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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:
(ED)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

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

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3 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*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

5 (d) The amount of the regional educational service center lease grant
6 approved by the Commissioner of Education under the provisions of
7 this section shall be the eligible percentage, as determined in
8 subsection (c) of section 10-285a, as amended, times the eligible lease
9 costs as determined by the Commissioner of Education. Grants
10 pursuant to this section shall be paid on a current year basis if the
11 regional educational service center files an application to lease a
12 facility with the [state] Department of Education on or before August
13 first of each year. No such facility or portion thereof shall be eligible
14 for a grant under this section unless the local fire marshal has declared
15 the facility suitable for occupancy as a facility for use in furnishing
16 educational programs and services. Eligible costs pursuant to this
17 section shall be limited to the lease cost of the building, net of any

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

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To make technical corrections.

[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.]