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**AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE EDUCATION STATUTES.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 4-37h of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 Any person soliciting funds or any other thing of value for donation  
4 to a foundation by a person, firm, corporation or other entity shall, at  
5 the time of such solicitation [and] or in any receipt for or other written  
6 confirmation of such donation, clearly and conspicuously disclose to  
7 the person, firm, corporation or other entity that the funds or other  
8 things of value donated are to be provided to the foundation and that  
9 the person, firm, corporation or other entity may request in writing  
10 that its identity be confidential, and upon such request, the identity of  
11 the person, firm, corporation or other entity shall not be publicly  
12 disclosed.

13 Sec. 2. Section 4d-47 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
14 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

15 With respect to any state employee whose position is eliminated or

16 who is laid off as a result of any contract or amendment to a contract  
17 which is subject to the provisions of this chapter and subsection (e) of  
18 section 1-205, subsection (c) of section 1-211, subsection (b) of section  
19 1-212, section 4-5, 4a-50, 4a-51, subsection (b) of section 4a-57,  
20 subsection (a) of section 10a-151b, subsection (a) of section 19a-110 or  
21 subsection (b) of section 32-6i, or any subcontract for work under such  
22 contract or amendment, (1) the contractor shall hire the employee,  
23 upon application by the employee, unless the employee is hired by a  
24 subcontractor of the contractor, or (2) the employee may transfer to  
25 any vacant position in state service for which [he] such employee is  
26 qualified, to the extent allowed under the provisions of existing  
27 collectively bargained agreements and the general statutes. If the  
28 contractor or any such subcontractor hires any such state employee  
29 and does not provide the employee with fringe benefits which are  
30 equivalent to, or greater than, the fringe benefits that the employee  
31 would have received in state service, the state shall, for two years after  
32 the employee terminates from state service, provide to the employee  
33 either (A) the same benefits that [he] such employee received from the  
34 state, or (B) compensation in an amount which represents the  
35 difference in the value of the fringe benefits that [he] such employee  
36 received when in state service and the fringe benefits that [he] such  
37 employee receives from the contractor or subcontractor.

38 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 4d-80 of the general statutes is  
39 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

40 (a) There is established a Commission for Educational Technology  
41 [ ] within the Department of Information Technology [ ] for  
42 administrative purposes only. The commission shall consist of: (1) The  
43 Chief Information Officer of the Department of Information  
44 Technology, or the Chief Information Officer's designee, the  
45 Commissioners of Education and Higher Education, or their designees,  
46 the State Librarian, or the State Librarian's designee, the chairperson of  
47 the Department of Public Utility Control, or the chairperson's  
48 designee, the chief executive officers of the constituent units of the

49 state system of higher education, or their designees, (2) one member  
50 each representing the Connecticut Conference of Independent  
51 Colleges, the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education, the  
52 Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents, the  
53 Connecticut Educators Computer Association, and the Connecticut  
54 Library Association, (3) a secondary school teacher designated by the  
55 Connecticut Education Association and an elementary school teacher  
56 designated by the Connecticut Federation of Educational and  
57 Professional Employees, and (4) four members who represent business  
58 and have expertise in information technology, one each appointed by  
59 the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the speaker of the House of  
60 Representatives and the president pro tempore of the Senate. The  
61 Lieutenant Governor shall convene the first meeting of the commission  
62 on or before September 1, 2000.

63 Sec. 4. Subsection (b) of section 4d-82 of the general statutes is  
64 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

65 (b) The commission shall oversee the preparation and submission of  
66 a state-wide application to the federal Universal Service Fund to  
67 enhance connectivity to the Connecticut Education Network, maximize  
68 participation and grant attainment rates, and reduce overly  
69 burdensome administrative requirements which discourage local  
70 involvement. The commission shall prepare a feasibility report which  
71 sets forth (1) a review of how and under what circumstances other  
72 states have successfully submitted state-wide applications to the  
73 Universal Service Fund, (2) an analysis of what should specifically be  
74 incorporated into this state's application, and (3) an outline of  
75 necessary actions to be taken by the commission for completion of a  
76 state-wide Universal Service Fund application. The commission shall  
77 work, in consultation with the Departments of Education [,] and  
78 Higher Education and the regional educational service centers on the  
79 feasibility report. No later than March 31, 2001, and for every  
80 subsequent universal service funding cycle, the commission shall  
81 submit a state-wide application for universal service funds.

