



Senate, June 1, 1971. The Committee on Government Administration & Policy reported through Senator Sullivan of the 16th District, Chairman of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE POWERS AND JURISDICTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 8-227 of the 1969  
2 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and  
3 the following is substituted in lieu thereof: The  
4 commissioner of community affairs [may make] SHALL  
5 ADOPT and enforce regulations IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
6 THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 4-41 TO 4-50 INCLUSIVE  
7 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES AS AMENDED to effectuate  
8 the purposes of this chapter and sections 8-44a,  
9 8-154f and 19-347i [and] to determine the  
10 allocation of the state financial assistance  
11 authorized in this chapter and said sections among  
12 the municipalities of the state on the basis of  
13 their respective needs, AND TO ESTABLISH  
14 PROCEDURES FOR THE APPLICATION FOR SUCH  
15 ASSISTANCE. WHENEVER THE STATUTES MAKE APPROVAL  
16 OF ASSISTANCE DEPENDENT UPON THE DISCRETION OF THE  
17 COMMISSIONER, HE SHALL SET FORTH BY REGULATIONS  
18 THE STANDARDS HE WILL REQUIRE FOR APPROVAL.

19 Sec. 2. Section 8-198 of the said supplement  
20 is repealed and the following is substituted in  
21 lieu thereof: The commissioner of community  
22 affairs [is authorized to] SHALL make and enforce

23 reasonable regulations IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
24 PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 4-41 TO 4-50 INCLUSIVE OF  
25 THE GENERAL STATUTES AS AMENDED to carry out the  
26 provisions of this chapter.

27 Sec. 3. Section 8-207 of the said supplement  
28 is amended by adding subsection (e) as follows:  
29 THE COMMISSIONER OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS SHALL ADOPT  
30 AND PUBLISH REGULATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
31 PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 4-41 TO 4-50 INCLUSIVE OF  
32 THE GENERAL STATUTES AS AMENDED, ESTABLISHING THE  
33 REQUIREMENTS FOR A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTION  
34 PLAN, THE PROCEDURES OF THE DEPARTMENT IN  
35 CONNECTION THEREWITH, THE STANDARDS USED IN  
36 REVIEWING SUCH PLANS FOR APPROVAL OR REJECTION.  
37 SUCH REGULATIONS SHALL SPECIFY AT WHAT STAGE IN  
38 SUCH PLANS FUNDS WILL BE ALLOCATED TO  
39 MUNICIPALITIES FOR PROJECTS WHICH REQUIRE THE  
40 COMMISSIONER'S APPROVAL. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL  
41 NOT ESTABLISH ANY PRIORITY AMONG MUNICIPAL  
42 PROGRAMS OR PROJECTS BY SUCH REGULATIONS.

43 Sec. 4. Section 8-114a of said supplement is  
44 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
45 thereof: Upon preliminary approval by the state  
46 bond commission pursuant to the provisions of  
47 section 3-21, the state, acting by and through the  
48 commissioner of community affairs, may enter into  
49 a contract or contracts with an authority for  
50 state financial assistance for a rental housing  
51 project or projects for elderly persons in the  
52 form of capital grants for application to the  
53 development cost thereof [,provided the  
54 municipality in which such authority is located  
55 shall have prepared a community development action  
56 plan or submitted a program for the preparation of  
57 a community development action plan, in accordance  
58 with the provisions of section 8-207]. Such  
59 capital grants shall be in an amount not in excess  
60 of the development cost of the project or  
61 projects, including administrative or other cost  
62 or expense to be incurred by the state in  
63 connection therewith, as approved by said  
64 commissioner. In anticipation of final payment of  
65 such capital grants, the state, acting by and  
66 through said commissioner and in accordance with  
67 such contract, may make temporary advances to the  
68 authority for preliminary planning expense or  
69 other development cost of such project or  
70 projects.

