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Referred to Committee on AGING

Introduced by:  
(AGE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND  
DISABILITY SERVICES' RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING  
MUNICIPAL AGENTS FOR AGING.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 7-127b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) The chief elected official or the chief executive officer if by  
4 ordinance of each municipality shall appoint a municipal agent for  
5 [elderly persons] aging. Such agent (1) shall be a (A) staff member of a  
6 senior center, [a] (B) member of an agency that serves [elderly persons]  
7 older adults in the municipality, or [a] (C) responsible resident of the  
8 municipality who has demonstrated an interest in assisting [elderly  
9 persons] older adults or has been involved in programs in the field of  
10 aging, and (2) shall not have a conflict of interest or a perceived conflict  
11 of interest that may interfere with the municipal agent's ability to  
12 provide unbiased information, assistance or referral services. Two or  
13 more municipalities may jointly appoint one or more municipal agents  
14 to carry out the duties and responsibilities of a municipal agent

15 provided such municipalities enter into a memorandum of agreement  
16 or understanding for such purpose, which may include, but need not be  
17 limited to, terms concerning the sharing of any expenses relating to the  
18 municipal agent or agents.

19 (b) The duties of the municipal agent shall include, but need not be  
20 limited to: (1) Disseminating information to [elderly persons] older  
21 adults, assisting such persons in learning about the community  
22 resources available to them and publicizing such resources and benefits;  
23 (2) assisting [elderly persons] older adults in applying for federal and  
24 state benefits, and accessing community resources, available to such  
25 persons; and (3) reporting to the chief elected official or chief executive  
26 officer of the municipality and the Department of Aging and Disability  
27 Services any needs and problems of [the elderly] older adults and any  
28 recommendations for action to improve services to [the elderly] older  
29 adults. For the purposes of this subsection, "community resources"  
30 means resources that assist [elderly persons] older adults in gaining  
31 access to housing opportunities, including, but not limited to,  
32 information regarding access to waitlists for housing designated for  
33 [elderly persons] older adults, applications and consumer reports.

34 (c) Each municipal agent shall serve for a term of two or four years,  
35 at the discretion of the appointing authority of each municipality, and  
36 may be reappointed. If more than one agent is necessary to carry out the  
37 purposes of this section, the appointing authority, in its discretion, may  
38 appoint one or more assistant agents. The town clerk in each  
39 municipality shall notify the Department of Aging and Disability  
40 Services immediately of the appointment of a new municipal agent.  
41 Each municipality may provide to its municipal agent resources  
42 sufficient for such agent to perform the duties of the office.

43 (d) The Department of Aging and Disability Services shall adopt and  
44 disseminate to municipalities guidelines as to the role and duties of  
45 municipal agents and such informational and technical materials as may  
46 assist such agents in performance of their duties. The department, in

47 cooperation with the area agencies on aging, may provide training for  
48 municipal agents within the available resources of the department and  
49 of the area agencies on aging.

50 (e) On or before January 1, 2025, the Commissioner of Aging and  
51 Disability Services shall create a directory of municipal agents  
52 appointed pursuant to the provisions of this section, which shall  
53 include, but need not be limited to, the name, title, telephone number,  
54 electronic mail address and mailing address of each municipal agent.  
55 The commissioner shall post a link to the directory on the Department  
56 of Aging and Disability Services' Internet web site.

57 (f) On and after July 1, 2026, each municipal agent, at the time of such  
58 municipal agent's appointment or reappointment shall certify in writing  
59 that such municipal agent is unaware of any conflict of interest or  
60 perceived conflict of interest that may interfere with the municipal  
61 agent's ability to provide unbiased information, assistance or referral  
62 services and submit such certification to the Commissioner of Aging and  
63 Disability Services in a form and manner prescribed by the  
64 commissioner. If, during the term of a municipal agent, such a conflict  
65 of interest or perceived conflict of interest arises, any interested party  
66 may, and a municipal agent shall, immediately report such conflict of  
67 interest or perceived conflict of interest to the appointing authority to  
68 determine whether another municipal agent or municipal employee can  
69 act in lieu of the affected municipal agent to nullify such conflict of  
70 interest or perceived conflict of interest. The appointing authority may  
71 consult with the Department of Aging and Disability Services in making  
72 such determination. For the purposes of this subsection, the term  
73 "conflict of interest" includes, but need not be limited to, the receipt of  
74 any financial or personal benefit by a municipal agent, such agent's  
75 spouse, parent, sibling, child or child's spouse or a business associated  
76 with such agent.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	7-127b

**Statement of Purpose:**

To (1) require municipal agents to (A) be free of any conflict of interest or perceived conflict of interest, (B) certify in writing the absence of any such conflict, and (C) inform the appointing authority of the existence of any such conflict if one arises, and (2) allow municipalities to jointly appoint municipal agents.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*