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**Amendment**

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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5497      File No. 632      Cal. No. 453

**"AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF PUBLIC LAW  
107-110 AND CONCERNING INTERDISTRICT MAGNET  
SCHOOLS."**

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

3      "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2002*) (a) In conformance with the  
4      No Child Left Behind Act, P.L. 107-110, and with implementation  
5      conditioned on the receipt of sufficient federal funds, as determined by  
6      the Commissioner of Education:

7      (1) Beginning in the school year 2005-2006, each student enrolled in  
8      grades three to eight, inclusive, and ten in any public school shall,  
9      annually, in April, take a state-wide mastery examination that  
10     measures the essential and grade-appropriate skills in reading, writing  
11     and mathematics; and

12     (2) Beginning in the school year 2007-2008, each student enrolled in  
13     grades five, eight and ten in any public school shall, annually, in April,

14 take a state-wide mastery examination in science.

15 (b) Mastery examinations pursuant to this section shall be provided  
16 by and administered under the supervision of the State Board of  
17 Education.

18 Sec. 2. Section 10-14q of the general statutes, as amended by section  
19 1 of public act 01-205, is repealed and the following is substituted in  
20 lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2002*):

21 The provisions of this chapter shall apply to all students requiring  
22 special education pursuant to section 10-76a, except in the rare case  
23 when the planning and placement team for an individual student  
24 determines that an alternate assessment as specified by the State Board  
25 of Education is appropriate. The provisions of this chapter shall not  
26 apply to (1) any limited English proficient student enrolled in school  
27 for ten school months or less, [in a bilingual program pursuant to  
28 sections 10-17e and 10-17f or to any student enrolled for ten school  
29 months or less in an English as a second language program] or (2) any  
30 limited English proficient student enrolled in school for more than ten  
31 school months and less than twenty school months who scores below  
32 the level established by the State Board of Education on the linguistic  
33 portion of the designated English mastery standard assessment  
34 administered in the month prior to the administration of the state-wide  
35 mastery examination.

36 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2002*) (a) In conformance with the No  
37 Child Left Behind Act, P.L. 107-110, the Commissioner of Education  
38 shall prepare a state-wide education accountability plan, consistent  
39 with federal law and regulation. Such plan shall identify the schools  
40 and districts in need of improvement, require the development and  
41 implementation of improvement plans and utilize rewards and  
42 consequences.

43 (b) Public schools identified by the State Board of Education  
44 pursuant to section 10-223b of the general statutes, revision of 1958,  
45 revised to January 1, 2001, as schools in need of improvement shall: (1)

46 Continue to be identified as schools in need of improvement, and  
47 continue to operate under school improvement plans developed  
48 pursuant to said section 10-223b through June 30, 2004; (2) on or before  
49 December 1, 2002, be evaluated by the local board of education and  
50 determined to be making sufficient or insufficient progress; (3) if found  
51 to be making insufficient progress by a local board of education, be  
52 subject to a new remediation and organization plan developed by the  
53 local board of education; (4) continue to be eligible for available federal  
54 or state aid; (5) beginning in February, 2003, be monitored by the  
55 Department of Education for adequate yearly progress, as defined in  
56 the state accountability plan prepared in accordance with subsection  
57 (a) of this section; and (6) be subject to rewards and consequences as  
58 defined in said plan.

59 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2002*) The Commissioner of Education  
60 shall report, on or before February 15, 2003, and annually thereafter, in  
61 accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint  
62 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
63 matters relating to education on the implementation of the No Child  
64 Left Behind Act, P.L. 107-110.

65 Sec. 5. Subsection (a) of section 10-10a of the general statutes is  
66 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
67 *1, 2002*):

68 (a) The Department of Education shall develop and implement a  
69 state-wide public school information system. The system shall be  
70 designed for the purpose of establishing a standardized electronic data  
71 collection and reporting protocol that will facilitate compliance with  
72 state and federal reporting requirements, improve school-to-school  
73 and district-to-district information exchanges, and maintain the  
74 confidentiality of individual student and staff data. The initial design  
75 shall focus on student information, provided the system shall be  
76 created to allow for future compatibility with financial, facility and  
77 staff data. The system shall provide for the tracking of the performance  
78 of individual students on each of the state-wide mastery examinations

79 under section 10-14n in order to allow the department to compare the  
80 progress of the same cohort of students who take each examination,  
81 [and to better analyze school performance for purposes of section 10-  
82 223b.]

83 Sec. 6. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force to  
84 study the funding of interdistrict magnet schools, charter schools, the  
85 state-wide interdistrict public school attendance program and any  
86 other interdistrict program that requires state funding. The study shall  
87 include, but not be limited to, an examination of tuition charges,  
88 operating and construction costs and state and local district support.

89 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

90 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives  
91 who shall be a superintendent of a school district that operates an  
92 interdistrict magnet school, or the superintendent's designee;

93 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate who  
94 shall be a representative of a local or regional board of education;

95 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
96 Representatives who shall be the executive director of a Regional  
97 Educational Service Center that operates an interdistrict magnet  
98 school;

99 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate who shall be  
100 the superintendent of schools for a school district that sends children  
101 to an interdistrict magnet school in another district, or the  
102 superintendent's designee;

103 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
104 Representatives who shall be a member of the public;

105 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate who shall be  
106 a parent of a child who attends an interdistrict magnet school;

107 (7) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the

108 secretary's designee;

109 (8) The Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee;  
110 and

111 (9) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing  
112 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
113 relating to education, or their designees.

114 (c) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General  
115 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education, or their  
116 designees, shall be the chairpersons of the task force.

117 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made no later than  
118 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be  
119 filled by the appointing authority.

120 (e) The chairpersons of the task force shall schedule the first meeting  
121 of the task force, which shall be held no later than sixty days after the  
122 effective date of this section.

123 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
124 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education  
125 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

126 (g) Not later than January 1, 2003, the task force shall submit a  
127 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing  
128 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
129 relating to education, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-  
130 4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date  
131 that it submits such report or January 1, 2003, whichever is earlier.

132 Sec. 7. Section 10-320b of the general statutes is amended by adding  
133 subsection (f) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2002*):

134 (NEW) (f) Prior to placement of private property on the state  
135 register of historic places, the Connecticut Historical Commission shall  
136 obtain a list of owners of such private property from either official land

137 recordation records or tax records, whichever is more appropriate, not  
 138 more than ninety days prior to sending written notice of the state's  
 139 intent to place such property. The commission shall send such notice to  
 140 each such owner at least thirty days, but not more than seventy-five  
 141 days prior to any meeting to place such property on the state register  
 142 of historic places. The commission shall also send such notice to the  
 143 applicable chief elected official of the political subdivision in which  
 144 such property is located at least thirty days, but not more than  
 145 seventy-five days prior to any such meeting. From the time of such  
 146 notification, the owners of such private property and the chief elected  
 147 official of the political subdivision in which such property is located  
 148 shall be given opportunity to comment on the placement. If the owner  
 149 of such property objects to the placement, the property shall not be  
 150 listed on the state register of historic places. The notice of intent of  
 151 placement shall remain on file with the commission throughout the  
 152 comment period and a copy shall be made available by mail when  
 153 requested by the public.

154 Sec. 8. (*Effective July 1, 2002*) Sections 10-223b to 10-223d, inclusive,  
 155 of the general statutes are repealed."

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2002</i>
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2002</i>
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2002</i>
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2002</i>
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2002</i>
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 7	<i>October 1, 2002</i>
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2002</i>