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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 530

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Cal. No. 413

"AN ACT CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION OF STATE GRANT COMMITMENTS FOR SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS, CONCERNING URBAN ACTION FUNDS FOR LIBRARIES, SOIL REMEDIATION OF A PLAYING FIELD AND CONNECTION OF A WATER LINE TO A SCHOOL, AND CONCERNING SCHOOL NURSES."

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

3 "Sec. 501. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions
4 of subsection (a) of section 10-264h of the general statutes or any
5 regulation adopted pursuant to subsection (a) of said section 10-264h,

6 concerning the reimbursement rate for the capital expenditure for the
7 construction of interdistrict magnet school facilities, the Board of
8 Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges on behalf of
9 Manchester Community College shall be eligible for reimbursement of
10 the full reasonable cost of the project for new construction at Great
11 Path Academy on the campus of Manchester Community College at a
12 cost not to exceed twenty-eight million dollars.

13 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general
14 statutes, as amended, or any regulation adopted pursuant to said
15 section 10-283, requiring that no school building project shall be added
16 to the list in subdivision (1) of section 1 of this act, the project for new
17 construction at Great Path Academy on the campus of Manchester
18 Community College is included in said subdivision (1) of this act and
19 shall be eligible to be subsequently considered for a grant commitment
20 from the state, provided the Board of Trustees of the Community-
21 Technical Colleges on behalf of Manchester Community College files
22 an application for a school building project prior to June 30, 2004, and
23 meets all other provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes or any
24 regulation adopted by the State Board of Education.

25 Sec. 502. Subsection (a) of section 10-264i of the general statutes is
26 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
27 *passage*):

28 (a) A local or regional board of education, regional educational
29 service center, the Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical
30 Colleges on behalf of Manchester Community College, or cooperative
31 arrangement pursuant to section 10-158a which transports a child to an
32 interdistrict magnet school program, as defined in section 10-264l, as
33 amended by this act, in a town other than the town in which the child
34 resides shall be eligible pursuant to section 10-264e to receive a grant
35 for the cost of transporting such child in accordance with this section.
36 The amount of such grant shall not exceed an amount equal to the
37 number of such children transported multiplied by one thousand two
38 hundred dollars. The Department of Education shall provide such

39 grants within available appropriations. Nothing in this subsection shall
40 be construed to prevent a local or regional board of education, regional
41 educational service center or cooperative arrangement from receiving
42 reimbursement under section 10-266m, as amended, for reasonable
43 transportation expenses for which such board, service center or
44 cooperative arrangement is not reimbursed pursuant to this section.

45 Sec. 503. Subsection (a) of section 10-264l of the general statutes is
46 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
47 *passage*):

48 (a) The Department of Education shall, within available
49 appropriations, establish a grant program to assist local and regional
50 boards of education, regional educational service centers, the Board of
51 Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges on behalf of
52 Manchester Community College, and cooperative arrangements
53 pursuant to section 10-158a with the operation of interdistrict magnet
54 school programs. All interdistrict magnet schools shall be operated in
55 conformance with the same laws and regulations applicable to public
56 schools. For the purposes of this section "an interdistrict magnet school
57 program" means a program which (1) supports racial, ethnic and
58 economic diversity, (2) offers a special and high quality curriculum,
59 and (3) requires students who are enrolled to attend at least half-time.
60 An interdistrict magnet school program does not include a regional
61 vocational agriculture school, a regional vocational-technical school or
62 a regional special education center. On and after July 1, 2000, the
63 governing authority for each interdistrict magnet school program that
64 is in operation prior to July 1, 2005, shall restrict the number of
65 students that may enroll in the program from a participating district to
66 eighty per cent of the total enrollment of the program. The governing
67 authority for each interdistrict magnet school program that begins
68 operations on or after July 1, 2005, shall (A) restrict the number of
69 students that may enroll in the program from a participating district to
70 seventy-five per cent of the total enrollment of the program, and (B)
71 maintain such a school enrollment that at least twenty-five per cent but
72 not more than seventy-five per cent of the students enrolled are pupils

73 of racial minorities, as defined in section 10-226a, as amended.

74 Sec. 504. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 10-283 of the
75 general statutes, as amended by section 27 of public act 03-77, is
76 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
77 *passage*):

78 (a) (1) Each town or regional school district shall be eligible to apply
79 for and accept grants for a school building project as provided in this
80 chapter. Any town desiring a grant for a public school building project
81 may, by vote of its legislative body, authorize the board of education of
82 such town to apply to the Commissioner of Education and to accept or
83 reject such grant for the town. Any regional school board may vote to
84 authorize the supervising agent of the regional school district to apply
85 to the Commissioner of Education for and to accept or reject such grant
86 for the district. Applications for such grants under this chapter shall be
87 made by the superintendent of schools of such town or regional school
88 district on the form provided and in the manner prescribed by the
89 Commissioner of Education. The application form shall require the
90 superintendent of schools to affirm that the school district considered
91 the maximization of natural light in projects for new construction and
92 alteration or renovation of a school building. Grant applications for
93 school building projects shall be reviewed by the Commissioner of
94 Education on the basis of categories for building projects and
95 standards for school construction established by the State Board of
96 Education in accordance with this section, provided grant applications
97 submitted for purposes of subsection (a) of section 10-65 or section 10-
98 76e shall be reviewed annually by the commissioner on the basis of the
99 educational needs of the applicant. Notwithstanding the provisions of
100 this chapter, the Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical
101 Colleges on behalf of Manchester Community College may apply for
102 and shall be eligible to receive grants for school building projects
103 pursuant to section 10-264h."