71           Sec. 5. Subsection (b) of section 8-207 of  
72 said supplement is repealed and the following is  
73 substituted in lieu thereof: In order for any  
74 municipality, or agency thereof, or any housing  
75 authority, community housing development  
76 corporation or human resource development agency  
77 in any municipality, to receive state financial  
78 assistance from the commissioner the municipality  
79 shall prepare a community development action plan  
80 PROVIDED, NO SUCH PLAN SHALL BE REQUIRED FOR THE  
81 RECEIPT OF A GRANT PURSUANT TO PART VI OF CHAPTER  
82 128 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES AS AMENDED, OR SECTION  
83 8-210 OF THE SAID SUPPLEMENT. The first  
84 application from any municipality for THE  
85 AFORESAID state financial assistance from the  
86 commissioner shall include a program for the  
87 preparation of a community development action  
88 plan. Such program shall include, among other  
89 things, (1) a general description of the physical,  
90 economic and human resource characteristics of the  
91 municipality, including the known physical,  
92 economic and human resource problems and needs of  
93 the municipality, and identifying potential  
94 physical, economic and human resource needs and  
95 problems; (2) a schedule of work to be undertaken  
96 to assure the timely preparation of the community  
97 development action plan within the initial two-  
98 year period; (3) a description of the means by  
99 which such municipality proposes to complete the  
100 community development action plan, including, but  
101 not limited to, the composition of the community  
102 development action plan agency and the names of  
103 independent contractors, if any, who have been or  
104 may be engaged to assist it in such preparation,  
105 or a request to the commissioner of community  
106 affairs for such assistance; (4) a description of  
107 the means by which the municipality will pursue a  
108 program of citizen participation and involvement  
109 during the preparation of the community  
110 development action plan. Such program shall be  
111 approved, and the undertaking of the community  
112 development action plan authorized, by the  
113 governing body of the municipality prior to the  
114 submission of the program to the commissioner for  
115 his approval. Progress reports on the preparation  
116 of the community development action plan shall be  
117 submitted to the commissioner at intervals of not  
118 less than six months commencing from the date of

119 the first payment to the municipality by the state  
120 of financial assistance for preparation of such  
121 plan. Upon completion of the community  
122 development action plan, the agency shall file a  
123 copy of such plan in the office of the clerk of  
124 the municipality where it shall be open for public  
125 inspection, and there shall be held at least one  
126 public hearing thereon not earlier than seven days  
127 after the filing of the community development  
128 action plan in the office of such clerk and a  
129 notice of the time and place of such public  
130 hearing shall be published in a newspaper having  
131 general circulation in the municipality at least  
132 seven days prior to the date of each such hearing,  
133 which notice shall make reference to the filing of  
134 such plan in the office of such clerk. Subsequent  
135 to such hearing or hearings the agency may revise  
136 the community development action plan. The plan  
137 shall thereafter be submitted for the approval of  
138 the legislative body of the municipality and upon  
139 its approval by such legislative body the plan  
140 shall thereafter be submitted to the commissioner  
141 for his approval. Upon its approval by the  
142 commissioner, the plan shall become the community  
143 development action plan for the municipality. The  
144 community development action plan agency may  
145 modify the community development action plan at  
146 any time. Where a proposed modification will  
147 substantially change the community development  
148 action plan as previously approved by the  
149 legislative body and the commissioner, the  
150 modification shall be approved in the manner set  
151 forth herein for approval of the original plan.  
152 The community development action plan shall be  
153 submitted to the commissioner for his approval  
154 within twenty-four months after the first payment  
155 to the municipality by the state of financial  
156 assistance for the preparation of such plan. If  
157 such community development action plan is not  
158 prepared by the municipality and approved by the  
159 commissioner within twenty-four months after the  
160 first payment to the municipality by the state of  
161 financial assistance for the preparation of such  
162 plan, or the municipality does not show progress  
163 in the preparation of such community development  
164 action plan satisfactory to the commissioner  
165 within twelve months after such date, the state  
166 shall thereafter make no further payments of

