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**"AN ACT CONCERNING CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR
BILINGUAL EDUCATORS."**

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

3 "Sec. 501. Subsection (d) of section 10-17f of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
5 *1, 2005*):

6 (d) Each local and regional board of education shall limit the time
7 an eligible student spends in a program of bilingual education to thirty
8 months, whether or not such months are consecutive, except that
9 summer school and two-way language programs pursuant to
10 subsection (i) of this section shall not be counted. If an eligible student
11 does not meet the English mastery standard at the end of thirty
12 months, the local or regional board of education shall provide
13 language transition support services to such student. Such services

14 may include, but need not be limited to, English as a second language
15 programs, sheltered English programs, English immersion programs,
16 tutoring and homework assistance, provided such services do not
17 include a program of bilingual education. Families may also receive
18 guidance from school professionals to help their children make
19 progress in their native language. If an eligible student enrolls in a
20 secondary school when the student has fewer than thirty months
21 remaining before graduation, the local or regional board of education
22 shall assign the student to an English as a second language program
23 and may provide intensive services to the student to enable the student
24 to speak, write and comprehend English by the time the student
25 graduates and to meet the course requirements for graduation."