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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:

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AN ACT SUNSETTING THE ECS FORMULA.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That section 10-262h of the general statutes be amended to provide
2 that for fiscal years ending June 30, 2002 and June 30, 2003 each town
3 receive a base equalization aid grant equal to the amount such town
4 received for the year ending June 30, 2001. It is further proposed that
5 the sum of sixty million dollars be appropriated to the Department of
6 Education for each of the years ending June 30, 2002, and June 30, 2003.
7 Towns shall be grouped into seven categories based upon the per-
8 pupil amount of aid received under the base equalization aid grant.
9 Categories shall be determined based on per pupil aid as follows: (1)
10 Less than one thousand dollars; (2) equal to or greater than one
11 thousand dollars but less than two thousand dollars; (3) equal to or
12 greater than two thousand dollars but less than three thousand dollars;
13 (4) equal to or greater than three thousand dollars but less than four
14 thousand dollars; (5) equal to or greater than four thousand dollars but
15 less than five thousand dollars; (6) equal to or greater than five

16 thousand dollars but less than six thousand dollars; (7) equal to or
17 greater than six thousand dollars. The total number of students for
18 each category shall be determined by adding together the number of
19 resident students in each town in each category. The weighted number
20 of students for each category shall be calculated as follows: For
21 category one, the number of students shall be multiplied by seven; for
22 category two the number of students shall be multiplied by six; for
23 category three the number of students shall be multiplied by five; for
24 category four the number of students shall be multiplied by four; for
25 category five the number of students shall be multiplied by three; for
26 category six the number of students shall be multiplied by two; for
27 category seven the number of students shall be the weighted number
28 of students. The weighted number of students for each category shall
29 be added together to produce the total weighted number of students.
30 Sixty million dollars shall be divided by the total weighted number of
31 students to determine the base per pupil supplemental grant. The per
32 pupil supplemental grant for each category shall be calculated as
33 follows: For category one the base per pupil supplemental grant shall
34 be multiplied by seven; for category two the base per pupil
35 supplemental grant shall be multiplied by six; for category three base
36 per pupil supplemental grant shall be multiplied by five; for category
37 the base per pupil supplemental grant shall be multiplied by four; for
38 category five the base per pupil supplemental grant shall be multiplied
39 by three; for category six the base per pupil supplemental grant shall
40 be multiplied by two; for category seven the per pupil supplemental
41 grant shall be equal to the base per pupil supplementary grant. Each
42 town shall receive a supplementary grant equal to the number of
43 resident students in the town multiplied by the per pupil
44 supplementary grant for the category in which the town is placed. It is
45 also purposed that section 10-262h be repealed effective July 1, 2003,
46 and that an Educational Funding Research Panel be established.
47 Members shall be appointed by the Governor and legislative leaders
48 and shall have experience in finance, constitutional law, education and
49 economics. The panel shall evaluate (A) constitutional requirements

50 governing education funding, (B) student needs, (C) economic
51 disparities between municipalities, and (D) other factors the panel
52 deems to be appropriate. The panel shall make findings of fact and
53 recommendations regarding a formula for education equalization
54 grants, and shall report such findings and recommendations to the
55 Governor and the General Assembly by January 1, 2003.

Statement of Purpose:

To sunset the current ECS formula on July 1, 2003, establish a panel to create a new formula, and provide for supplemental grants for fiscal years ending June 30, 2002, and June 30, 2003.