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"AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE EDUCATION STATUTES."

1 After the last section, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 38. Subsection (d) of section 10-17f of the general statutes is
3 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
4 *1, 2002*):

5 (d) Each local and regional board of education shall limit the time
6 an eligible student spends in a program of bilingual education to
7 [thirty] twenty-six months, whether or not such months are
8 consecutive, except that summer school and two-way language
9 programs pursuant to subsection (i) of this section shall not be
10 counted. If an eligible student does not meet the English mastery
11 standard at the end of [thirty] twenty-six months, the local or regional
12 board of education shall provide language transition support services
13 to such student. Such services may include, but need not be limited to,
14 English as a second language programs, sheltered English programs,

15 English immersion programs, tutoring and homework assistance.
16 Families may also receive guidance from school professionals to help
17 their children make progress in their native language. If an eligible
18 student enrolls in a secondary school when the student has fewer than
19 [thirty] twenty-six months remaining before graduation, the local or
20 regional board of education shall assign the student to an English as a
21 second language program and may provide intensive services to the
22 student to enable the student to speak, write and comprehend English
23 by the time the student graduates and to meet the course requirements
24 for graduation."