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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 Section 1. Subdivision (6) of subsection (a) of section 10-262h of the
2 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof:

4 (6) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, and each fiscal year
5 thereafter, a grant in an amount equal to the sum of (A) the product of
6 a town's base aid ratio, the foundation level and the town's total need
7 students for the fiscal year prior to the year in which the grant is to be
8 paid, (B) the product of a town's supplemental aid ratio, the
9 foundation level and the sum of the portion of its total need students
10 count described in subparagraphs (B) and (C) of subdivision (25) of
11 section 10-262f, as amended by this act, for the fiscal year prior to the
12 fiscal year in which the grant is to be paid, and the adjustments to its
13 resident student count described in subdivision (22) of section 10-262f,
14 as amended by this act, relative to length of school year and summer
15 school sessions, and (C) the town's regional bonus, except that the
16 amount so determined shall be adjusted in accordance with the
17 following: For the fiscal years ending June 30, 1996, June 30, 1997, June

18 30, 1998, and June 30, 1999, for each town, the maximum percentage
19 increase over its previous year's base revenue shall be the product of
20 five per cent and the ratio of the wealth of the town ranked one
21 hundred fifty-third when all towns are ranked in descending order to
22 each town's wealth, provided no town shall receive an increase greater
23 than five per cent. For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2000, and June
24 30, 2001, [June 30, 2002, and June 30, 2003,] for each town, the
25 maximum percentage increase over its previous year's base revenue
26 shall be the product of six per cent and the ratio of the wealth of the
27 town ranked one hundred fifty-third when all towns are ranked in
28 descending order to each town's wealth, provided no town shall
29 receive an increase greater than six per cent. [No such adjustment shall
30 be made for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, or any fiscal year
31 thereafter.] For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2002, and June 30, 2003,
32 each town shall receive a grant in an amount equal to the amount of
33 the grant the town received for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001. For
34 the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, for each town, the maximum
35 percentage reduction from its previous year's base revenue shall be
36 equal to the product of three per cent and the ratio of each town's
37 wealth to the wealth of the town ranked seventeenth when all towns
38 are ranked in descending order, provided no town's grant shall be
39 reduced by more than three per cent. For the fiscal years ending June
40 30, 1997, June 30, 1998, and June 30, 1999, for each town, the maximum
41 percentage reduction from its previous year's base revenue shall be
42 equal to the product of five per cent and the ratio of each town's
43 wealth to the wealth of the town ranked seventeenth when all towns
44 are ranked in descending order, provided no town's grant shall be
45 reduced by more than five per cent. For the fiscal year ending June 30,
46 2000, and each fiscal year thereafter, no town's grant shall be less than
47 the grant it received for the prior fiscal year. [In addition to the amount
48 determined pursuant to this subdivision, a town shall be eligible for a
49 density supplement if the density of the town is greater than the
50 average density of all towns in the state. The density supplement shall
51 be determined by multiplying the density aid ratio of the town by the

52 foundation level and the town's total need students for the prior fiscal
53 year provided, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, and each fiscal
54 year thereafter, no town's density supplement shall be less than the
55 density supplement such town received for the prior fiscal year. For
56 the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997, the grant determined in
57 accordance with this subdivision for a town ranked one to forty-two
58 when all towns are ranked in descending order according to town
59 wealth shall be further reduced by one and two-hundredths of a per
60 cent and such grant for all other towns shall be further reduced by
61 fifty-six-hundredths of a per cent. For the fiscal year ending June 30,
62 1998, and each fiscal year thereafter, no town whose school district is a
63 priority school district shall receive a grant pursuant to this
64 subdivision in an amount that is less than the amount received under
65 such grant for the prior fiscal year. For the fiscal year ending June 30,
66 2000, and each fiscal year thereafter, no town whose school district is a
67 priority school district shall receive a grant pursuant to this
68 subdivision that provides an amount of aid per resident student that is
69 less than the amount of aid per resident student provided under the
70 grant received for the prior fiscal year. For the fiscal year ending June
71 30, 1998, and each fiscal year thereafter, no town whose school district
72 is a priority school district shall receive a grant pursuant to this
73 subdivision in an amount that is less than seventy per cent of the sum
74 of (i) the product of a town's base aid ratio, the foundation level and
75 the town's total need students for the fiscal year prior to the year in
76 which the grant is to be paid, (ii) the product of a town's supplemental
77 aid ratio, the foundation level and the sum of the portion of its total
78 need students count described in subparagraphs (B) and (C) of
79 subdivision (25) of section 10-262f for the fiscal year prior to the fiscal
80 year in which the grant is to be paid, and the adjustments to its
81 resident student count described in subdivision (22) of said section 10-
82 262f relative to length of school year and summer school sessions, and
83 (iii) the town's regional bonus. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000,
84 and each fiscal year thereafter, no town whose school district is a
85 transitional school district shall receive a grant pursuant to this

