§ 422. Youth bureaus. 1. a. Any city, town or village desiring to establish a local youth bureau may apply to the municipality which such city, town or village is located within, for approval of its plans. The application shall be in writing, specifying the nature of the program, and shall contain such information as the municipality shall require.

b. All local youth bureaus approved by the office of children and family services on or before April first, two thousand thirteen shall be deemed approved local youth bureaus for the purpose of this article.

2. No application for the approval of a local youth bureau shall be considered by the municipality that has not been first approved by the governing body of the city, town or village making the application.

3. The municipality may approve or disapprove the proposed local youth bureau.

4. The approval of a local youth bureau shall authorize the city, town or village to establish, operate and maintain the program and will allow the municipality to distribute to such local youth bureau, state aid received in accordance with subdivision one of section four hundred twenty of this article.

5. Two or more municipalities may join together to establish, operate and maintain a municipal youth bureau and may make and perform agreements in connection therewith. Such agreements shall include provisions for the proportionate cost to be borne by each municipality and for the manner of employment of personnel and may provide that a fiscal officer of one such municipality shall be the custodian of the moneys made available for expenditure for such purposes by all such municipalities and that such fiscal officer may make payments therefrom upon audit of the appropriate auditing body or officer of his or her municipality. In making claims for state aid pursuant to subdivision one of section four hundred twenty of this article, each such municipality shall claim for its proportionate share of the total joint expenditures so made. However, where it is provided that there shall be a disbursing municipality, such disbursing municipality shall claim for the total

joint program expenditures so made and shall disburse such state aid to each participating municipality based upon the proportionate share of expenditures so made.

6. Notwithstanding any provision of law, rule or regulation to the contrary, no municipal youth bureau serving one or more municipalities with a total youth population of twenty-five thousand or less shall be required under this article, or for purposes of receiving state aid hereunder, to employ a full time executive director for their respective proposed or approved youth programs, as the case may be.