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To: Senate Bill No. 160

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***"An Act Concerning The Name Of The Community-
Technical Colleges."***

1 Strike out everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10-95i of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

5 (a) Not later than January 1, 1990, and every five years thereafter,
6 the State Board of Education shall adopt a long-range plan of priorities
7 and goals for the regional vocational-technical school system. The plan
8 shall address coordination with other providers of vocational,
9 technical or technological education or training and shall include (1) an
10 analysis of the activities described in subsections (b) [to (d), inclusive],
11 and (c) of this section and how such activities relate to the long-range
12 plan of priorities and goals and a summary of activities related to
13 capital improvements and (2) equipment pursuant to subsection (d) of

14 this section. Upon adoption of the plan, the state board shall file the
15 plan with the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
16 having cognizance of matters relating to education, finance, revenue
17 and bonding and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies. The
18 state board shall use the plan in preparing its five-year comprehensive
19 plan pursuant to subsection (c) of section 10-4.

20 Sec. 2. Subsection (d) of section 10-95i of the general statutes is
21 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

22 (d) The State Board of Education shall maintain a rolling five-year
23 capital improvement and capital equipment plan that identifies: (1)
24 Alterations, renovations and repairs that each vocational-technical
25 school is expected to need, including, but not limited to, grounds and
26 athletic fields, heating and ventilation systems, wiring, roofs, and
27 windows, and the cost of such projects, (2) recommendations for
28 energy efficiency improvements to each school and the cost of such
29 improvements, and (3) the specific equipment each regional
30 vocational-technical school is expected to need, based on the useful life
31 of existing equipment and projections of changing technology and the
32 estimated cost of the equipment. The State Board of Education shall
33 submit such plan, annually, to the joint standing committees of the
34 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education,
35 finance, revenue and bonding and appropriations and the budgets of
36 state agencies.

37 Sec. 3. (NEW) The Department of Education shall provide in-service
38 training programs, in accordance with subsection (a) of section 10-220a
39 of the general statutes, for the teachers, administrators and pupil
40 personnel employed in the vocational-technical schools who hold the
41 initial educator, provisional educator or professional educator
42 certificate. In addition, the department shall provide programs to
43 enhance the knowledge and skill level of such teachers in their
44 vocational or technical field.

45 Sec. 4. Subsection (i) of section 2 of public act 99-242 is repealed and

46 the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

47 (i) For the Department of Education: Alterations and improvements
48 to buildings and grounds, including new and replacement equipment,
49 tools, supplies, vehicles and technology upgrades at all Regional
50 Vocational-Technical Schools, not exceeding \$15,000,000.

51 Sec. 5. Subsection (h) of section 21 of public act 99-242 is repealed
52 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

53 (h) For the Department of Education: Alterations and improvements
54 to buildings and grounds, including new and replacement equipment,
55 tools, supplies, vehicles and technology upgrades at all Regional
56 Vocational-Technical Schools, not exceeding \$15,000,000.

57 Sec. 6. (NEW) (a) The Chief Court Administrator may establish a
58 pilot program for the resolution of special education administrative
59 contested cases. If the Chief Court Administrator establishes a pilot
60 program, the Department of Education may refer up to twenty special
61 education administrative contested cases which shall not be jury trials
62 and shall be heard by judge trial referees or senior judges. The entry
63 fee established by section 52-259 of the general statutes shall not apply
64 to such cases. Any cases certified by the Department of Education as
65 being part of the pilot program shall be heard as a de novo case in the
66 Superior Court and shall be appealable directly to the Appellate Court.

67 (b) The Department of Education shall provide necessary funding
68 for the pilot program to the Judicial Branch.

69 Sec. 7. This act shall take effect from its passage, except that sections
70 1 to 3, inclusive, and 5 shall take effect July 1, 2000."