167 grants-in-aid or advances-in-aid of any program,  
168 project or activities in such municipality  
169 pursuant to the provisions of this chapter and  
170 sections 8-44a, 8-154f and 19-347i EXCEPTING THE  
171 EXCLUSIONS PROVIDED IN THE FIRST SENTENCE OF THIS  
172 SUBSECTION, until such progress is shown or such  
173 plan is prepared by the municipality and approved  
174 by the commissioner; provided the commissioner may  
175 grant a municipality an extension or extensions of  
176 time for preparing and securing his approval of  
177 such plan, or of progress in the preparation  
178 thereof, when the commissioner determines such  
179 extension or extensions to be in the best interest  
180 of the state and of the people of such  
181 municipality. The commissioner may, if, and  
182 during the time for which, any extension is  
183 granted, continue to make payments of grants-in-  
184 aid and advances-in-aid under any provisions of  
185 this chapter and sections 8-44a, 8-154f and 19-  
186 347i, if he is satisfied that the agency is  
187 performing in good faith. A municipality may  
188 abandon the preparation of a community development  
189 action plan at any time, provided in the event a  
190 municipality which has received state financial  
191 assistance for the preparation of a community  
192 development action plan pursuant to section 8-220  
193 fails to complete such plan and fails to submit it  
194 to the legislative body of the municipality, the  
195 commissioner may require repayment of all or any  
196 portion of such assistance, but in no event may  
197 the commissioner require as a condition of such  
198 assistance, by contract or otherwise, that the  
199 municipality consent or agree to completion of the  
200 preparation of the community development action  
201 plan by the commissioner if the municipality  
202 abandons or fails to complete such preparation.  
203 The municipality shall make every reasonable  
204 effort to implement and execute the community  
205 development action plan. The commissioner's  
206 authorization of state assistance shall take into  
207 account the community development action plan as  
208 approved by the municipality and the commissioner,  
209 or the program for the preparation thereof WHEN  
210 SUCH PLAN IS REQUIRED FOR THE STATE ASSISTANCE.

211 Sec. 6. Subsection (c) of said section 8-207  
212 is repealed and the following is substituted in  
213 lieu thereof: Any municipality may by ordinance  
214 create a community development action plan agency

215 and may exercise through such agency the powers  
216 granted thereto under the provisions of this  
217 section. Such ordinance shall provide the number  
218 of members of the agency, which shall be not less  
219 than five nor more than fifteen, and their terms  
220 of office, which shall be two years, except that  
221 the terms of any member appointed ex officio shall  
222 be the term of such other office. The members  
223 shall be electors in the municipality and shall be  
224 appointed by the chief executive officer of the  
225 municipality with the approval of the legislative  
226 body. Vacancies on such agency shall be filled  
227 for unexpired terms by the chief executive officer  
228 in the manner specified above for appointment.  
229 The members of the agency shall serve without  
230 compensation but may be reimbursed for necessary  
231 expenses. Notwithstanding the provisions of  
232 section 8-41 any person may serve both as a member  
233 of the agency and as a housing authority  
234 commissioner in the municipality. Action by the  
235 agency shall be taken only on the majority vote of  
236 all the members of such agency. The agency shall  
237 elect from among its members a chairman, a vice  
238 chairman, a secretary and a treasurer. The  
239 offices of secretary and treasurer may be  
240 combined. The agency shall keep a public record  
241 of its activities. The agency may engage such  
242 employees and technical assistance as shall be  
243 necessary and appropriate to carry out its lawful  
244 functions. For the purpose of carrying out the  
245 functions authorized by this section, a  
246 municipality, acting by and through such agency,  
247 may accept grants, advances, loans or other  
248 financial assistance from the federal government,  
249 the state, or other source, and may do any and all  
250 things necessary or desirable to secure such  
251 financial aid. WHERE A GRANT UNDER THE AFORESAID  
252 SECTION 8-210 OR PART VI OF CHAPTER 128 IS  
253 CONCERNED AND SUCH A PLAN OR AGENCY DOES NOT  
254 EXIST, THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF THE MUNICIPALITY  
255 SHALL DESIGNATE A SUITABLE AGENCY TO CARRY OUT  
256 SUCH FUNCTIONS IN RESPECT TO THE SAID PROGRAMS.  
257 Any official, board, commission or agency  
258 designated prior to July 1, 1969, for the purpose  
259 of preparing the community development action plan  
260 shall perform the functions and have all the  
261 powers provided herein of a community development  
262 action plan agency unless such municipality

263 creates a community development action plan agency  
264 pursuant to this section.

