS PILOT**

The bill increases the statutory PILOT reimbursement rate, from 45% to 100%, of the property taxes that would have been paid for (1) Mashantucket Pequot reservation land designated within the 1983 settlement boundary and taken into trust by the federal government before June 8, 1999, and (2) Mohegan reservation land taken into trust by the federal government. By law, the assessed value must be of the land only and exclude any structures, buildings, or other improvements on the land.

### **§§ 7-10 — DEBT-FREE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

The 2019 state budget implementer established a debt-free community college program for certain Connecticut high school graduates who enroll as first-time, full-time regional community-technical college students (PA 19-117, § 362). The bill establishes a “debt-free community college account” as a separate, nonlapsing account within the General Fund.

Relatedly, the bill prospectively directs funds received from an online lottery program the Connecticut Lottery Corporation (CLC) establishes if it is authorized by (1) amendments to the existing Mashantucket Pequot procedures, Mohegan compact, and related MOUs with each tribe; new compacts with the tribes; or both; and (2) the general statutes or a public or special act. The bill contemplates that under the program, CLC would sell lottery tickets for lottery draw games through CLC’s website, an online service, or a mobile application.

Under the bill, all revenue from the online lottery program must be deposited into a fund CLC must establish to specifically collect that revenue, separate from all other CLC revenues. The bill requires the

CLC president, on a weekly basis, to estimate and certify to the state treasurer the portion of the balance in this fund that exceeds CLC's current needs for paying prizes and current operating expenses and funding approved CLC reserves. Under the bill, CLC must transfer the certified amount to the debt-free community college account after being notified that the state treasurer received the certification.

The bill requires the Board of Regents for Higher Education (BOR) to spend the money in the debt-free community college account on the debt-free community college program. Additionally, within 30 days after the online lottery program starts, and on each January 1 thereafter, the CLC president must estimate and report to BOR the anticipated amount to be deposited in the account or the anticipated net revenue during the current and next fiscal year.

#### **§ 11 — CHRONIC GAMBLERS TREATMENT REHABILITATION ACCOUNT**

Beginning FY 22 and each fiscal year after, the bill doubles, from \$2.3 million to \$4.6 million, the amount that CLC must transfer to the chronic gamblers treatment rehabilitation account from revenue it received from selling lottery tickets. By law, the account supports prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation services for chronic gamblers (CGS § 17a-713).

#### **§§ 12 & 13 — CASINO ALCOHOL SALES**

The bill prohibits casino permittees from selling alcoholic liquor on Christmas unless food is also available at the same time. It also allows them to sell alcohol until 4:00 a.m. during weekdays and weekends, instead of 1:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m. respectively under current law, if they are selling to a customer who is staying on casino property.

Additionally, the bill requires casino permittees to maintain a written alcohol service policy that provides for the safe sale and dispensing of alcohol under its permit. Under the bill, each casino permittee must review its policy at least once each year.

#### **§ 17 — REPEALER**

The bill repeals provisions requiring (1) the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) to adopt regulations to regulate wagering on sporting events to the extent permitted by state and federal law (CGS § 12-565a) and (2) MMCT Venture, LLC to provide a \$30 million interest-free advance to the state by June 30, 2019 (CGS § 12-578j). (MMCT is a company jointly owned and operated by the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan tribes and authorized to operate an off-reservation commercial casino in East Windsor.) To date, DCP has not adopted the regulations and MMCT has not submitted the advance.

## **BACKGROUND**

### ***Related Bills***

sHB 6451, reported favorably by the Public Safety and Security Committee, among other things, establishes or modifies current frameworks for legalizing and regulating (1) online sports wagering; (2) retail sports wagering (i.e., wagering while physically present at a facility); (3) online casino gaming; (4) online keno; (5) online lottery draw games other than keno; and (6) fantasy contests.

sSB 570, reported favorably by the Public Safety and Security Committee, contains many of the same provisions in this bill, sSB 146, and sHB 6451 but also (1) authorizes a request for proposals to establish a casino gaming facility in Bridgeport; (2) requires that online casino gaming or sports wagering equipment must be in a facility located in Bridgeport; and (3) prevents the tribes from using a third-party vendor to operate their skins for online sports wagering and casino gaming unless the legislature approves the contract.

sHB 6512, reported favorably by the Public Safety and Security Committee, regulates sports wagering contingent upon it becoming legal in the state. The bill includes provisions that restrict who is permitted to wager on sports and place a number of requirements on sports wagering operators.

## **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 21    Nay 3    (03/24/2021)