82       Sec. 5. Subsection (a) of section 10-4o of the general statutes is  
83       repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

84       (a) The Department of Education, in conjunction with the  
85       Department of Social Services, shall coordinate a family resource  
86       center program to provide comprehensive child care services, remedial  
87       educational and literacy services, families-in-training programs and  
88       supportive services to parents who are recipients of temporary family  
89       assistance and other parents in need of such services. The family  
90       resource centers shall be located in or associated with public schools,  
91       and [.] any family resource center established on or after July 1, 2000,  
92       shall be located in a public elementary school unless the Commissioner  
93       of Education waives such requirement. The commissioner shall  
94       determine the manner in which the grant recipients of such program,  
95       such as municipalities, boards of education and child care providers  
96       shall be selected. The family resource center shall provide: (1) Quality  
97       full-day child care and school readiness programs for children age  
98       three and older who are not enrolled in school and child care for  
99       children enrolled in school up to the age of twelve for before and after  
100      regular school hours and on a full-day basis during school holidays  
101      and school vacation, in compliance with all state statutes and  
102      regulations governing child day care and, in the case of the school  
103      readiness programs, in compliance with the standards set for such  
104      programs pursuant to section 10-16p; (2) support services to parents of  
105      newborn infants to ascertain their needs and provide them with  
106      referrals to other services and organizations and, if necessary,  
107      education in parenting skills to such parents; (3) support and  
108      educational services to parents whose children are participants of the  
109      child care services of the program and who are interested in obtaining  
110      a high school diploma or its equivalent. Parents and their preschool  
111      age children may attend classes in parenting and child learning skills  
112      together so as to promote the mutual pursuit of education and enhance  
113      parent-child interaction; (4) training, technical assistance and other  
114      support by the staff of the center to family day care providers in the  
115      community and serve as an information and referral system for other

116 child care needs in the community or coordinate with such systems as  
117 may already exist in the community; (5) a families-in-training program  
118 to provide, within available appropriations, community support  
119 services to expectant parents and parents of children under the age of  
120 three. Such services shall include, but not be limited to, providing  
121 information and advice to parents on their child's language, cognitive,  
122 social and motor development, visiting a participant's home on a  
123 regular basis, organizing group meetings at the center for  
124 neighborhood parents of young children and providing a reference  
125 center for parents who need special assistance or services. The  
126 program shall provide for the recruitment of parents to participate in  
127 such program; and (6) a sliding scale of payment, as developed in  
128 consultation with the Department of Social Services, for child care  
129 services at the center. The center shall also provide a teen pregnancy  
130 prevention program for adolescents emphasizing responsible decision-  
131 making and communication skills.

132 Sec. 6. Subsection (d) of section 10-65 of the general statutes is  
133 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

134 (d) (1) If there are any remaining funds after the amount of the  
135 grants described in subsections (a) and (c) of this section are calculated,  
136 within available appropriations, each local or regional board of  
137 education operating a vocational [agricultural] agriculture center shall  
138 be eligible to receive a grant in an amount equal to one hundred  
139 dollars for each student enrolled in such center on October first of the  
140 previous school year. (2) If there are any remaining funds after the  
141 amount of the grants described in subdivision (1) of this subsection are  
142 calculated, within available appropriations, each local or regional  
143 board of education operating a vocational [agricultural] agriculture  
144 center that had more than one hundred and fifty out-of-district  
145 students enrolled in such center on October first of the previous school  
146 year shall be eligible to receive a grant based on the ratio of the  
147 number of out-of-district students in excess of one hundred and fifty  
148 out-of-district students enrolled in such center on said date to the total

149 number of out-of-district students in excess of one hundred and fifty  
150 out-of-district students enrolled in all vocational [agricultural]  
151 agriculture centers that had in excess of one hundred and fifty out-of-  
152 district students enrolled on said date.

153 Sec. 7. Subsection (a) of section 10-76i of the general statutes is  
154 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

155 (a) There shall be an Advisory Council for Special Education which  
156 shall advise the General Assembly, State Board of Education and the  
157 Commissioner of Education, and which shall engage in such other  
158 activities as described in this section. Said advisory council shall  
159 consist of the following members: (1) Two appointed by the  
160 Commissioner of Education, one of whom shall be an official of the  
161 Department of Education and one of whom shall be a representative of  
162 an institution of higher education in the state that prepares teacher and  
163 related services personnel; (2) two appointed by the Commissioner of  
164 Mental Retardation, one of whom shall be an official of the department  
165 and one of whom shall be a person with disabilities or a parent of such  
166 a person; (3) two appointed by the Commissioner of Children and  
167 Families, one of whom shall be an official of the department and one of  
168 whom shall be a person with disabilities or a parent or foster parent of  
169 such a person; (4) one appointed by the Commissioner of Correction;  
170 (5) four who are members of the General Assembly, one appointed by  
171 the majority leader of the House of Representatives, one appointed by  
172 the minority leader of the House of Representatives, one appointed by  
173 the president pro tempore of the Senate and one appointed by the  
174 minority leader of the Senate; (6) three appointed by the president pro  
175 tempore of the Senate, one of whom shall be a member of the  
176 Connecticut Association of Boards of Education, one of whom shall be  
177 a member of the Connecticut Speech-Language-Hearing Association  
178 and one of whom shall be a person with disabilities or the parent of  
179 such a person; (7) two appointed by the majority leader of the Senate  
180 one of whom shall be a person with disabilities or the parent of such a  
181 person and one of whom shall be a regular education teacher; (8) four