86 subdivision in an amount that is less than forty per cent of the sum of
87 (I) the product of a town's base aid ratio, the foundation level and the
88 town's total need students for the fiscal year prior to the fiscal year in
89 which the grant is to be paid, (II) the product of a town's supplemental
90 aid ratio, the foundation level and the sum of the portion of its total
91 need students count described in subparagraphs (B) and (C) of
92 subdivision (25) of section 10-262f for the fiscal year prior to the fiscal
93 year in which the grant is to be paid, and the adjustments to its
94 resident student count described in subdivision (22) of said section
95 10-262f relative to length of school year and summer school sessions,
96 and (III) the town's regional bonus.]

97 Sec. 2. For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2002, and June 30, 2003, in
98 addition to the grant received pursuant to section 10-262h of the
99 general statutes, as amended by this act, each town shall be eligible to
100 receive a supplemental grant. The amount of the supplemental grant
101 shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of this section.
102 Towns shall be grouped into seven categories based upon the per
103 pupil amount of aid received under section 10-262h of the general
104 statutes, as amended by this act. Categories shall be determined based
105 on per pupil aid as follows: (1) Less than one thousand dollars; (2)
106 equal to or greater than one thousand dollars but less than two
107 thousand dollars; (3) equal to or greater than two thousand dollars but
108 less than three thousand dollars; (4) equal to or greater than three
109 thousand dollars but less than four thousand dollars; (5) equal to or
110 greater than four thousand dollars but less than five thousand dollars;
111 (6) equal to or greater than five thousand dollars but less than six
112 thousand dollars; (7) equal to or greater than six thousand dollars. The
113 total number of students for each category shall be determined by
114 adding together the number of resident students in each town in each
115 category. The weighted number of students for each category shall be
116 calculated as follows: For category one, the number of students shall be
117 multiplied by seven; for category two the number of students shall be
118 multiplied by six; for category three the number of students shall be
119 multiplied by five; for category four the number of students shall be

120 multiplied by four; for category five the number of students shall be
121 multiplied by three; for category six the number of students shall be
122 multiplied by two; for category seven the number of students shall be
123 the weighted number of students. The weighted number of students
124 for each category shall be added together to produce the total
125 weighted number of students. Sixty million dollars shall be divided by
126 the total weighted number of students to determine the base per pupil
127 supplemental grant. The per pupil supplemental grant for each
128 category shall be calculated as follows: For category one the base per
129 pupil supplemental grant shall be multiplied by seven; for category
130 two the base per pupil supplemental grant shall be multiplied by six;
131 for category three base per pupil supplemental grant shall be
132 multiplied by five; for category four the base per pupil supplemental
133 grant shall be multiplied by four; for category five the base per pupil
134 supplemental grant shall be multiplied by three; for category six the
135 base per pupil supplemental grant shall be multiplied by two; for
136 category seven the per pupil supplemental grant shall be equal to the
137 base per pupil supplementary grant. Each town shall receive a
138 supplementary grant equal to the number of resident students in the
139 town multiplied by the per pupil supplementary grant for the category
140 in which the town is placed.

141 Sec. 3. (a) There is established an Educational Funding Research
142 Panel. The panel shall evaluate (1) constitutional requirements
143 governing education funding, (2) student needs, (3) economic
144 disparities between municipalities, and (4) other factors the panel
145 deems appropriate.

146 (b) Members of the panel shall have experience in finance,
147 constitutional law, education or economics and shall be appointed as
148 follows:

149 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

150 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

151 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
152 Representatives;

153 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

154 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
155 Representatives;

156 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

157 (7) Two appointed by the Governor; and

158 (8) The Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee.

159 (c) Any member of the panel appointed under subdivision (1), (2),
160 (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of
161 the General Assembly.

162 (d) All appointments to the panel shall be made no later than thirty
163 days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be filled
164 by the appointing authority.