265       Sec. 7. Subsection (d) of said section 8-207  
266 is repealed and the following is substituted in  
267 lieu thereof: No application to the commissioner  
268 for state financial assistance to any municipality  
269 or agency thereof, or to any housing authority,  
270 community housing development corporation, or  
271 human resource development agency of any  
272 municipality shall be approved by the commissioner  
273 until it has been approved by the community  
274 development action plan agency of such  
275 municipality WITH THE EXCEPTIONS SET FORTH IN  
276 SECTION 5 OF THIS ACT. Prior to submission of any  
277 application to the commissioner for financial  
278 assistance for a human resource development  
279 program of a human resource development agency  
280 designated under section 8-221(2)(b) WITH THE  
281 AFORESAID EXCEPTIONS the community development  
282 action plan agency shall refer such application to  
283 the human resource development agency designated  
284 under section 8-221(2)(a), if any exists in the  
285 municipality, for its advisory opinion concerning  
286 such program. After receiving such advisory  
287 opinion, or if such opinion shall not have been  
288 received within thirty days after referral of the  
289 application to the human resource development  
290 agency, the application may be submitted to the  
291 commissioner. All such applications to the  
292 commissioner shall include such advisory opinion  
293 if received.

Introduced by SEN. HAMMER, 12th Dist.

General Assembly,

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE POWERS AND JURISDICTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE SECTION

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

Section 1. Section 8-227 of the 1969 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof: The commissioner of community affairs [may make] SHALL ADOPT and enforce regulations IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 4-41 TO 4-50 INCLUSIVE OF THE GENERAL STATUTES AS AMENDED to effectuate the purposes of this chapter and sections 8-44a, 8-154f and 19-347i [and] to determine the allocation of the state financial assistance authorized in this chapter and said sections among the municipalities of the state on the basis of their respective needs, AND TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR THE APPLICATION FOR SUCH ASSISTANCE. WHENEVER THE STATUTES MAKE APPROVAL OF ASSISTANCE DEPENDENT ON THE DISCRETION OF THE COMMISSIONER, THE STANDARDS HE WILL REQUIRE FOR APPROVAL HE SHALL SET FORTH IN SUCH REGULATIONS.

Sec. 2. Section 8-198 of the said supplement is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof: The commissioner of community affairs [is authorized to] SHALL make and enforce reasonable regulations IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 4-41 TO 4-50 INCLUSIVE OF THE GENERAL STATUTES AS AMENDED to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

Sec. 3. Section 8-207 of the said supplement is amended by adding subsection (e) as follows: THE COMMISSIONER OF COMMUNITY



AFFAIRS SHALL ADOPT AND PUBLISH REGULATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH 35  
THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 4-41 TO 4-50 INCLUSIVE OF THE GENERAL 36  
STATUTES AS AMENDED, ESTABLISHING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A 37  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTION PLAN, THE PROCEDURES OF THE 38  
DEPARTMENT IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, THE STANDARDS USED IN 39  
REVIEWING SUCH PLANS FOR APPROVAL OR REJECTION, AND INFORMING 40  
MUNICIPALITIES AT WHAT STAGE IN SUCH PLANS FUNDS WILL BE 41  
ALLOCATED TO MUNICIPALITIES FOR PROJECTS WHICH REQUIRE THE 42  
COMMISSIONER'S APPROVAL. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL NOT ESTABLISH 43  
ANY PRIORITY AMONGST MUNICIPALITIES' PROGRAMS OR PROJECTS BY SUCH 44  
REGULATIONS. 45

Sec. 4. Section 8-114a of said supplement is repealed and 46  
the following is substituted in lieu thereof: Upon preliminary 47  
approval by the state bond commission pursuant to the provisions 48  
of section 3-21, the state, acting by and through the 49  
commissioner of community affairs, may enter into a contract or 50  
contracts with an authority for state financial assistance for a 51  
rental housing project or projects for elderly persons in the 52  
form of capital grants for application to the development cost 53  
thereof [provided the municipality in which such authority is 54  
located shall have prepared a community development action plan 55  
or submitted a program for the preparation of a community 56  
development action plan, in accordance with the provisions of 57  
section 8-207]. Such capital grants shall be in an amount not in 58  
excess of the development cost of the project or projects, 59  
including administrative or other cost or expense to be incurred 60  
by the state in connection therewith, as approved by said 61  
commissioner. In anticipation of final payment of such capital 62  
grants, the state, acting by and through said commissioner and in 63  
accordance with such contract, may make temporary advances to the 64  
authority for preliminary planning expense or other development 65  
cost of such project or projects. 66