182 appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, one of whom shall be a  
183 representative of a vocational, community or business organization  
184 concerned with the provision of transitional services to children with  
185 disabilities, one of whom shall be a member of the Connecticut  
186 Association of Private Special Education Facilities and two of whom  
187 shall be persons with disabilities or the parents of such persons; (9)  
188 three appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, one of  
189 whom shall be a member of the Connecticut Association of School  
190 Administrators and a local education official, one of whom shall be a  
191 person with disabilities or the parent of such a person and one of  
192 whom shall be a member of the literacy coalition and a person with  
193 disabilities or the parent of such a person; (10) two appointed by the  
194 majority leader of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be  
195 a person working in the field of special-education-related services and  
196 one of whom shall be a person with disabilities or the parent of such a  
197 person; (11) four appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
198 Representatives, two of whom shall be persons with disabilities or the  
199 parents of such persons, one of whom shall be a member of the  
200 Connecticut Association of Pupil Personnel Administrators and an  
201 administrator of a program for children who require special education,  
202 and one of whom shall be a special education teacher; and (12) eight  
203 appointed by the Governor, all of whom shall be persons with  
204 disabilities or parents of such persons and one of whom shall also be  
205 associated with a charter school. The terms of the present members  
206 shall expire on June 30, 1998. Appointments shall be made to the  
207 council by July 1, 1998. Members shall serve two-year terms, except  
208 that members appointed pursuant to subdivisions (1) to (4), inclusive,  
209 and (12) of this subsection whose terms commenced July 1, 1998, shall  
210 serve three-year terms and the successors to such members appointed  
211 pursuant to said subdivisions [,] shall serve two-year terms.

212 Sec. 8. Subsection (b) of section 10-144d of the general statutes is  
213 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

214 (b) There is established the Connecticut Advisory Council for

215 Teacher Professional Standards. The council shall be composed of  
216 seventeen members appointed as follows: The Governor shall appoint  
217 one public member who shall represent business and industry; the  
218 State Board of Education shall appoint two members, one of whom  
219 shall be a member of the faculty or administration of a State Board of  
220 Education approved teacher preparation program and one of whom  
221 shall be a public member who shall represent business and industry;  
222 the president pro tempore of the Senate shall appoint one member  
223 who shall represent business and industry; the speaker of the House of  
224 Representatives shall appoint one member who shall be a parent of a  
225 child attending a public elementary or secondary school; the majority  
226 leader of the Senate shall appoint one member who shall be a member  
227 of a local or regional board of education; the majority leader of the  
228 House of Representatives shall appoint one member who shall be a  
229 school superintendent; the minority leader of the Senate shall appoint  
230 two members, one of whom shall be a public member and one of  
231 whom shall be a parent of a child attending a public elementary or  
232 secondary school; the minority leader of the House of Representatives  
233 shall appoint two members, one of whom shall be a public member  
234 and one of whom shall be a school administrator; the Connecticut  
235 Education Association shall appoint four members who shall be  
236 classroom teachers at the time of their appointment and during the  
237 term of their membership on the council, two of whom shall be  
238 elementary school teachers; and the Connecticut [State] Federation of  
239 [Teachers] Educational and Professional Employees shall appoint two  
240 members who shall be classroom teachers at the time of their  
241 appointment and during the term of their membership on the council,  
242 one of whom shall be an elementary school teacher. All appointments  
243 shall be made and the names of the persons appointed shall be  
244 submitted to the Commissioner of Education not later than October 1,  
245 1990.

246 Sec. 9. Subsection (d) of section 10-151 of the general statutes is  
247 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

248 (d) The contract of employment of a teacher who has attained tenure  
249 shall be continued from school year to school year, except that it may  
250 be terminated at any time for one or more of the following reasons: (1)  
251 Inefficiency or incompetence, provided, if a teacher is notified on or  
252 after July 1, 2000, that termination is under consideration due to  
253 incompetence, the determination of incompetence is based on  
254 evaluation of the teacher using teacher evaluation guidelines  
255 established pursuant to section 10-151b; (2) insubordination against  
256 reasonable rules of the board of education; (3) moral misconduct; (4)  
257 disability, as shown by competent medical evidence; (5) elimination of  
258 the position to which the teacher was appointed or loss of a position to  
259 another teacher, if no other position exists to which such teacher may  
260 be appointed if qualified, provided such teacher, if qualified, shall be  
261 appointed to a position held by a teacher who has not attained tenure,  
262 and provided further that determination of the individual contract or  
263 contracts of employment to be terminated shall be made in accordance  
264 with either (A) a provision for a layoff procedure agreed upon by the  
265 board of education and the exclusive employees' representative  
266 organization or (B) in the absence of such agreement, a written policy  
267 of the board of education; or (6) other due and sufficient cause.  
268 Nothing in this section or in any other section of the general statutes or  
269 of any special act shall preclude a board of education from making an  
270 agreement with an exclusive bargaining representative which contains  
271 a recall provision. Prior to terminating a contract, the superintendent  
272 shall give the teacher concerned a written notice that termination of  
273 such teacher's contract is under consideration and, upon written  
274 request filed by such teacher with the superintendent, within seven  
275 days after receipt of such notice, shall within the next succeeding seven  
276 days give such teacher a statement in writing of the reasons therefore.  
277 Within twenty days after receipt of written notice by the  
278 superintendent that contract termination is under consideration, such  
279 teacher may file with the local or regional board of education a written  
280 request for a hearing. A board of education may designate a  
281 subcommittee of three or more board members to conduct hearings