165 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
166 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the panel,
167 from among the members of the panel. Such chairpersons shall
168 schedule the first meeting of the panel, which shall be held no later
169 than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

170 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
171 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education
172 shall serve as administrative staff of the panel.

173 (g) Not later than January 1, 2003, the panel shall report, in
174 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
175 on its findings and recommendations regarding a formula for
176 education equalization aid grants to the Governor and the General
177 Assembly. The panel shall terminate on the date that it submits such
178 report or January 1, 2003, whichever is earlier.

179 Sec. 4. Subsection (b) of section 10-66j of the general statutes is
180 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

181 (b) Each regional educational service center shall receive an annual
182 grant equal to the sum of the following:

183 (1) An amount equal to fifty per cent of the total amount
184 appropriated for purposes of this section divided by six;

185 (2) An amount equal to twenty-five per cent of such appropriation
186 multiplied by the ratio of the number of its member boards of
187 education to the total number of member boards of education state-
188 wide; and

189 (3) An amount equal to twenty-five per cent of such appropriation
190 multiplied by the ratio of the sum of state education equalization aid
191 [pursuant to section 10-262h] for all of its member boards of education
192 to the total amount of state education equalization aid [pursuant to
193 section 10-262h] state-wide.

194 Sec. 5. Subsection (a) of section 10-66ee of the general statutes is
195 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

196 (a) For the purposes of education equalization aid, [under section
197 10-262h] a student enrolled (1) in a local charter school shall be
198 considered a student enrolled in the school district in which such
199 student resides, and (2) in a state charter school shall not be considered
200 a student enrolled in the school district in which such student resides.

201 Sec. 6. Section 10-262f of the general statutes is repealed and the
202 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

203 Whenever used in this section and sections [10-262h to] 10-262i and
204 10-262j, [inclusive] as amended by this act:

205 (1) "Adjusted equalized net grand list" means the equalized net
206 grand list of a town multiplied by its income adjustment factor.

207 (2) "Base aid ratio" means one minus the ratio of a town's wealth to
208 the state guaranteed wealth level, provided no town's aid ratio shall be
209 less than six one-hundredths.

210 (3) "Income adjustment factor" means the average of a town's per
211 capita income divided by the per capita income of the town with the
212 highest per capita income in the state and a town's median household
213 income divided by the median household income of the town with the
214 highest median household income in the state.

215 (4) "Median household income" for each town means that
216 enumerated in the most recent federal decennial census of population
217 or that enumerated in the current population report series issued by
218 the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census,
219 whichever is more recent and available on January first of the fiscal
220 year two years prior to the fiscal year in which payment is to be made
221 pursuant to section 10-262i.

222 (5) "Supplemental aid factor" means for each town the average of its
223 percentage of children eligible under the temporary family assistance
224 program and its grant mastery percentage.

225 (6) "Percentage of children eligible under the temporary family
226 assistance program" means the town's number of children under the
227 temporary family assistance program divided by the number of
228 children age five to seventeen, inclusive, in the town.

229 (7) "Average mastery percentage" means for each school year the
230 average of the three most recent mastery percentages available on
231 December first of the school year.

232 (8) "Equalized net grand list", [for purposes of calculating the
233 amount of grant to which any town is entitled in accordance with
234 section 10-262h,] means the average of the net grand lists of the town
235 upon which taxes were levied for the general expenses of the town
236 two, three and four years prior to the fiscal year in which such grant is

237 to be paid, provided such net grand lists are equalized in accordance
238 with section 10-261a.

239 (9) "Foundation" means (A) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1990,
240 three thousand nine hundred eighteen dollars, (B) for the fiscal year
241 ending June 30, 1991, four thousand one hundred ninety-two dollars,
242 (C) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1992, four thousand four
243 hundred eighty-six dollars, (D) for the fiscal years ending June 30,
244 1993, June 30, 1994, and June 30, 1995, four thousand eight hundred
245 dollars, (E) for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1996, June 30, 1997, and
246 June 30, 1998, five thousand seven hundred eleven dollars, (F) for the
247 fiscal year ending June 30, 1999, five thousand seven hundred seventy-
248 five dollars, and (G) for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2000, and June
249 30, 2001, five thousand eight hundred ninety-one dollars.

250 (10) "Number of children age five to seventeen, inclusive" means
251 that enumerated in the most recent federal decennial census of
252 population or enumerated in the current population report series
253 issued by the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the
254 Census, whichever is more recent and available on January first of the
255 fiscal year two years prior to the fiscal year in which payment is to be
256 made pursuant to section 10-262i.

