

JOINT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE
2025-2026 (194th) BILL SUMMARY

Bill Number: H.2756
Title: *An Act defining further a legislative body*
Sponsor(s): Rep. David Biele (*Boston*)
Hearing Date: June 25, 2025
Reporting Deadline: August 24, 2025

Prior History:

2023-24 (H.2444): Ordered to a House Study
2021-22 (H.2602): Ordered to a House Study
2019-20 (H.2204): Ordered to a House Study
2017-18 (H.1360): Ordered to a House Study
2015-16 (H.2255): Ordered to a House Study
2013-14 (H.2273): Ordered to a House Study

CURRENT LAW:

Section 7 of chapter 4 establishes definitions of statutory terms and statutory construction. Specifically, “legislative body”, when used in connection to the operation of municipal governments, will include the agency of the municipal government that enacts ordinances or by-laws, adopts an annual budget and other spending authorizations, loan orders and bond authorizations and other financial matters. This includes city council, board of aldermen, town council, town meeting, or any other title.

SUMMARY:

This bill amends the definition of “legislative body” in Chapter 4 Section 7 by adding a sentence stating that the legislative body for retirement boards shall be the retirement board itself for those matters over which it has independent control.