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"An Act Concerning Revisions To The Education Statutes."

1 After line 1024 insert the following and renumber the remaining
2 sections accordingly:

3 "Sec. 42. Section 10-221a of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

5 [Commencing with classes graduating in 1988, and for each
6 graduating class thereafter,]

7 (a) For classes graduating from 1988 to 2003, inclusive, no local or
8 regional board of education shall permit any student to graduate from
9 high school or grant a diploma to any student who has not
10 satisfactorily completed a minimum of twenty credits, not fewer than
11 four of which shall be in English, not fewer than three in mathematics,
12 not fewer than three in social studies, not fewer than two in science,
13 not fewer than one in the arts or vocational education and not fewer

14 than one in physical education.

15 (b) Commencing with classes graduating in 2004, and for each
16 graduating class thereafter, no local or regional board of education
17 shall permit any student to graduate from high school or grant a
18 diploma to any student who has not satisfactorily completed a
19 minimum of twenty credits, not fewer than four of which shall be in
20 English, not fewer than three in mathematics, not fewer than three in
21 social studies, including at least a one-half credit course on civics and
22 American government, not fewer than two in science, not fewer than
23 one in the arts or vocational education and not fewer than one in
24 physical education.

25 (c) Any student who presents a certificate from a physician stating
26 that, in the opinion of the physician, participation in physical
27 education is medically contraindicated because of the physical
28 condition of such student, shall be excused from the physical
29 education requirement, provided the credit for physical education may
30 be fulfilled by an elective.

31 (d) Determination of eligible credits shall be at the discretion of the
32 local or regional board of education, provided the primary focus of the
33 curriculum of eligible credits corresponds directly to the subject matter
34 of the specified course requirements. The local or regional board of
35 education may permit a student to graduate during a period of
36 expulsion pursuant to section 10-233d, if the board determines the
37 student has satisfactorily completed the necessary credits pursuant to
38 this section. The requirements of this section shall apply to any student
39 requiring special education pursuant to section 10-76a, except when
40 the planning and placement team for such student determines the
41 requirement not to be appropriate. For purposes of this section, a
42 credit shall consist of not less than the equivalent of a forty-minute
43 class period for each school day of a school year except for a credit or
44 part of a credit toward high school graduation earned at an institution
45 accredited by the Department of Higher Education or regionally
46 accredited.

47 (e) Only courses taken in grades nine through twelve, inclusive,
48 shall satisfy this graduation requirement, except that a local or regional
49 board of education may grant a student credit (1) toward meeting a
50 specified course requirement upon the successful completion in grade
51 seven or eight of any course, the primary focus of which corresponds
52 directly to the subject matter of a specified course requirement in
53 grades nine to twelve, inclusive; or (2) toward meeting the high school
54 graduation requirement upon the successful completion of coursework
55 at an institution accredited by the Department of Higher Education or
56 regionally accredited. One three-credit semester course, or its
57 equivalent, at such an institution shall equal one-half credit for
58 purposes of this section.

59 (f) A local or regional board of education may offer one-half credit
60 in community service which, if satisfactorily completed, shall qualify
61 for high school graduation credit pursuant to this section, provided
62 such community service is supervised by a certified school
63 administrator or teacher and consists of not less than fifty hours of
64 actual service that may be performed at times when school is not
65 regularly in session and not less than ten hours of related classroom
66 instruction. For purposes of this section, community service does not
67 include partisan political activities. The State Board of Education shall
68 assist local and regional boards of education in meeting the
69 requirements of this section."