

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

JANUARY 21, 2020
TOWN COUNCIL



OVERVIEW

- General Assembly in session January 8-May 6
- Staff monitors, but does not take any positions on, legislation unless Council directs it
- Several bills have been introduced that are of municipal interest – if Council is interested in information on any specific bills not addressed tonight, staff can provide an update at a future meeting

REQUESTED UPDATE

PUBLIC OPTION HEALTHCARE

- Designed for the individual/small business markets (Town is large business market); coverage starting in 2022
- Public/private partnership model; projected 10% savings – summary document outlines why it's expected to be more affordable
- The General Assembly will likely need to adjust statutes to implement the proposal – no legislation has been introduced to date
- A variety of opinions exist; CML is not likely to take a position on related legislation unless there is direct municipal impact

OTHER ITEMS

FPPA CONTRIBUTION INCREASE (HB 1044)

Would require increases to the Town's contributions for CRFD retirement benefits to 1) fully fund death and disability coverage, 2) provide COLAs for retirees and 3) allow members to retire at age 50 with 30 years of service. CML is opposing this bill due to its financial requirements. Staff has not completed a full analysis of the implications but is keeping a close eye on this legislation because it could have significant Town financial implications.

TRANSPORTATION FUNDING (SB 044)

Would require 10% of net revenue from the State's sales and use tax to be credited to the HUTF and allocated for highway system projects according to a formula that allocates 18% to municipalities. CML is supporting this bill. Additional transportation bills are expected to be introduced, and staff will monitor them.



DISCUSSION/DIRECTION?