



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 381**

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**AN ACT CONCERNING REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTERS.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2004*) The Department of  
2 Education shall encourage the use of regional educational service  
3 centers as providers of goods and services for local and regional  
4 boards of education and may award special consideration to grant  
5 applications that indicate the use of services of regional educational  
6 service centers or joint purchasing agreements among boards of  
7 education for the purpose of purchasing instructional or other  
8 supplies, testing materials, or food or food services.

9 Sec. 2. Subsection (d) of section 10-292o of the general statutes, as  
10 amended by section 11 of public act 03-6 of the June 30 special session,  
11 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
12 *1, 2004*):

13 (d) The amount of the regional educational service center lease grant  
14 approved by the Commissioner of Education under the provisions of  
15 this section shall be the eligible percentage, as determined in  
16 subsection (c) of section 10-285a, as amended, times the eligible lease  
17 costs as determined by the Commissioner of Education. Grants  
18 pursuant to this section shall be paid on a current year basis if the  
19 regional educational service center files an application to lease a

20 facility with the state Department of Education on or before August  
21 first of each year. No such facility or portion thereof shall be eligible  
22 for a grant under this section unless the local fire marshal has declared  
23 the facility suitable for occupancy as a facility for use in furnishing  
24 educational programs and services. Eligible costs pursuant to this  
25 section shall be limited to the lease cost of the building, net of any  
26 other costs. Grant payments shall be made as follows: Twenty-five per  
27 cent of the estimated cost in October, twenty-five per cent of the  
28 estimated cost in January, and the balance of the estimated cost in  
29 April. The actual cost will be reported on or before September first  
30 following the year of application on the end of school year report filed  
31 by each regional educational service center. If the Commissioner of  
32 Education determines that there has been an underpayment or  
33 overpayment in a grant made pursuant to this section, the  
34 commissioner shall calculate the amount of the underpayment or  
35 overpayment and shall adjust the amount of the grant payment for the  
36 fiscal year next following the fiscal year in which such underpayment  
37 or overpayment was made. The amount of the adjustment shall be  
38 equal to the amount of the underpayment or overpayment. If the  
39 amount of the overpayment exceeds the grant payment for the fiscal  
40 year next following the fiscal year in which such overpayment was  
41 made, the regional educational service center shall, upon the request of  
42 the commissioner, pay the department the difference. Any lease  
43 pursuant to this section shall be for a period not to exceed twenty  
44 years. In no event shall the reimbursement pursuant to this section be  
45 based upon a cost per square foot which exceeds the cost determined  
46 to be reasonable by the Commissioner of Education. In the case of any  
47 grants computed under this section, any federal funds or other state  
48 funds received for such costs covered by the grant shall be deducted  
49 from cost estimates prior to computation of the grant.  
50 Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the fiscal [years]  
51 year ending June 30, 2004, [and June 30, 2005,] the amount of the  
52 grants payable to regional educational service centers in accordance  
53 with this section, shall be reduced proportionately if the total of such  
54 grants in such year exceeds the amount appropriated for the purposes

55 of this section for such year.

56 Sec. 3. Subsection (f) of section 10-66j of the general statutes is  
57 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
58 *1, 2004*):

59 (f) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the fiscal  
60 [years] year ending June 30, 2004, [and June 30, 2005,] the amount of  
61 grants payable to regional educational service centers, shall be reduced  
62 proportionately if the total of such grants in such year exceeds the  
63 amount appropriated for such grants for such year.

64 Sec. 4. (*Effective July 1, 2004*) Notwithstanding the provisions of  
65 subdivision (1) of subsection (g) of section 11 of public act 03-1 of the  
66 June 30 special session, the funds appropriated to the Department of  
67 Education for regional education services shall be the sum of  
68 \$2,600,000.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2004</i>

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