257 (11) "Supplemental aid ratio" means .04 times the supplemental aid
258 factor of a town divided by the highest supplemental aid factor when
259 all towns are ranked from low to high, provided any town whose
260 percentage of children eligible under the temporary family assistance
261 program exceeds twenty-five shall have a supplemental aid ratio of
262 .04.

263 (12) "Grant mastery percentage" means (A) for the school year
264 ending June 30, 1989, average mastery percentage and (B) for the
265 school years ending June 30, 1990, through the school year ending June
266 30, 1995, the average mastery percentage plus the mastery
267 improvement bonus, and (C) for each school year thereafter, the
268 average mastery percentage.

269 (13) "Mastery count" of a town means for each school year the grant
270 mastery percentage of the town multiplied by the number of resident
271 students.

272 (14) "Mastery improvement bonus" means for each school year
273 through the school year ending June 30, 1995, seventy-five per cent of
274 the difference between (A) the grant mastery percentage for the
275 previous school year and (B) the average mastery percentage for the
276 school year, but not less than zero.

277 (15) "Mastery percentage" of a town for any examination year
278 means, using the mastery test data of record for the examination year,
279 the number obtained by dividing (A) the total number of valid tests
280 with scores below the state-wide standard for remedial assistance as
281 determined by the Department of Education in each subject of the
282 examinations pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) of section 10-14n
283 taken by resident students, by (B) the total number of such valid tests
284 taken by such students.

285 (16) "Mastery test data of record" for any examination year means
286 the data of record on the April thirtieth subsequent to the
287 administration of the examinations pursuant to subsections (a) and (b)
288 of section 10-14n, except that for the examination years prior to July 1,
289 1988, the date of the data of record shall be April 30, 1988, and
290 provided beginning with the administration of such examinations
291 during the 1988-1989 school year, and for each such administration
292 thereafter, school districts may, not later than the March first following
293 the administration of an examination, file a request with the state
294 Department of Education for an adjustment of the mastery test data
295 from such examination.

296 (17) "Number of children under the temporary family assistance
297 program" means the number obtained by adding together the
298 unduplicated aggregate number of children five to eighteen years of
299 age eligible to receive benefits under the temporary family assistance
300 program or its predecessor federal program, as appropriate, in October

301 and May of each fiscal year, and dividing by two, such number to be
302 certified and submitted annually, no later than the first day of July of
303 the succeeding fiscal year, to the Commissioner of Education by the
304 Commissioner of Social Services.

305 (18) "Per capita income" for each town means that enumerated in the
306 most recent federal decennial census of population or that enumerated
307 in the current population report series issued by the United States
308 Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, whichever is more
309 recent and available on January first of the fiscal year two years prior
310 to the fiscal year in which payment is to be made pursuant to section
311 10-262i.

312 (19) "Regional bonus" means, for any town which is a member of a
313 regional school district and has students who attend such regional
314 school district, an amount equal to one hundred dollars for each such
315 student enrolled in the regional school district on October first or the
316 full school day immediately preceding such date for the school year
317 prior to the fiscal year in which the grant is to be paid multiplied by
318 the ratio of the number of grades, kindergarten to grade twelve,
319 inclusive, in the regional school district to thirteen.

320 (20) "Regular program expenditures" means (A) total current
321 educational expenditures less (B) expenditures for (i) special education
322 programs pursuant to subsection (h) of section 10-76f, (ii) pupil
323 transportation eligible for reimbursement pursuant to section 10-266m,
324 (iii) land and capital building expenditures, and equipment otherwise
325 supported by a state grant pursuant to chapter 173, including debt
326 service, provided, with respect to debt service, the principal amount of
327 any debt incurred to pay an expense otherwise includable in regular
328 program expenditures may be included as part of regular program
329 expenditures in annual installments in accordance with a schedule
330 approved by the state Department of Education based upon
331 substantially equal principal payments over the life of the debt, (iv)
332 health services for nonpublic school children, (v) adult education, (C)

