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

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1 In line 427, after the comma insert "or documented successful  
2 completion of a national board certification assessment in the  
3 appropriate endorsement area,"

4 Strike line 858 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

5 "1950, except that a board of education may apply to the department  
6 by June 30, 2002, for use of such increased percentage for a building  
7 constructed prior to July 1, 1951."

8 Strike section 29 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu  
9 thereof:

10 "Sec. 29. (NEW) Notwithstanding any provision of chapter 173 of  
11 the general statutes, a local or regional board of education may design  
12 and construct a central kitchen facility to provide food services to its  
13 public schools and shall be eligible for a school construction grant at

14 the rate of reimbursement pursuant to subsection (a) of section 10-285a  
15 of the general statutes. Such project may also include costs for  
16 alterations, expansions or creation of existing or new kitchen facilities  
17 in its schools to accommodate the new method of centralized food  
18 service preparation. Such projects shall not be subject to the standard  
19 space specification requirements for school construction projects, but  
20 shall be of reasonable size and scope as approved by the  
21 Commissioner of Education."

22 Strike line 1177 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu  
23 thereof:

24 "(a) The Board of"

25 Strike line 1180 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu  
26 thereof:

27 "at the pleasure of the board of trustees."

28 After line 1338 insert the following and renumber the remaining  
29 section accordingly:

30 "Sec. 48. Subsection (j) of section 10-16p of the general statutes is  
31 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

32 (j) Children enrolled in school readiness programs funded pursuant  
33 to this section shall not be counted (1) as resident students for  
34 purposes of subdivision (22) of section 10-262f, or (2) in the  
35 determination of average daily membership pursuant to subdivision  
36 (2) of subsection (a) of section 10-261.

37 Sec. 49. Subsection (c) of section 10-76i of the general statutes is  
38 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

39 (c) The advisory council shall: (1) Advise the state Department of  
40 Education of unmet needs in educating children with disabilities and  
41 on the administration of the provisions of sections 10-94f to 10-94k,  
42 inclusive; (2) review periodically the laws, regulations, standards and

43 guidelines pertaining to special education and recommend to the  
44 General Assembly and the State Board of Education any changes  
45 which it finds necessary; (3) comment on any new or revised  
46 regulations, standards and guidelines proposed for issuance; (4)  
47 participate with the State Board of Education in the development of  
48 any state [plan] eligibility documents for provision of special  
49 education; (5) comment publicly on any procedures necessary for  
50 distributing federal funds received pursuant to the [Education of the  
51 Handicapped Act, 89 Stat. 774 (1975)] Individuals with Disabilities  
52 Education Act, 20 USC 1400 et seq., as from time to time amended; (6)  
53 assist the state Department of Education in developing and reporting  
54 such data and evaluations as may be conducted pursuant to the  
55 provisions of said act; [and] (7) report to the General Assembly not  
56 later than January fifteenth in the odd-numbered years and not later  
57 than February fifteenth in the even-numbered years, concerning  
58 recommendations for effecting changes in the special education laws;  
59 and (8) any other such activity that is required by the Individuals with  
60 Disabilities Education Act, 20 USC 1400, et seq., as from time to time  
61 amended.

62 Sec. 50. Subsection (b) of section 10-285a of the general statutes is  
63 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

64 (b) The percentage of school building project grant money a regional  
65 board of education may be eligible to receive under the provisions of  
66 section 10-286 shall be determined by its ranking. Such ranking shall  
67 be determined by (1) multiplying the total population, as defined in  
68 section 10-261, of each town in the district by such town's ranking, as  
69 determined in subsection (a) of this section, (2) adding together the  
70 figures determined under (1), and (3) dividing the total computed  
71 under (2) by the total population of all towns in the district. The  
72 ranking of each regional board of education shall be rounded to the  
73 next higher whole number and each such board shall receive the same  
74 reimbursement percentage as would a town with the same rank [. In  
75 the case of a school building project (A) in a secondary regional school  
76 district, such reimbursement percentage shall be increased by five per

77 cent and (B) in a regional school district accommodating pupils in  
78 kindergarten to grade twelve, inclusive, such reimbursement  
79 percentage shall be increased by ten per cent] plus ten per cent, except  
80 that no such percentage shall exceed eighty-five per cent.

81 Sec. 51. Subsection (b) of section 4d-80 of the general statutes is  
82 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

83 (b) The commission shall elect a chairperson from among its  
84 members. Subject to the provisions of chapter 67, and within available  
85 appropriations, the commission may appoint an executive director and  
86 such other employees as may be necessary for the discharge of the  
87 duties of the commission. Notwithstanding any provision of the  
88 general statutes, the executive director shall have the option to elect  
89 participation in the State Employees Retirement System, or the  
90 alternate retirement program established for eligible employees in  
91 higher education or the Teachers' Retirement System.

92 Sec. 52. Section 10a-6b of the general statutes is amended by adding  
93 subsection (g) as follows:

94 (NEW) (g) Each constituent unit of higher education shall submit an  
95 accountability report to the Commissioner of Higher Education  
96 annually, by January first. The commissioner shall compile the reports  
97 and shall submit, in accordance with section 11-4a, a consolidated  
98 accountability report for the state system of higher education to the  
99 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance  
100 of matters relating to education annually, by February first. The report  
101 shall contain accountability measures for each constituent unit and  
102 public institution of higher education pursuant to subsections (a) and  
103 (b) of this section. The report shall include updated baseline and peer  
104 comparison data, performance improvement targets for each measure,  
105 and other information as determined by the commissioner.

106 Sec. 53. Section 10a-8b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
107 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

108       There is established a Higher Education State Matching Grant Fund  
109 to be administered by the Department of Higher Education. Moneys  
110 required to be appropriated by the state for purposes of the state  
111 match of endowment fund eligible gifts under subdivision (2) of  
112 subsection (a) of section 10a-143a, subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of  
113 section 10a-77a, subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 10a-99a and  
114 subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 10a-109i shall be deposited  
115 in the fund. The fund shall be held separate and apart from all other  
116 funds and accounts of the state and the department. The Department  
117 of Higher Education shall transfer, in accordance with said  
118 subdivisions, from the fund amounts each fiscal year for deposit in the  
119 endowment funds established for the benefit of each constituent unit  
120 pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 10a-143a,  
121 subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 10a-77a, subdivision (1) of  
122 subsection (a) of section 10a-99a and subdivision (1) of subsection (b)  
123 of section 10a-109i. The amount transferred shall be certified based on  
124 agreed upon procedures developed by an independent certified  
125 accountant or, upon request, the Auditors of Public Accounts to  
126 determine compliance with this section. Such procedures shall be  
127 mutually agreed upon by each constituent unit and the Department of  
128 Higher Education prior to commencement of the certification. State  
129 matching funds shall be maintained in such manner that such funds  
130 and any earnings derived from such funds may be accounted for fully.  
131 The Department of Higher Education shall develop and disseminate  
132 policy guidelines to assist the constituent units of higher education  
133 with determining endowment funds eligible gifts pursuant to sections  
134 10a-77a, 10a-99a, 10a-109i and 10a-143a."

135       Strike line 1340 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu  
136 thereof:

137       "sections 1 to 6, inclusive, 8 to 36, inclusive, 38 to 48, inclusive, 50 to  
138 53, inclusive"