282 and submit written findings and recommendations to the board for  
283 final disposition in the case of teachers whose contracts are terminated.  
284 Such hearing shall commence within fifteen days after receipt of such  
285 request, unless the parties mutually agree to an extension, not to  
286 exceed fifteen days (A) before the board of education [,] or a  
287 subcommittee of the board, (B) if indicated in such request or if  
288 designated by the board before an impartial hearing panel, or [,] (C) if  
289 the parties mutually agree, before a single impartial hearing officer  
290 chosen by the teacher and the superintendent. If the parties are unable  
291 to agree upon the choice of a hearing officer within five days after their  
292 decision to use a hearing officer, the hearing shall be held before the  
293 board or panel, as the case may be. The impartial hearing panel shall  
294 consist of three members appointed as follows: The superintendent  
295 shall appoint one panel member, the teacher shall appoint one panel  
296 member, and those two panel members shall choose a third, who shall  
297 serve as chairperson. If the two panel members are unable to agree  
298 upon the choice of a third panel member within five days after the  
299 decision to use a hearing panel, the third panel member shall be  
300 selected with the assistance of the American Arbitration Association  
301 using its expedited selection process and in accordance with its rules  
302 for selection of a neutral arbitrator in grievance arbitration. If the third  
303 panel member is not selected with the assistance of such association  
304 within five days, the hearing shall be held before the board of  
305 education or a subcommittee of the board. Within seventy-five days  
306 after receipt of the request for a hearing, the impartial hearing panel,  
307 subcommittee of the board or hearing officer, unless the parties  
308 mutually agree to an extension not to exceed fifteen days, shall submit  
309 written findings and a recommendation to the board of education as to  
310 the disposition of the charges against the teacher [,] and shall send a  
311 copy of such findings and recommendation to the teacher. The board  
312 of education shall give the teacher concerned its written decision  
313 within fifteen days of receipt of the written recommendation of the  
314 impartial hearing panel, subcommittee or hearing officer. Each party  
315 shall pay the fee of the panel member selected by it and shall share

316 equally the fee of the third panel member or hearing officer and all  
317 other costs incidental to the hearing. If the hearing is before the board  
318 of education, the board shall render its decision within fifteen days  
319 after the close of such hearing [ ] and shall send a copy of its decision  
320 to the teacher. The hearing shall be public if the teacher so requests or  
321 the board, subcommittee, hearing officer or panel so designates. The  
322 teacher concerned shall have the right to appear with counsel at the  
323 hearing, whether public or private. A copy of a transcript of the  
324 proceedings of the hearing shall be furnished by the board of  
325 education, upon written request by the teacher within fifteen days  
326 after the board's decision, provided the teacher shall assume the cost of  
327 any such copy. Nothing herein contained shall deprive a board of  
328 education or superintendent of the power to suspend a teacher from  
329 duty immediately when serious misconduct is charged without  
330 prejudice to the rights of the teacher as otherwise provided in this  
331 section.

332 Sec. 10. Subsection (a) of section 10-153f of the general statutes is  
333 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

334 There shall be in the Department of Education an arbitration panel  
335 of not less than twenty-four [nor] or more than twenty-nine persons to  
336 serve as provided in subsection (c) of this section. The Governor shall  
337 appoint such panel, with the advice and consent of the General  
338 Assembly, as follows: (1) Seven members shall be representative of the  
339 interests of local and regional boards of education and shall be selected  
340 from lists of names submitted by such boards; (2) seven members shall  
341 be representative of the interests of exclusive bargaining  
342 representatives of certified employees and shall be selected from lists  
343 of names submitted by such bargaining representatives; and (3) not  
344 less than ten [nor] or more than fifteen members shall be impartial  
345 representatives of the interests of the public in general and shall be  
346 residents of the state of Connecticut, experienced in public sector  
347 collective bargaining interest impasse resolution and selected from lists  
348 of names submitted by the State Board of Education. The lists of names

349 submitted to the Governor pursuant to subdivisions (1) to (3),  
350 inclusive, of this subsection shall, in addition to complying with the  
351 provisions of section 4-9b, include a report from the State Board of  
352 Education certifying that the process conducted for soliciting  
353 applicants made adequate outreach to minority communities and  
354 documenting that the number and make-up of minority applicants  
355 considered reflect the state's racial and ethnic diversity. Each member  
356 of the panel shall serve a term of two years, provided each arbitrator  
357 shall hold office until a successor is appointed and, provided further,  
358 any arbitrator not reappointed shall finish to conclusion any  
359 arbitration for which such arbitrator has been selected or appointed.  
360 Arbitrators may be removed for good cause. If any vacancy occurs in  
361 such panel, the Governor shall act within forty days to fill such  
362 vacancy in the manner provided in section 4-19. Persons appointed to  
363 the arbitration panel shall serve without compensation but each shall  
364 receive a per diem fee for [each] any day during which [he] such  
365 person is engaged in the arbitration of a dispute pursuant to this  
366 section. The parties to the dispute so arbitrated shall pay the fee in  
367 accordance with subsection (c) of this section.