333 expenditures directly attributable to (i) state grants received by or on
334 behalf of school districts except grants for the categories of
335 expenditures listed in subparagraphs (B) (i) to (B) (v), inclusive, of this
336 subdivision and except grants received pursuant to section 10-262i and
337 section 10-262c of the general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to
338 January 1, 1987, and except grants received pursuant to chapter 173,
339 (ii) federal grants received by or on behalf of school districts except for
340 adult education and federal impact aid and (iii) receipts from the
341 operation of child nutrition services and student activities services, (D)
342 expenditures of funds from private and other sources and (E) tuition
343 received on account of nonresident students. The town of Woodstock
344 may include as part of the current expenses of its public schools for
345 each school year the amount expended for current expenses in that
346 year by Woodstock Academy from income from its endowment funds
347 upon receipt from said academy of a certified statement of such
348 current expenses. The town of Winchester may include as part of the
349 current expenses of its public school for each school year the amount
350 expended for current expenses in that year by the Gilbert School from
351 income from its endowment funds upon receipt from said school of a
352 certified statement of such current expenses.

353 (21) "Regular program expenditures per need student" means, in
354 any year, the regular program expenditures of a town for such year
355 divided by the number of total need students in the town for such
356 school year, provided for towns which are members of a kindergarten
357 to grade twelve, inclusive, regional school district and for such
358 regional school district, "regular program expenditures per need
359 student" means, in any year, the regular program expenditures of such
360 regional school district divided by the sum of the number of total need
361 students in all such member towns.

362 (22) "Resident students" means the number of pupils of the town
363 enrolled in public schools at the expense of the town on October first
364 or the full school day immediately preceding such date, provided the
365 number shall be decreased by the Department of Education for failure

366 to comply with the provisions of section 10-16 and shall be increased
367 by one-one-hundred-eightieth for each full-time equivalent school day
368 in the school year immediately preceding such date of at least five
369 hours of actual school work in excess of one hundred eighty days and
370 nine hundred hours of actual school work and be increased by the
371 full-time equivalent number of such pupils attending the summer
372 sessions immediately preceding such date at the expense of the town;
373 "enrolled" shall include pupils who are scheduled for vacation on the
374 above date and who are expected to return to school as scheduled.
375 Pupils participating in the program established pursuant to section 10-
376 266aa shall be counted in accordance with the provisions of subsection
377 (f) of section 10-266aa.

378 (23) "Schools" means nursery schools, kindergarten and grades one
379 to twelve, inclusive.

380 (24) "State guaranteed wealth level" means (A) for the fiscal year
381 ending June 30, 1990, 1.8335 times the town wealth of the town with
382 the median wealth as calculated using the data of record on December
383 first of the fiscal year prior to the year in which the grant is to be paid
384 pursuant to section 10-262i, and (B) for the fiscal years ending June 30,
385 1991, and 1992, 1.6651 times the town wealth of the town with such
386 median wealth, and (C) for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1993, June
387 30, 1994, and June 30, 1995, 1.5361 times the town wealth of the town
388 with the median wealth, and (D) for the fiscal year ending June 30,
389 1996, and each fiscal year thereafter, 1.55 times the town wealth of the
390 town with the median wealth.

391 (25) "Total need students" means the sum of (A) the number of
392 resident students of the town for the school year, (B) (i) for any school
393 year commencing prior to July 1, 1998, one-quarter the number of
394 children under the temporary family assistance program for the prior
395 fiscal year, and (ii) for the school year commencing July 1, 1998, and
396 each school year thereafter, one-quarter the number of children under
397 the temporary family assistance program for the fiscal year ending

398 June 30, 1997, (C) one-quarter of the mastery count for the school year,
399 and (D) ten per cent of the number of eligible children, as defined in
400 subdivision (1) of section 10-17e, for whom the board of education is
401 not required to provide a program pursuant to section 10-17f.

402 (26) "Town wealth" means the average of a town's adjusted
403 equalized net grand list divided by its total need students for the fiscal
404 year prior to the year in which the grant is to be paid and its adjusted
405 equalized net grand list divided by its population.

406 (27) "Population" of a town means that enumerated in the most
407 recent federal decennial census of population or that enumerated in
408 the current population report series issued by the United States
409 Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census available on January
410 first of the fiscal year two years prior to the fiscal year in which a grant
411 is to be paid, whichever is most recent; except that any town whose
412 enumerated population residing in state and federal institutions within
413 such town and attributed to such town by the census exceeds forty per
414 cent of such "population" shall have its population adjusted as follows:
415 Persons who are incarcerated or in custodial situations, including, but
416 not limited to jails, prisons, hospitals or training schools or persons
417 who reside in dormitory facilities in schools, colleges, universities or
418 on military bases shall not be counted in the "population" of a town.

