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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:

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AN ACT CONCERNING ADULT EDUCATION.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 10-69 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (b) [No] (1) Prior to July 1, 2004, no providing school district shall
4 grant an adult education diploma to any adult education program
5 participant who has not satisfactorily completed a minimum of twenty
6 adult education credits, of which not fewer than four shall be in
7 English; not fewer than three in mathematics; not fewer than three in
8 social studies, including one in American history; not fewer than two
9 in science; and not fewer than one in the arts or vocational education.
10 On and after July 1, 2004, no providing school district shall grant an
11 adult education diploma to any adult education program participant
12 who has not satisfactorily completed a minimum of twenty adult
13 education credits, of which not fewer than four shall be in English; not
14 fewer than three in mathematics; not fewer than three in social studies,
15 including one in American history and at least a one-half credit course
16 on civics and American government; not fewer than two in science;
17 and not fewer than one in the arts or vocational education. (2) Each

18 providing school district shall determine the minimum number of
19 weeks per semester an adult education program shall operate and
20 shall provide certified counseling staff to assist adult education
21 program students with educational and career counseling.

22 Sec. 2. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 10-71 of the
23 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
24 thereof:

25 (1) The percentage of the eligible costs for adult education a local
26 board of education shall receive, under the provisions of this section,
27 shall be determined as follows: (A) Each town shall be ranked in
28 descending order from one to one hundred sixty-nine according to
29 such town's adjusted equalized net grand list per capita, as defined in
30 section 10-261; (B) based upon such ranking, a percentage of not less
31 than zero nor more than sixty-five shall be determined for each town
32 on a continuous scale, except that the percentage for a priority school
33 district pursuant to section 10-266p shall not be less than twenty. Any
34 such percentage shall be increased by seven and one-half percentage
35 points but shall not exceed sixty-five per cent for any local board of
36 education which provides basic adult education programs for adults at
37 facilities operated by or within the general administrative control and
38 supervision of the Department of Mental Health and Addiction
39 Services, provided such adults reside at such facilities. [Any such
40 percentage shall be increased by one and one-half percentage points
41 but shall not exceed sixty-five per cent for any local board of education
42 which served four thousand or more students who were enrolled at
43 least twelve hours in the fiscal year two years prior to the year of the
44 grant and whose ratio of students served in the fiscal year two years
45 prior to the year of the grant to persons in the town who were twenty-
46 five years of age or older and did not have a high school diploma
47 according to the most recent federal decennial census is greater than
48 fifteen one-hundredths. (C) Notwithstanding the provisions of
49 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, any local board of education
50 which served two thousand or more students who were enrolled at

51 least twelve hours in the fiscal year two years prior to the year of the
52 grant shall receive a grant in the amount determined pursuant to
53 subparagraph (B) or the amount obtained by multiplying the number
54 of such students served in the fiscal year two years prior to the year of
55 the grant by twenty-five, whichever is greater.]

56 Sec. 3. Subsection (c) of section 10-71 of the general statutes is
57 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

58 (c) If a cooperating eligible entity that is a nonprofit organization
59 provides a program of adult education, an amount that is equal to the
60 part of the grant to a local or regional board of education that is
61 allocated for purposes of such program shall be paid by the
62 Department of Education directly to the nonprofit organization. In
63 such case, the department shall deduct the amount paid to such
64 organization from the amount of the grant to the local or regional
65 board of education pursuant to this section. Payments pursuant to this
66 section for each estimated total grant of fifteen hundred dollars or
67 more shall be made during the fiscal year in which such programs are
68 offered as follows: Two-thirds of the grant entitlement based on
69 estimated eligible costs of adult education, included in the approved
70 proposal, in August and the adjusted balance, based on a revised
71 estimate of such eligible costs to be filed with the Commissioner of
72 Education at such time as the commissioner prescribes, in May.
73 Payments pursuant to this section for each estimated total grant of less
74 than fifteen hundred dollars shall be made in a single installment in
75 May of the fiscal year in which such programs are offered, based on a
76 revised estimate of the eligible costs of adult education filed with the
77 Commissioner of Education at such time as the commissioner
78 prescribes. Each recipient of a grant pursuant to this section shall
79 submit a report of actual revenue and expenditures to the
80 Commissioner of Education in such manner and on such forms as the
81 commissioner prescribes on or before the September first immediately
82 following the end of the grant year. Based on the report data, the
83 commissioner shall calculate any underpayment or overpayment of

84 the grant paid pursuant to this section and shall adjust the grant for
85 the fiscal year following the fiscal year in which such underpayment or
86 overpayment occurred or any subsequent fiscal year. Payments
87 pursuant to this section for each estimated total grant of fifteen
88 hundred dollars or more shall be made during the fiscal year in which
89 such programs are offered as follows: Two-thirds of the grant
90 entitlement based on estimated eligible costs of adult education,
91 included in the approved proposal, in August and the adjusted
92 balance, based on a revised estimate of such eligible costs to be filed
93 with the Commissioner of Education at such time as the commissioner
94 prescribes, in May. Payments pursuant to this section for each
95 estimated total grant of less than fifteen hundred dollars shall be made
96 in a single installment in May of the fiscal year in which such
97 programs are offered, based on a revised estimate of the eligible costs
98 of adult education filed with the Commissioner of Education at such
99 time as the commissioner prescribes. Each recipient of a grant
100 pursuant to this section shall submit a report of actual revenue and
101 expenditures to the Commissioner of Education in such manner and
102 on such forms as the commissioner prescribes on or before the
103 September first immediately following the end of the grant year. Based
104 on the report data, the commissioner shall calculate any underpayment
105 or overpayment of the grant paid pursuant to this section and shall
106 adjust the grant for the fiscal year following the fiscal year in which
107 such underpayment or overpayment occurred or any subsequent fiscal
108 year. Payments pursuant to this section for each estimated total grant
109 of fifteen hundred dollars or more shall be made during the fiscal year
110 in which such programs are offered as follows: Two-thirds of the grant
111 entitlement based on estimated eligible costs of adult education,
112 included in the approved proposal, in August and the adjusted
113 balance, based on a revised estimate of such eligible costs to be filed
114 with the Commissioner of Education at such time as the commissioner
115 prescribes, in May. Payments pursuant to this section for each
116 estimated total grant of less than fifteen hundred dollars shall be made
117 in a single installment in May of the fiscal year in which such

118 programs are offered, based on a revised estimate of the eligible costs
119 of adult education filed with the Commissioner of Education at such
120 time as the commissioner prescribes. Each recipient of a grant
121 pursuant to this section shall submit a report of actual revenue and
122 expenditures to the Commissioner of Education in such manner and
123 on such forms as the commissioner prescribes on or before the
124 September first immediately following the end of the grant year. Based
125 on the report data, the commissioner shall calculate any underpayment
126 or overpayment of the grant paid pursuant to this section and shall
127 adjust the grant for the fiscal year following the fiscal year in which
128 such underpayment or overpayment occurred or any subsequent fiscal
129 year.

130 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

Statement of Purpose:

To amend the provisions concerning the granting of an adult education diploma to provide that, as part of the requirement that the participant have satisfactorily completed not fewer than three adult education credits in social studies, the participant must satisfactorily complete at least a one-half credit course on civics and American government. To repeal provisions in the adult education grant statute which provide exceptions to the basic grant formula. To provide for payments from the department directly to a nonprofit organization operating an adult education program.

[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.]