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"AN ACT CONCERNING REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNANCE."

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

3 "Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2003*) There is established a Financial
4 Advisory Board for Regional School District No. 5, consisting of six
5 members. The board shall include the chairpersons of the boards of
6 finance of the towns of Bethany, Orange and Woodbridge, the
7 chairperson and vice-chairperson of said district's board of education,
8 and the chairperson of the finance subcommittee of said district's
9 board of education. The first selectmen of the boards of selectmen for
10 the towns of Bethany, Orange and Woodbridge shall serve as ex officio
11 nonvoting members of the Financial Advisory Board.

12 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) The Financial Advisory Board shall
13 address the financial difficulties encountered by the school district and
14 its inability to pass its budget at a referendum.

15 Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) The Financial Advisory Board shall
16 terminate on June 30, 2006. The board shall meet at least once during
17 each calendar quarter throughout the term of its existence and shall
18 assist and advise the board of education for said regional school
19 district (1) in developing a budget for the school district and (2) in
20 overseeing the finances of the school district.

21 Sec. 4. (*Effective from passage*) For the fiscal years ending June 30,
22 2004, June 30, 2005, and June 30, 2006, the Financial Advisory Board
23 shall consult with the board of education for Regional School District
24 No. 5 during the course of the board of education's development of the
25 budgets for said school district. Prior to any referendum on the
26 proposed budgets in the member towns, the Financial Advisory Board
27 shall make public comment on the proposed budgets.

28 Sec. 5. (*Effective from passage*) The Financial Advisory Board shall
29 review the financial expenditures of the board of education for
30 Regional School District No. 5 on a periodic basis, as it deems
31 necessary or appropriate. The Financial Advisory Board may advise
32 said board of education on any financial matter that the Financial
33 Advisory Board deems appropriate. Said board of education shall
34 consider such advice at its next regular meeting following receipt of
35 such advice, and shall provide the Financial Advisory Board with a
36 timely reply. Both of said boards shall provide a copy of all such
37 notices or correspondence to the Commissioner of Education.

38 Sec. 6. (*Effective from passage*) Following the end of each fiscal year
39 during the term of its existence, the Financial Advisory Board shall
40 report to the towns of Bethany, Orange and Woodbridge on the
41 financial condition of Regional School District No. 5 and shall advise
42 the public on the adequacy of financial management being exercised
43 by the board of education for said school district. A copy of such
44 report shall be sent to the Commissioner of Education."

This act shall take effect as follows:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>