



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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof: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. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 10-71 of the general statutes
23 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

24 (a) Each local or regional board of education or regional educational
25 service center which has submitted an adult education proposal to the
26 State Board of Education pursuant to section 10-71a shall, annually, be
27 eligible to receive a state grant based on a percentage of eligible costs
28 for adult education, as defined in section 10-67, provided such
29 percentage shall be determined as follows:

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

56 which served two thousand or more students who were enrolled at
57 least twelve hours in the fiscal year two years prior to the year of the
58 grant shall receive a grant in the amount determined pursuant to
59 subparagraph (B) or the amount obtained by multiplying the number
60 of such students served in the fiscal year two years prior to the year of
61 the grant by twenty-five, whichever is greater.]

62 (2) The percentage of the eligible costs for adult education a regional
63 board of education shall receive under the provisions of this section
64 shall be determined by its ranking. Such ranking shall be determined
65 by (A) multiplying the total population, as defined in section 10-261, of
66 each town in the district by such town's ranking, as determined in
67 subdivision (1) of this subsection, (B) adding together the figures for
68 each town determined under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision,
69 and (C) dividing the total computed under subparagraph (B) of this
70 subdivision by the total population of all towns in the district. The
71 ranking of each regional board of education shall be rounded to the
72 next higher whole number and each such board shall receive the same
73 reimbursement percentage as would a town with the same rank,
74 except that the reimbursement percentage for a priority school district
75 pursuant to section 10-266p shall not be less than twenty.

76 (3) The percentage of the eligible costs for adult education a regional
77 educational service center shall receive under the provisions of this
78 subsection and section 10-66i shall be determined by its ranking. Such
79 ranking shall be determined by (A) multiplying the total population, as
80 defined in section 10-261, of each member town in the regional
81 educational service center by such town's ranking, as determined in
82 subdivision (1) of this subsection, (B) adding together the figures for
83 each town determined under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision,
84 and (C) dividing the total computed under subparagraph (B) of this
85 subdivision by the total population of all member towns in the
86 regional educational service center. The ranking of each regional
87 educational service center shall be rounded to the next higher whole
88 number and each such center shall receive the same reimbursement
89 percentage as would a town with the same rank.

90 [(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (6) of section 10-
91 67 to the contrary, a]

92 (b) For purposes of this subsection "cooperating eligible entity
93 match ratio" means the percentage of the eligible costs for adult
94 education for the local board of education or regional educational
95 service center operating a program with the cooperating eligible entity
96 determined in accordance with subsection (a) of this section, divided
97 by one minus such eligible percentage. A local or regional board of
98 education or regional educational service center shall be eligible to
99 receive [an amount to] grants for programs operated with cooperating
100 eligible entities in accordance with section 10-71a. Such grants shall be
101 paid pursuant to the provisions of subsection (c) of this section [. The
102 amount shall equal the eligible expenditures from] and shall be in an
103 amount equal to the amount of funds received from private sources by
104 the [local or regional board of education, regional educational service
105 center or] cooperating eligible entity multiplied by the [appropriate
106 percentage, as determined under subsection (a) of this section]
107 cooperating eligible entity match ratio, provided such amount shall not
108 exceed twenty per cent of the amount received by the local or regional
109 board of education or regional educational service center pursuant to
110 subsection (a) of this section for the previous fiscal year. For payments
111 from private sources to be eligible for [reimbursement] match pursuant
112 to this subsection, (1) based upon estimated eligible costs approved by
113 the state Department of Education, the eligible expenditures from local
114 taxes in a fiscal year shall not be less than seventy per cent of the
115 eligible expenditures from local taxes for the previous fiscal year, and
116 (2) the local or regional board of education, regional educational
117 service center or cooperating eligible entity shall provide, not later
118 than a date to be determined by the Commissioner of Education,
119 evidence satisfactory to the commissioner of a written commitment of
120 a payment from a private source. Evidence of actual payment shall be
121 submitted to the commissioner not later than a date established by the
122 commissioner. Upon receipt by a board of education or regional
123 educational service center of state funds pursuant to this subsection

124 attributable to expenditures of a cooperating eligible entity, the board
125 or center shall provide for the distribution of such funds to the
126 cooperating eligible entity for the provision of adult education
127 programs and services pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of
128 section 10-69.

129 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

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Joint Favorable Subst. C/R

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