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**"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 Strike sections 3, 9 and 20 in their entirety and renumber the  
2 remaining sections accordingly

3 After line T384, insert the following:

"LEARN  
Mago Point Marine  
Science/ Aquaculture Magnet  
245-0087 MAG/N

Estimated...

Total Project Costs	24,928,074	27,000,000
Total Grant	24,928,074	27,000,000"

4 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
5 internal references accordingly:

6 "Sec. 501. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of  
7 section 10-292 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the  
8 State Board of Education requiring that a bid not be let out until plans  
9 and specifications have been approved by the Department of  
10 Education's school facilities unit, the town of Weston may let out for  
11 bid on and commence projects for well drilling (Project Numbers 157-  
12 0041 EA/RR, 157-0042 N, 157-0043 EA/RR and 157-0044 EA/RR) at  
13 Weston Middle School, New 3-5 Elementary School, Weston High  
14 School and Hurlbutt Elementary School and shall be eligible to  
15 subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from the state,  
16 provided plans and specifications have been approved by the  
17 Department of Education's school facilities unit.

18 Sec. 502. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions  
19 of subsection (a) of section 10-264h of the general statutes or any  
20 regulation adopted pursuant to subsection (a) of said section 10-264h,  
21 concerning the reimbursement rate for the capital expenditure for the  
22 construction of interdistrict magnet school facilities, the Board of  
23 Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges on behalf of  
24 Manchester Community College shall be eligible for reimbursement of  
25 the full reasonable cost of the project for new construction at Great  
26 Path Academy on the campus of Manchester Community College at a  
27 cost not to exceed twenty-eight million dollars.

28 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general  
29 statutes, as amended, or any regulation adopted pursuant to said  
30 section 10-283, requiring that no school building project shall be added  
31 to the list in subdivision (1) of section 1 of this act, the project for new  
32 construction at Great Path Academy on the campus of Manchester  
33 Community College is included in said subdivision (1) of this act and  
34 shall be eligible to be subsequently considered for a grant commitment  
35 from the state, provided the Board of Trustees of the Community-  
36 Technical Colleges on behalf of Manchester Community College files

37 an application for a school building project prior to June 30, 2004, and  
38 meets all other provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes or any  
39 regulation adopted by the State Board of Education.

40 Sec. 503. Subsection (a) of section 10-264i of the general statutes is  
41 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
42 *passage*):

43 (a) A local or regional board of education, regional educational  
44 service center, the Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical  
45 Colleges on behalf of Manchester Community College, or cooperative  
46 arrangement pursuant to section 10-158a which transports a child to an  
47 interdistrict magnet school program, as defined in section 10-264l, as  
48 amended by this act, in a town other than the town in which the child  
49 resides shall be eligible pursuant to section 10-264e to receive a grant  
50 for the cost of transporting such child in accordance with this section.  
51 The amount of such grant shall not exceed an amount equal to the  
52 number of such children transported multiplied by one thousand two  
53 hundred dollars. The Department of Education shall provide such  
54 grants within available appropriations. Nothing in this subsection shall  
55 be construed to prevent a local or regional board of education, regional  
56 educational service center or cooperative arrangement from receiving  
57 reimbursement under section 10-266m, as amended, for reasonable  
58 transportation expenses for which such board, service center or  
59 cooperative arrangement is not reimbursed pursuant to this section.

60 Sec. 504. Subsection (a) of section 10-264l of the general statutes is  
61 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
62 *passage*):

63 (a) The Department of Education shall, within available  
64 appropriations, establish a grant program to assist local and regional  
65 boards of education, regional educational service centers, the Board of  
66 Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges on behalf of  
67 Manchester Community College, and cooperative arrangements  
68 pursuant to section 10-158a with the operation of interdistrict magnet

69 school programs. All interdistrict magnet schools shall be operated in  
70 conformance with the same laws and regulations applicable to public  
71 schools. For the purposes of this section "an interdistrict magnet school  
72 program" means a program which (1) supports racial, ethnic and  
73 economic diversity, (2) offers a special and high quality curriculum,  
74 and (3) requires students who are enrolled to attend at least half-time.  
75 An interdistrict magnet school program does not include a regional  
76 vocational agriculture school, a regional vocational-technical school or  
77 a regional special education center. On and after July 1, 2000, the  
78 governing authority for each interdistrict magnet school program that  
79 is in operation prior to July 1, 2005, shall restrict the number of  
80 students that may enroll in the program from a participating district to  
81 eighty per cent of the total enrollment of the program. The governing  
82 authority for each interdistrict magnet school program that begins  
83 operations on or after July 1, 2005, shall (A) restrict the number of  
84 students that may enroll in the program from a participating district to  
85 seventy-five per cent of the total enrollment of the program, and (B)  
86 maintain such a school enrollment that at least twenty-five per cent but  
87 not more than seventy-five per cent of the students enrolled are pupils  
88 of racial minorities, as defined in section 10-226a, as amended.

89 Sec. 505. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 10-283 of the  
90 general statutes, as amended by section 27 of public act 03-77, is  
91 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
92 *passage*):

93 (a) (1) Each town or regional school district shall be eligible to apply  
94 for and accept grants for a school building project as provided in this  
95 chapter. Any town desiring a grant for a public school building project  
96 may, by vote of its legislative body, authorize the board of education of  
97 such town to apply to the Commissioner of Education and to accept or  
98 reject such grant for the town. Any regional school board may vote to  
99 authorize the supervising agent of the regional school district to apply  
100 to the Commissioner of Education for and to accept or reject such grant  
101 for the district. Applications for such grants under this chapter shall be  
102 made by the superintendent of schools of such town or regional school

103 district on the form provided and in the manner prescribed by the  
104 Commissioner of Education. The application form shall require the  
105 superintendent of schools to affirm that the school district considered  
106 the maximization of natural light in projects for new construction and  
107 alteration or renovation of a school building. Grant applications for  
108 school building projects shall be reviewed by the Commissioner of  
109 Education on the basis of categories for building projects and  
110 standards for school construction established by the State Board of  
111 Education in accordance with this section, provided grant applications  
112 submitted for purposes of subsection (a) of section 10-65 or section 10-  
113 76e shall be reviewed annually by the commissioner on the basis of the  
114 educational needs of the applicant. Notwithstanding the provisions of  
115 this chapter, the Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical  
116 Colleges on behalf of Manchester Community College may apply for  
117 and shall be eligible to receive grants for school building projects  
118 pursuant to section 10-264h.

119 Sec. 506. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of  
120 section 10-292 of the general statutes, as amended, or any regulation  
121 adopted by the State Board of Education requiring that a bid not be let  
122 out until plans and specifications have been approved by the  
123 Department of Education's school facilities unit, the town of Old  
124 Saybrook may let out for bid on and commence a project for  
125 relocatable classrooms at the Kathleen E. Goodwin School and shall be  
126 eligible to subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from  
127 the state, provided plans and specifications have been approved by the  
128 Department of Education's school facilities unit."