368 Sec. 11. Subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of section 10-153f of the  
369 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
370 thereof:

371 (2) The chairperson of the arbitration panel or the single arbitrator  
372 shall set the date, time and place for a hearing to be held in the school  
373 district between the fifth and twelfth day, inclusive, after such  
374 chairperson or such single arbitrator is selected. At least five days prior  
375 to such hearing, a written notice of the date, time and place of the  
376 hearing shall be sent to the board of education and the representative  
377 organization which are parties to the dispute, and, if a three-member  
378 arbitration panel is selected or designated, to the other members of  
379 such panel. Such written notice shall also be sent, by registered mail,  
380 return receipt requested, to the fiscal authority having budgetary  
381 responsibility or charged with making appropriations for the school

382 district, and a representative designated by such body may be heard at  
383 the hearing as part of the presentation and participation of the board of  
384 education. At the hearing each party shall have full opportunity to  
385 submit all relevant evidence, to introduce relevant documents and  
386 written material [ ] and to argue on behalf of its positions. At the  
387 hearing a representative of the fiscal authority having budgetary  
388 responsibility or charged with making appropriations for the school  
389 district shall be heard regarding the financial capability of the school  
390 district, unless such opportunity to be heard is waived by the fiscal  
391 authority. The nonappearance of the representative shall constitute a  
392 waiver of the opportunity to be heard unless there is a showing that  
393 proper notice was not given to the fiscal authority. The chairperson of  
394 the arbitration panel or the single arbitrator shall preside over such  
395 hearing.

396 Sec. 12. Subsection (a) of section 10-220 of the general statutes is  
397 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

398 (a) Each local or regional board of education shall maintain good  
399 public elementary and secondary schools, implement the educational  
400 interests of the state as defined in section 10-4a and provide such other  
401 educational activities as in its judgment will best serve the interests of  
402 the school district; provided any board of education may secure such  
403 opportunities in another school district in accordance with provisions  
404 of the general statutes and shall give all the children of the school  
405 district as nearly equal advantages as may be practicable; shall provide  
406 an appropriate learning environment for its students which includes  
407 (1) adequate instructional books, supplies, materials, equipment,  
408 staffing, facilities and technology, (2) equitable allocation of resources  
409 among its schools, and (3) a safe school setting; shall have charge of the  
410 schools of its respective school district; shall make a continuing study  
411 of the need for school facilities and of a long-term school building  
412 program and from time to time make recommendations based on such  
413 study to the town; shall report annually to the Commissioner of  
414 Education on the condition of its facilities and the action taken to

415 implement its long-term school building program, which report the  
416 commissioner shall use to prepare an annual report that [he] said  
417 commissioner shall submit in accordance with section 11-4a to the joint  
418 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
419 matters relating to education; shall advise the Commissioner of  
420 Education of the relationship between any individual school building  
421 project pursuant to chapter 173 and such long-term school building  
422 program; shall have the care, maintenance and operation of buildings,  
423 lands, apparatus and other property used for school purposes and at  
424 all times shall insure all such buildings and all capital equipment  
425 contained therein against loss in an amount not less than eighty per  
426 cent of replacement cost; shall determine the number, age and  
427 qualifications of the pupils to be admitted into each school; shall  
428 develop and implement a written plan for minority staff recruitment  
429 for purposes of subdivision (3) of section 10-4a; shall employ and  
430 dismiss the teachers of the schools of such district subject to the  
431 provisions of sections 10-151 and 10-158a; shall designate the schools  
432 which shall be attended by the various children within the school  
433 district; shall make such provisions as will enable each child of school  
434 age, residing in the district to attend some public day school for the  
435 period required by law and provide for the transportation of children  
436 wherever transportation is reasonable and desirable, and for such  
437 purpose may make contracts covering periods of not more than five  
438 years; may place in an alternative school program or other suitable  
439 educational program a pupil enrolling in school who is nineteen years  
440 of age or older and cannot acquire a sufficient number of credits for  
441 graduation by age twenty-one; may arrange with the board of  
442 education of an adjacent town for the instruction therein of such  
443 children as can attend school in such adjacent town more conveniently;  
444 shall cause each child five years of age and over and under sixteen  
445 years of age living in the school district to attend school in accordance  
446 with the provisions of section 10-184, and shall perform all acts  
447 required of it by the town or necessary to carry into effect the powers  
448 and duties imposed by law.

449 Sec. 13. Section 10-220d of the general statutes is repealed and the  
450 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

451 Each local and regional board of education shall provide full access  
452 to regional vocational-technical schools, regional vocational  
453 [agricultural] agriculture centers, interdistrict magnet schools, charter  
454 schools and interdistrict student attendance programs for the  
455 recruitment of students attending the schools under the board's  
456 jurisdiction, provided such recruitment is not for the purpose of  
457 interscholastic athletic competition.

