



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 6801**

LCO No. 3673

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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:

(ED)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE SPECIAL EDUCATION EXCESS COST GRANT.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 10-76g of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
3 *1, 2005*):

4 (b) Any local or regional board of education which provides special  
5 education pursuant to the provisions of sections 10-76a to 10-76g,  
6 inclusive, for any exceptional child described in subparagraph (A) of  
7 subdivision (5) of section 10-76a, under its jurisdiction, excluding (1)  
8 children placed by a state agency for whom a board of education  
9 receives payment pursuant to the provisions of subdivision (2) of  
10 subsection (e) of section 10-76d, and (2) children who require special  
11 education, who reside on state-owned or leased property or in  
12 permanent family residences, as defined in section 17a-154, and who  
13 are not the educational responsibility of the unified school districts  
14 established pursuant to sections 17a-37, 17a-240 and 18-99a, shall be  
15 financially responsible for the reasonable costs of special education  
16 instruction, as defined in the regulations of the State Board of

17 Education, in an amount equal to (A) for any fiscal year commencing  
18 prior to July 1, 2005, five times the average per pupil educational costs  
19 of such board of education for the prior fiscal year, determined in  
20 accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of section 10-76f, and  
21 (B) for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2005, and each fiscal year  
22 thereafter, four [and one-half] times such average per pupil  
23 educational costs of such board of education. The State Board of  
24 Education shall pay on a current basis any costs in excess of the local  
25 or regional board's basic contribution paid by such board in  
26 accordance with the provisions of this subsection. Any amounts paid  
27 by the State Board of Education on a current basis pursuant to this  
28 subsection shall not be reimbursable in the subsequent year.  
29 Application for such grant shall be made by filing with the Department  
30 of Education, in such manner as prescribed by the commissioner,  
31 annually on or before December first a statement of the cost of  
32 providing special education pursuant to this subsection, provided a  
33 board of education may submit, not later than March first, claims for  
34 additional children or costs not included in the December filing.  
35 Payment by the state for such excess costs shall be made to the local or  
36 regional board of education as follows: Seventy-five per cent of the  
37 cost in February and the balance in May. The amount due each town  
38 pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall be paid to the  
39 treasurer of each town entitled to such aid, provided the treasurer shall  
40 treat such grant, or a portion of the grant, which relates to special  
41 education expenditures incurred in excess of such town's board of  
42 education budgeted estimate of such expenditures, as a reduction in  
43 expenditures by crediting such expenditure account, rather than town  
44 revenue. Such expenditure account shall be so credited no later than  
45 thirty days after receipt by the treasurer of necessary documentation  
46 from the board of education indicating the amount of such special  
47 education expenditures incurred in excess of such town's board of  
48 education budgeted estimate of such expenditures.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	July 1, 2005	10-76g(b)
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To reduce the threshold for payment of excess costs associated with special education to four times the average per pupil expenditure.

*[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.]*