Sec. 5. Subsection (b) of section 8-207 of said supplement 67  
is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof: In 68  
order for any municipality, or agency thereof, or any housing 69

authority, community housing development corporation or human 58  
resource development agency in any municipality, to receive state 59  
financial assistance from the commissioner the municipality shall 60  
prepare a community development action plan PROVIDED, HOWEVER NO 61  
SUCH PLAN SHALL BE REQUIRED AT ANY STAGE OF A GRANT PURSUANT TO 62  
PART VI OF CHAPTER 128 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES AS AMENDED, OR 63  
SECTION 8-210 OF THE SAID SUPPLEMENT. The first application from 64  
any municipality for THE AFORESAID state financial assistance 65  
from the commissioner shall include a program for the preparation 66  
of a community development action plan. Such program shall 67  
include, among other things, (1) a general description of the 68  
physical, economic and human resource characteristics of the 69  
municipality, including the known physical, economic and human 70  
resource problems and needs of the municipality, and identifying 71  
potential physical, economic and human resource needs and 72  
problems; (2) a schedule of work to be undertaken to assure the 73  
timely preparation of the community development action plan 74  
within the initial two-year period; (3) a description of the 75  
means by which such municipality proposes to complete the 76  
community development action plan, including, but not limited to, 77  
the composition of the community development action plan agency 78  
and the names of independent contractors, if any, who have been 79  
or may be engaged to assist it in such preparation, or a request 80  
to the commissioner of community affairs for such assistance; (4) 81  
a description of the means by which the municipality will pursue 82  
a program of citizen participation and involvement during the 83  
preparation of the community development action plan. Such  
program shall be approved, and the undertaking of the community  
development action plan authorized, by the governing body of the  
municipality prior to the submission of the program to the  
commissioner for his approval. Progress reports on the  
preparation of the community development action plan shall be  
submitted to the commissioner at intervals of not less than six  
months commencing from the date of the first payment to the  
municipality by the state of financial assistance for preparation

of such plan. Upon completion of the community development 83  
action plan, the agency shall file a copy of such plan in the 84  
office of the clerk of the municipality where it shall be open 85  
for public inspection, and there shall be held at least one 86  
public hearing thereon not earlier than seven days after the  
filing of the community development action plan in the office of 87  
such clerk and a notice of the time and place of such public 88  
hearing shall be published in a newspaper having general  
circulation in the municipality at least seven days prior to the 89  
date of each such hearing, which notice shall make reference to 90  
the filing of such plan in the office of such clerk. Subsequent 91  
to such hearing or hearings the agency may revise the community  
development action plan. The plan shall thereafter be submitted 92  
for the approval of the legislative body of the municipality and 93  
upon its approval by such legislative body the plan shall  
thereafter be submitted to the commissioner for his approval. 94  
Upon its approval by the commissioner, the plan shall become the 95  
community development action plan for the municipality. The 96  
community development action plan agency may modify the community  
development action plan at any time. Where a proposed 97  
modification will substantially change the community development 98  
action plan as previously approved by the legislative body and 99  
the commissioner, the modification shall be approved in the  
manner set forth herein for approval of the original plan. The 100  
community development action plan shall be submitted to the 101  
commissioner for his approval within twenty-four months after the  
first payment to the municipality by the state of financial 102  
assistance for the preparation of such plan. If such community 103  
development action plan is not prepared by the municipality and 104  
approved by the commissioner within twenty-four months after the  
first payment to the municipality by the state of financial 105  
assistance for the preparation of such plan, or the municipality 106  
does not show progress in the preparation of such community  
development action plan satisfactory to the commissioner within 107  
twelve months after such date, the state shall thereafter make no 108