458 Sec. 14. Subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 10-261 of the  
459 general statutes is repealed and the following is submitted in lieu  
460 thereof:

461 (2) "Average daily membership" means the number of all pupils of  
462 the local or regional board of education enrolled in public schools at  
463 the expense of such board of education on October first or the full  
464 school day immediately preceding such date, provided the number so  
465 obtained shall be decreased by the Department of Education for failure  
466 to comply with the provisions of section 10-16 and shall be increased  
467 by one one-hundred-eightieth for each full-time equivalent school day  
468 of at least five hours of actual school work in excess of one hundred  
469 eighty days and nine hundred hours of actual school work and be  
470 increased by the full-time equivalent number of such pupils attending  
471 the summer sessions immediately preceding such date at the expense  
472 of such board of education; "enrolled" shall include pupils who are  
473 scheduled for vacation on the above dates and who are expected to  
474 return to school as scheduled. Pupils participating in the program  
475 established pursuant to section 10-266aa shall be counted in  
476 accordance with the provisions of subsection [(f)] (g) of section 10-  
477 266aa.

478 Sec. 15. Subdivision (22) of section 10-262f of the general statutes is  
479 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

480 (22) "Resident students" means the number of pupils of the town  
481 enrolled in public schools at the expense of the town on October first  
482 or the full school day immediately preceding such date, provided the  
483 number shall be decreased by the Department of Education for failure  
484 to comply with the provisions of section 10-16 and shall be increased  
485 by one-one-hundred-eightieth for each full-time equivalent school day  
486 in the school year immediately preceding such date of at least five  
487 hours of actual school work in excess of one hundred eighty days and  
488 nine hundred hours of actual school work and be increased by the  
489 full-time equivalent number of such pupils attending the summer  
490 sessions immediately preceding such date at the expense of the town;  
491 "enrolled" shall include pupils who are scheduled for vacation on the  
492 above date and who are expected to return to school as scheduled.  
493 Pupils participating in the program established pursuant to section 10-  
494 266aa shall be counted in accordance with the provisions of subsection  
495 [(f)] (g) of section 10-266aa.

496 Sec. 16. Subsection (b) of section 10-265m of the general statutes is  
497 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

498 [(b) In order to receive a grant, an eligible board of education shall  
499 submit a plan for the expenditure of grant funds to the Department of  
500 Education, at such time and in such manner as the commissioner  
501 prescribes.]

502 (b) The plan shall include: (1) Criteria for student participation in  
503 the program, including provision for priority to students who are  
504 determined to be substantially deficient in reading, (2) criteria for  
505 teacher selection that emphasize the skills needed for teaching the  
506 summer program and criteria for establishment of the curriculum for  
507 the summer program, and (3) a system for reporting, by school and  
508 grade, on the number of students who attend the program, for  
509 assessing the performance of such students in the program and for  
510 tracking their performance during the school year. In deciding where  
511 to establish a summer school program, eligible boards of education

512 shall give preference to elementary and middle schools with the  
513 highest number of students who are substantially deficient in reading.

514 Sec. 17. Subsection (b) of section 10a-99a of the general statutes is  
515 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

516 (b) For the purposes of this section: (1) "Endowment fund eligible  
517 gift" means a gift to or for the benefit of any of the state universities of  
518 the Connecticut State University system or the system as a whole of  
519 cash or assets which may be reduced to cash or which has the value  
520 that is ascertainable by the state universities or the system as a whole  
521 and which the donor has specifically designated for deposit in the  
522 endowment fund or which explicitly or implicitly by the terms of the  
523 gift, the universities or the system as a whole may and does deposit or  
524 permit to be deposited in the endowment funds. (2) "Endowment fund  
525 state grant" means moneys transferred by the Department of Higher  
526 Education from the fund established pursuant to section 10a-8b to the  
527 endowment fund established pursuant to this section in an aggregate  
528 amount not exceeding the endowment fund state grant maximum  
529 commitment. (3) "Endowment fund state grant maximum  
530 commitment" means an amount not exceeding two and one-half  
531 [millions] million dollars in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, five  
532 million dollars for each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2001, June  
533 30, 2002, June 30, 2008, and June 30, 2009, and seven million five  
534 hundred thousand dollars for each of the fiscal years ending June 30,  
535 2003, June 30, 2004, June 30, 2005, June 30, 2006, and June 30, 2007.

536 Sec. 18. Subsection (b) of section 10a-169a of the general statutes is  
537 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

538 (b) Within available appropriations, the program shall provide  
539 grants for students entering or enrolling in an information technology  
540 related degree or certification program at any public or independent  
541 institution of higher education in this state. The scholarship shall not  
542 exceed three thousand dollars per student per year. The scholarship  
543 shall not exceed the combined costs of tuition and fees of an institution

544 at which a recipient is or will be enrolled. The Department of Higher  
545 Education shall develop eligibility requirements for recipients. Such  
546 requirements may include income guidelines. Students shall be eligible  
547 for such scholarships for each year they are enrolled in an information  
548 technology related degree or certification program for a total of not  
549 more than four years per student. Students may apply for such  
550 scholarships to the Department of Higher Education at such time and  
551 in such manner as the Commissioner of Higher Education prescribes.

552 Sec. 19. Subsection (b) of section 10a-169b of the general statutes is  
553 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

554 (b) Within available appropriations, the program shall provide a  
555 student loan reimbursement grant for persons who (1) attended any  
556 institution of higher education, (2) majored in an information  
557 technology related field, and (3) are newly employed on or after  
558 January 1, 2001, by an electronic commerce or information technology  
559 intensive company [ ] that has registered with or otherwise been  
560 qualified by the Department of Economic and Community  
561 Development pursuant to section 32-8a in an information technology  
562 intensive occupation verified by the department and identified in the  
563 strategic plan produced pursuant to section 31-11v.

