



General Assembly

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Amendment

LCO No. 8204

Offered by:

SEN. GENUARIO, 25th Dist.

To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 534

File No. 506

Cal. No. 350

(As Amended)

"AN ACT CONCERNING EYE EXAMINATIONS FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS."

1 Strike out everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. The Commissioners of Public Health and Education shall
4 jointly establish a task force to study the issues related to the
5 establishment of a requirement for eye examinations for children
6 enrolling in elementary school. The task force shall consist of
7 representatives of managed care organizations, optometrists,
8 ophthalmologists, pediatricians, family physicians, Medicaid managed
9 care providers, elementary school teachers and parents of elementary
10 school-age children. On or before February 1, 2002, the commissioners
11 shall report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to
12 the General Assembly on the study and make recommendations
13 concerning such eye examinations.

14 Sec. 2. Subsection (g) of section 10-76g of the general statutes is
15 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

16 (b) Any local or regional board of education which provides special
17 education pursuant to the provisions of sections 10-76a to 10-76g,
18 inclusive, for any exceptional child described in subparagraph (A) of
19 subdivision (5) of section 10-76a, under its jurisdiction, excluding (1)
20 children placed by a state agency for whom a board of education
21 receives payment pursuant to the provisions of subdivision (2) of
22 subsection (e) of section 10-76d, and (2) children who require special
23 education, who reside on state-owned or leased property or in
24 permanent family residences, as defined in section 17a-154, and who
25 are not the educational responsibility of the unified school districts
26 established pursuant to sections 17a-37, 17a-240 and 18-99a, shall be
27 financially responsible for the reasonable costs of special education
28 instruction, as defined in the regulations of the State Board of
29 Education, in an amount equal to [~~five~~] four times the average per
30 pupil educational costs of such board of education for the prior fiscal
31 year, determined in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of
32 section 10-76f. The State Board of Education shall pay on a current
33 basis any costs in excess of the local or regional boards' basic
34 contribution paid by such board in accordance with the provisions of
35 this subsection. Any amounts paid by the State Board of Education on
36 a current basis pursuant to this subsection shall not be reimbursable in
37 the subsequent year. Application for such grant shall be made by filing
38 with the Department of Education, in such manner as prescribed by
39 the commissioner, annually on or before December first a statement of
40 the cost of providing special education pursuant to this subsection,
41 provided a board of education may submit, not later than February
42 first, claims for additional children or costs not included in the
43 December filing. Payment by the state for such excess costs shall be
44 made to the local or regional board of education as follows: Seventy-
45 five per cent of the cost in February and the balance in April. The
46 amount due each town pursuant to the provisions of this subsection
47 shall be paid to the treasurer of each town entitled to such aid,

48 provided the treasurer shall treat such grant, or a portion of the grant,
49 which relates to special education expenditures incurred in excess of
50 such town's board of education budgeted estimate of such
51 expenditures, as a reduction in expenditures by crediting such
52 expenditure account, rather than town revenue. Such expenditure
53 account shall be so credited no later than thirty days after receipt by
54 the treasurer of necessary documentation from the board of education
55 indicating the amount of such special education expenditures incurred
56 in excess of such town's board of education budgeted estimate of such
57 expenditures."