



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1156

LCO No. 4494

Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:
(ED)

AN ACT CONCERNING INTERDISTRICT MAGNET SCHOOLS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 10-264l of the general statutes is amended by
2 adding subsections (j) and (k) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2003*):

3 (NEW) (j) Each local or regional board of education that enrolls
4 students in an interdistrict magnet school shall contribute funds to
5 support the operation of the magnet school. If the interdistrict magnet
6 school determines that the amount of the financial contribution of any
7 local or regional board of education is insufficient to support the
8 proportional share of the education expenses of the interdistrict
9 magnet school, it may request the commissioner to review the amount
10 of the contribution. If the commissioner finds that the amount of the
11 contribution is insufficient, the commissioner may withhold from such
12 school district a reasonable sum payable under section 10-262h and
13 transfer such money to the fiscal agent for the magnet school as a
14 supplementary grant for the operation of the magnet school program.

15 (NEW) (k) An interdistrict magnet school that has unused student
16 capacity may enroll directly any interested student into its program.

17 The local or regional board of education otherwise responsible for
18 educating such child shall comply with the provisions of subsection (j)
19 of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	July 1, 2003

Statement of Purpose:

To provide that local and regional boards of education enrolling students in interdistrict magnet schools shall contribute funds to the magnet school and that the Commissioner of Education may withhold education cost sharing grant money from towns not offering sufficient support to the operation of the magnet school and may transfer those funds to the magnet school, and to allow magnet schools with empty spaces to enroll any interested student into the program, provided the local board of education otherwise responsible for the student contributes toward the operation of the magnet school.

[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.]