

REGIONALIZATION COMMISSION

[PA 19-117](#) (§§ 365 & 366)

<p>Appointments and Members</p>	<p><u>33 members</u></p> <p>Office of Policy and Management (OPM) secretary (or designee)</p> <p>Cochairpersons and ranking members of the Planning and Development and Finance, Revenue and Bonding committees (or designees)</p> <p>Connecticut Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (ACIR) members (or designees):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OPM secretary • Senate president pro tempore and minority leader • House speaker and minority leader • State Department of Education commissioner • Department of Energy and Environmental Protection commissioner • Department of Economic and Community Development commissioner • 17 additional appointed members with relevant experience (PA 19-193, § 3, modified ACIR's membership)
<p>Duties</p>	<p>Must study ways to encourage greater and improved collaboration among the state and municipal governments and regional bodies</p> <p>Any initiative that the task force recommends must be optional for municipalities</p>
<p>Study and Report</p>	<p>By February 5, 2020, must report its findings and recommendations for legislation to the Planning and Development and Finance, Revenue and Bonding committees</p> <p>At a minimum, the study must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an examination of the functions, activities, or services that municipalities currently perform individually but that OPM might perform more efficiently on behalf of those willing to opt in • an examination of the functions, activities or services currently performed by the

	<p>state or municipalities that may be provided in a more efficient, high-quality, cost-effective, or responsive manner by regional councils of governments (COGs), regional educational service centers (RESCs), or other similar regional bodies that are responsive to residents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cost savings of government services, including joint purchasing, for municipalities and their respective local or regional school districts • cost savings through the sharing of government services, including joint purchasing, among municipalities • standardization and alignment of various state regions • analyses of any other initiatives that may facilitate service delivery in a more efficient, high-quality, cost-effective, or responsive manner • any recommendation for dividing the revenue in the regional planning incentive account's regionalization subaccount (described below) between the OPM, COGs, RESCs, or similar regional bodies for purposes of regionalizing services
Administrative Staff	<p>Finance Committee administrative staff serves as the commission's administrative staff</p> <p>OPM must provide additional support as necessary</p>
End Date	<p>Terminates when it submits its report or on February 5, 2020, whichever is later</p>
Miscellaneous	<p>Beginning July 1, 2020, OPM secretary must begin offering regional functions, activities, or services as recommended by the task force</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OPM secretary must establish requirements for the (1) procedures and guidelines for performing regional functions, activities, or services; (2) grant amounts; and (3) deadlines for submitting applications and selecting grant recipients • She may establish fees to charge municipalities that opt to participate in any regional functions, activities, or services that the agency performs on behalf of municipalities • Any COG, RESC, or other body offering regional functions, activities, or services, may also establish fees <p>PA 19-117, § 365, establishes a regionalization subaccount in the General Fund's regional planning incentive account and requires the subaccount's funds to be spent exclusively on recommendations from the regionalization task force</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • subaccount is funded by revenue that the Connecticut Lottery Corporation (CLC) makes by offering its existing lottery draw games online, in excess of the amount equal to the debt-free college program (PA 19-117, § 362) • If CLC does not offer an Internet lottery program, the governor must propose adjustments to the FY 20- 21 budget to provide at least \$1 million to support

	regionalism initiatives recommended by the task force, including any revenue source or reduction in spending equal to the costs of the program and initiatives
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