564 Sec. 20. Subsection (a) of section 10a-203 of the general statutes is  
565 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

566 (a) Said corporation shall be governed and all of its corporate  
567 powers exercised by a board of directors which shall consist of thirteen  
568 members, as follows: The [chairman] chairperson of the Board of  
569 Governors of Higher Education and the Commissioner of Higher  
570 Education; seven public members appointed by the Governor, at least  
571 one of whom shall represent the private colleges, and commencing  
572 with the next regular appointments made on and after July 1, 1984, at  
573 least one shall be a financial aid officer at an eligible institution and at  
574 least one shall be a person having a favorable reputation for skill,  
575 knowledge and experience in management of a private company or

576 lending institution at least as large as the corporation and all of whom  
577 shall be electors of this state; and two members from the House of  
578 Representatives, one appointed by the speaker of the House and one  
579 appointed by the minority leader of the House; two members from the  
580 Senate, one appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate and  
581 one appointed by the minority leader of the Senate. Those members  
582 who are appointed by the Governor shall serve for terms of four years  
583 each from July first in the year of their appointment and until their  
584 successors have been appointed. Those members who are appointed  
585 by the speaker of the House of Representatives, the minority leader of  
586 the House, the president pro tempore of the Senate and the minority  
587 leader of the Senate shall be appointed for terms of two years from  
588 January fifteenth in the year of their appointment. The term of each  
589 appointed member of the board shall be coterminous with the term of  
590 the appointing authority or until a successor is chosen, whichever is  
591 later. The board of directors shall elect, from its own members each  
592 year, a [chairman] chairperson and a [vice-chairman] vice-chairperson  
593 who shall serve for terms of one year and who shall be eligible for  
594 reelection for successive terms. Vacancies shall be filled for the  
595 unexpired term in the same manner as original appointments.  
596 Directors shall receive no compensation for their services but shall be  
597 reimbursed for their expenses actually and necessarily incurred by  
598 them in the performance of their duties under this chapter. Any  
599 member may designate in writing to the chairperson of the board of  
600 directors a representative to act in the place of such member at a  
601 meeting or meetings, with all rights and obligations at such meeting as  
602 the member represented would have had at the meeting.

603       Sec. 21. Subsection (a) of section 17a-101i of the general statutes is  
604 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

605       (a) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes to the  
606 contrary, after an investigation has been completed and the  
607 Commissioner of Children and Families, based upon the results of the  
608 investigation, has reasonable cause to believe that a child has been

609 abused by a school employee who holds a certificate, permit or  
610 authorization issued by the State Board of Education, the  
611 commissioner shall notify the employing superintendent of such  
612 finding and shall provide records, whether or not created by the  
613 department, concerning such investigation to the superintendent who  
614 shall suspend such school employee. Such suspension shall be with  
615 pay and shall not result in the diminution or termination of benefits to  
616 such employee. Within seventy-two hours after such suspension the  
617 superintendent shall notify the local or regional board of education  
618 and the Commissioner of Education, or [his] the commissioner's  
619 representative, of the reasons for and conditions of the suspension. The  
620 superintendent shall disclose such records to the Commissioner of  
621 Education and the local or regional board of education or its attorney  
622 for purposes of review of employment status or the status of such  
623 employee's certificate, permit or authorization. The suspension of a  
624 school employee employed in a position requiring a certificate shall  
625 remain in effect until the board of education acts pursuant to the  
626 provisions of section 10-151. If the contract of employment of such  
627 certified school employee is terminated, the superintendent shall  
628 notify the Commissioner of Education, or [his] the commissioner's  
629 representative, within seventy-two hours after such termination. Upon  
630 receipt of such notice from the superintendent, the Commissioner of  
631 Education may commence certification revocation proceedings  
632 pursuant to the provisions of subsection (m) of section 10-145b.  
633 Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 1-210 and 1-211,  
634 information received by the Commissioner of Education, or [his] the  
635 commissioner's representative, pursuant to this section shall be  
636 confidential subject to regulations adopted by the State Board of  
637 Education under section 10-145g.

638 Sec. 22. Subsection (d) of section 17a-101i of the general statutes is  
639 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

640 (d) For the purposes of receiving and making reports, notifying and  
641 receiving notification, or investigating, pursuant to the provisions of

642 sections 17a-101a to 17a-101h, inclusive, and 17a-103, a superintendent  
643 of a school district or a supervisory agent of a nonpublic school may  
644 assign a designee to act on [his] such superintendent's or agent's  
645 behalf.