419 [(28) "Base revenue" for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1995, means
420 the sum of the grant entitlements for the fiscal year ending June 30,
421 1995, of a town pursuant to section 10-262h and subsection (a) of
422 section 10-76g, including its proportional share, based on enrollment,
423 of the revenue paid pursuant to section 10-76g, to the regional district
424 of which the town is a member, and for each fiscal year thereafter
425 means the amount of each town's entitlement pursuant to section 10-
426 262h minus its density supplement, as determined pursuant to
427 subdivision (6) of subsection (a) of section 10-262h.]

428 [(29)] (28) "Density" means the population of a town divided by the
429 square miles of a town.

430 [(30)] (29) "Density aid ratio" means the product of (A) the density of
431 a town divided by the density of the town in the state with the highest
432 density, and (B) .006273.

433 [(31)] (30) "Mastery goal improvement count" means the product of
434 (A) the difference between the percentage of state-wide mastery
435 examination scores, pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) of section 10-
436 14n, at or above the mastery goal level for the most recently completed
437 school year and the percentage of such scores for the prior school year,
438 and (B) the resident students of the town, or zero, whichever is greater.

439 Sec. 7. Subsection (a) of section 10-262i of the general statutes is
440 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

441 (a) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1990, and for each fiscal year
442 thereafter, each town shall be paid a grant equal to the amount the
443 town is entitled to receive under the [provisions of section 10-262h]
444 education equalization aid formula, as calculated using the data of
445 record as of the December first prior to the fiscal year such grant is to
446 be paid, adjusted for the difference between the final entitlement for
447 the prior fiscal year and the preliminary entitlement for such fiscal
448 year as calculated using the data of record as of the December first
449 prior to the fiscal year when such grant was paid.

450 Sec. 8. Section 10-262k of the general statutes is repealed and the
451 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

452 Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, [to the
453 contrary,] the board of education which has jurisdiction over the
454 schools in any town (1) with a total population, as defined in
455 subdivision (7) of subsection (a) of section 10-261, greater than twenty
456 thousand and (2) in which the grant mastery percentage, as defined in
457 [subdivision (8) of] section 10-262f, is greater than twenty per cent may
458 annually apply to the Commissioner of Education, on such forms as
459 the commissioner may prescribe, to receive not more than two per cent
460 of the town's education equalization aid grant entitlement [pursuant to

461 section 10-262h] for the subsequent fiscal year for compensatory
462 education programs. At the time of application, the board of education
463 shall notify the board of finance in each town or city having a board of
464 finance, the board of selectmen in each town having no board of
465 finance or otherwise the authority making appropriations for the
466 school district of the application. Upon submission of a timely
467 application to the commissioner, the commissioner shall deduct such
468 amount from the payment made to the town in October of such
469 subsequent fiscal year pursuant to section 10-262i, and the board of
470 education shall receive a grant in such amount.

471 Sec. 9. Subsection (a) of section 10-262l of the general statutes is
472 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

473 (a) Each local and regional board of education, within available
474 appropriations, shall be eligible to receive a state grant of funds as a
475 reward for demonstrating improvement in district-wide student
476 achievement on the state-wide mastery examinations under
477 subsections (a) and (b) of section 10-14n. Each local and regional board
478 of education shall receive a proportional share of the amount
479 appropriated for purposes of this section based upon the improvement
480 in its mastery goal improvement count, as defined in subdivision [(31)]
481 (30) of section 10-262f, as amended by this act. The minimum grant for
482 each eligible town shall be five hundred dollars. Each local and
483 regional board of education shall expend grant funds pursuant to this
484 section on behalf of its schools in a manner consistent with each
485 school's relative contribution to the level of mastery goal achievement
486 within the district.

487 Sec. 10. (a) The sum of sixty million dollars is appropriated to the
488 Department of Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002, for
489 supplemental grants pursuant to section 2 of this act.

490 (b) The sum of sixty million dollars is appropriated to the
491 Department of Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, for
492 supplemental grants pursuant to section 2 of this act.

493 Sec. 11. Section 10-262h of the general statutes is repealed.

494 Sec. 12. This act shall take effect from its passage, except that
495 sections 1, 2 and 10 shall take effect July 1, 2001, and sections 4 to 9,
496 inclusive, and 11 shall take effect July 1, 2003.

Statement of Purpose:

To repeal the education cost sharing formula on July 1, 2003. To establish a panel to create a new formula. To provide for supplemental grants for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002, and June 30, 2003.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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