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Offered by:

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"AN ACT CONCERNING CONNECTICUT'S TEACHER SHORTAGE, PILOT EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING PROGRAMS, ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION AND IN-SERVICE TRAINING FOR TEACHERS AND TEACHER PREPARATION COURSES."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2003*) (a) A parent or guardian of a
4 child requiring special education who is attending a public school and
5 for whom an individualized education program has been written in
6 accordance with chapter 164 of the general statutes and the regulations
7 adopted by the State Board of Education pursuant to said chapter 164
8 may request an alternative placement into a special education program
9 approved by the State Department of Education by notifying the local
10 or regional board of education of such intent. A child shall be eligible
11 for placement in an alternative program pursuant to this section, if (1)
12 the child did not meet his or her individualized education program
13 goals by his or her annual review, (2) the parent or guardian of such

14 child obtained acceptance for admission of the child to an approved
15 special education program, and (3) such parent or guardian notified
16 the local or regional board of education of the intent to use alternative
17 placement at least sixty days prior to the date of enrollment in the
18 alternative placement.

19 (b) This section shall not apply to a child who is enrolled in Unified
20 School District #1. For purposes of continuity of the child's education,
21 the child shall be eligible to remain in the alternative placement until
22 the child returns to the public school to which assigned or graduates
23 from high school, provided at any time after a child has completed one
24 year in an alternative placement, the child's parent or guardian may
25 remove the child from such alternative placement and place the child
26 in another approved special education program in accordance with the
27 notification provisions of subsection (a) of this section."