further payments of grants-in-aid or advances-in-aid of any 109  
program, project or activities in such municipality pursuant to 110  
the provisions of this chapter and sections 8-44a, 8-154f and 19-  
347i WITH THE EXCLUSIONS PROVIDED IN THE FIRST SENTENCE OF THIS 111  
SUBSECTION, until such progress is shown or such plan is prepared  
by the municipality and approved by the commissioner; provided 112  
the commissioner may grant a municipality an extension or 113  
extensions of time for preparing and securing his approval of 114  
such plan, or of progress in the preparation thereof, when the  
commissioner determines such extension or extensions to be in the 115  
best interest of the state and of the people of such 116  
municipality. The commissioner may, if, and during the time for  
which, any extension is granted, continue to make payments of 117  
grants-in-aid and advances-in-aid under any provisions of this 118  
chapter and sections 8-44a, 8-154f and 19-347i, if he is  
satisfied that the agency is performing in good faith. A 119  
municipality may abandon the preparation of a community 120  
development action plan at any time, provided in the event a  
municipality which has received state financial assistance for 121  
the preparation of a community development action plan pursuant 122  
to section 8-220 fails to complete such plan and fails to submit  
it to the legislative body of the municipality, the commissioner 123  
may require repayment of all or any portion of such assistance, 124  
but in no event may the commissioner require as a condition of 125  
such assistance, by contract or otherwise, that the municipality  
consent or agree to completion of the preparation of the 126  
community development action plan by the commissioner if the 127  
municipality abandons or fails to complete such preparation. The  
municipality shall make every reasonable effort to implement and 128  
execute the community development action plan. The 129  
commissioner's authorization of state assistance shall take into 130  
account the community development action plan as approved by the  
municipality and the commissioner, or the program for the 131  
preparation thereof WHEN SUCH PLAN IS REQUIRED FOR THE STATE 132  
ASSISTANCE.

Sec. 6. Subsection (c) of said section 8-207 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof: Any municipality may by ordinance create a community development action plan agency and may exercise through such agency the powers granted thereto under the provisions of this section. Such ordinance shall provide the number of members of the agency, which shall be not less than five nor more than fifteen, and their terms of office, which shall be two years, except that the terms of any member appointed ex officio shall be the term of such other office. The members shall be electors in the municipality and shall be appointed by the chief executive officer of the municipality with the approval of the legislative body. Vacancies on such agency shall be filled for unexpired terms by the chief executive officer in the manner specified above for appointment. The members of the agency shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for necessary expenses. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 8-41 any person may serve both as a member of the agency and as a housing authority commissioner in the municipality. Action by the agency shall be taken only on the majority vote of all the members of such agency. The agency shall elect from among its members a chairman, a vice chairman, a secretary and a treasurer. The offices of secretary and treasurer may be combined. The agency shall keep a public record of its activities. The agency may engage such employees and technical assistance as shall be necessary and appropriate to carry out its lawful functions. For the purpose of carrying out the functions authorized by this section, a municipality, acting by and through such agency, may accept grants, advances, loans or other financial assistance from the federal government, the state, or other source, and may do any and all things necessary or desirable to secure such financial aid. WHERE A GRANT UNDER THE AFORESAID SECTION 8-210 OR PART VI OF CHAPTER 128 IS CONCERNED AND SUCH A PLAN OR AGENCY DOES NOT EXIST, THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF THE MUNICIPALITY SHALL DESIGNATE A SUITABLE AGENCY TO CARRY OUT SUCH FUNCTIONS IN

RESPECT TO THE SAID PROGRAMS. Any official, board, commission or 158  
agency designated prior to July 1, 1969, for the purpose of 159  
preparing the community development action plan shall perform the 160  
functions and have all the powers provided herein of a community  
development action plan agency unless such municipality creates 161  
a community development action plan agency pursuant to this 162  
section.

Sec. 7. Subsection (d) of said section 8-207 is repealed 163  
and the following is substituted in lieu thereof: No application 164  
to the commissioner for state financial assistance to any 165  
municipality or agency thereof, or to any housing authority,  
community housing development corporation, or human resource 166  
development agency of any municipality shall be approved by the 167  
commissioner until it has been approved by the community  
development action plan agency of such municipality WITH THE 168  
EXCEPTIONS SET FORTH IN SECTION 5 OF THIS ACT. Prior to 169  
submission of any application to the commissioner for financial 170  
assistance for a human resource development program of a human  
resource development agency designated under section 8-221(2)(b) 171  
WITH THE AFORESAID EXCEPTIONS the community development action 172  
plan agency shall refer such application to the human resource  
development agency designated under section 8-221(2)(a), if any 173  
exists in the municipality, for its advisory opinion concerning 174  
such program. After receiving such advisory opinion, or if such 175  
opinion shall not have been received within thirty days after 176  
referral of the application to the human resource development  
agency, the application may be submitted to the commissioner. 177  
All such applications to the commissioner shall include such 178  
advisory opinion if received.