646 Sec. 23. Subsection (c) of section 17b-749 of the general statutes is  
647 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

648 (c) The commissioner shall establish eligibility and program  
649 standards including, but not limited to: (1) A priority intake and  
650 eligibility system with preference given to serving teen parents,  
651 low-income working families, adoptive families of children who were  
652 adopted from the Department of Children and Families and who are  
653 granted a waiver of income standards under subdivision (2) of  
654 subsection (b), and working families who are at risk of welfare  
655 dependency; (2) health and safety standards for child care providers  
656 not required to be licensed; (3) a reimbursement system for child care  
657 services which account for differences in the age of the child, number  
658 of children in the family, the geographic region and type of care  
659 provided by licensed and unlicensed caregivers, the cost and type of  
660 services provided by licensed and unlicensed caregivers, successful  
661 completion of fifteen hours of annual in-service training or  
662 credentialing of child care directors and administrators, and program  
663 accreditation; (4) supplemental payment for special needs of the child  
664 and extended nontraditional hours; (5) an annual rate review process  
665 which assures that reimbursement rates are maintained at levels which  
666 permit equal access to a variety of child care settings; (6) a sliding  
667 reimbursement scale for participating families; (7) an administrative  
668 appeals process; (8) an administrative hearing process to adjudicate  
669 cases of alleged fraud and abuse and to impose sanctions and recover  
670 overpayments; and (9) a waiting list for the child care subsidy program  
671 that reflects the priority and eligibility system set forth in subdivision  
672 (1) of [subsection (c) of this section] this subsection, which is reviewed  
673 periodically, with the inclusion of this information in the annual report  
674 required to be issued annually by the Department of Social Services to

675 the Governor and the General Assembly in accordance with  
676 subdivision (10) of section 17b-733. Such action will include, but not be  
677 limited to, family income, age of child, region of state and length of  
678 time on such waiting list.

679 Sec. 24. Section 31-11aa of the general statutes is repealed and the  
680 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

681 (a) The Connecticut Employment and Training Commission within  
682 the Office of Workforce Competitiveness shall produce, within  
683 available appropriations, a report [, including a long-range strategic  
684 plan, for] on information technology workforce development,  
685 including a long-range strategic plan, that addresses Connecticut's  
686 workforce and research needs as they relate to information technology  
687 and electronic commerce. The commission shall work with the  
688 Commissioners of Economic and Community Development, Education  
689 and Higher Education and any business-related association or  
690 organization that the commission deems appropriate in creating a  
691 planning structure, no later than July 5, 2000, to develop the plan. The  
692 planning structure shall include representation from the Connecticut  
693 Employment and Training Commission, the General Assembly, the  
694 Departments of Education, Higher Education and Economic and  
695 Community Development, Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated,  
696 information technology and software companies, the Connecticut  
697 Business and Industry Association, the Connecticut Economic  
698 Resource Center, the Connecticut Technology Council, The University  
699 of Connecticut, the Connecticut State University System, the  
700 community-technical colleges, Charter Oak State College, the  
701 Connecticut Distance Learning Consortium, the Connecticut  
702 Conference of Independent Colleges and any other representatives  
703 including regional and state-wide business and technology  
704 associations the Connecticut Employment and Training Commission  
705 and commissioners deem necessary.

706 (b) The report shall specify: (1) The number and job descriptions of

707 workers in information technology intensive occupations and the  
708 associated occupational codes for those occupations as identified  
709 through the Standard Occupational Code classification system of the  
710 Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor, (2)  
711 a [forecasted] forecast assessment of demand by Connecticut  
712 employers in those occupations for two, five and ten years from July 1,  
713 2000, (3) methods to generate a sufficient number of information  
714 technology graduates to fill identified needs, including, but not limited  
715 to, scholarship, school-to-career and internship programs, (4) methods  
716 to effectively link appropriate and trained graduates to information  
717 technology jobs in this state, including, but not limited to, loan  
718 reimbursement programs, (5) what programmatic and curricular  
719 emphasis should be developed to support the growth of electronic  
720 commerce, software and information technology industries, (6)  
721 methods secondary and higher education and private industry can use  
722 to continue to address information technology workforce needs as they  
723 change and evolve over time, and (7) an assessment of existing state  
724 initiatives directed at improving workforce development in  
725 Connecticut's information technology and software industries and a  
726 method for ensuring such industries are informed, on a continual  
727 basis, of these and other workforce development options as they are  
728 implemented.

729 (c) The commission shall report, in accordance with section 11-4a, to  
730 the General Assembly and the Governor by October 16, 2000. The  
731 report shall include the specifications of the plan. The commission  
732 may, prior to the completion of the report, release findings, data,  
733 conclusions or other content on an ongoing basis.

734 Sec. 25. Section 52-434d of the general statutes is repealed and the  
735 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

736 (a) The Chief Court Administrator may establish a pilot program for  
737 the resolution of special education administrative contested cases. If  
738 the Chief Court Administrator establishes a pilot program, the

739 Department of Education may refer up to twenty special education  
740 administrative contested cases which shall not be jury trials and shall  
741 be heard by judge trial referees or senior judges. The entry fee  
742 established by section 52-259 shall not apply to such cases. Any [cases]  
743 case certified by the Department of Education as being part of the pilot  
744 program shall be heard as a de novo case in the Superior Court and  
745 shall be appealable directly to the Appellate Court.

746 (b) The Department of Education shall provide necessary funding  
747 for the pilot program to the judicial branch.

748 Sec. 26. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To make numerous technical changes to the education statutes.

*[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.]*