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**"AN ACT CONCERNING EXPENDITURES FOR THE PROGRAMS
AND SERVICES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 10-16p of the general
4 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
5 (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

6 (a) As used in sections 10-16o to [10-16r] 10-16s, inclusive, as
7 amended by this act, 10-16u, 17b-749a, as amended by this act, and
8 17b-749c, as amended by this act:

9 (1) "School readiness program" means a nonsectarian program that
10 (A) meets the standards set by the department pursuant to subsection
11 (b) of this section and the requirements of section 10-16q, as amended
12 by this act, and (B) provides a developmentally appropriate learning

13 experience of not less than four hundred fifty hours and one hundred
14 eighty days for eligible children, except as provided in subsection (d)
15 of [said] section 10-16q;

16 (2) "Eligible children" means children three and four years of age
17 and children five years of age who are not eligible to enroll in school
18 pursuant to section 10-15c, or who are eligible to enroll in school and
19 will attend a school readiness program pursuant to section 10-16t;

20 (3) "Priority school" means a school in which forty per cent or more
21 of the lunches served are served to students who are eligible for free or
22 reduced price lunches pursuant to federal law and regulations,
23 excluding such a school located in a priority school district pursuant to
24 section 10-266p or in a former priority school district receiving a grant
25 pursuant to subsection (c) of this section and, on and after July 1, 2001,
26 excluding such a school in a transitional school district receiving a
27 grant pursuant to section 10-16u;

28 (4) "Severe need school" means a school in a priority school district
29 pursuant to section 10-266p or in a former priority school district in
30 which forty per cent or more of the lunches served are served to
31 students who are eligible for free or reduced price lunches;

32 (5) "Accredited" means accredited by the National Association for
33 the Education of Young Children, a Head Start on-site program review
34 instrument or a successor instrument pursuant to federal regulations,
35 or otherwise meeting such criteria as may be established by the
36 commissioner, in consultation with the Commissioner of Social
37 Services;

38 (6) "Year-round" means fifty weeks per year, except as provided in
39 subsection (d) of section 10-16q;

40 (7) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Education; and

41 (8) "Department" means the Department of Education.

42 (b) The Department of Education shall be the lead agency for school

43 readiness. For purposes of this section and section 10-16u, school
44 readiness program providers eligible for funding from the Department
45 of Education shall include local and regional boards of education,
46 regional educational service centers, family resource centers and
47 providers of child day care centers, as defined in section 19a-77, Head
48 Start programs, preschool programs and other programs that meet
49 such standards established by the Commissioner of Education. The
50 department shall establish standards for school readiness programs.
51 The standards may include, but need not be limited to, guidelines for
52 staff-child interactions, curriculum content, including preliteracy
53 development, lesson plans, parent involvement, staff qualifications
54 and training, transition to school and administration. The department
55 shall develop age-appropriate developmental skills and goals for
56 children attending such programs. The commissioner, in consultation
57 with the Commissioners of Higher Education and Social Services and
58 other appropriate entities, shall develop a continuing education
59 training program for the staff of school readiness programs. For
60 purposes of this section, [on and after July 1, 2004] prior to July 1, 2015,
61 "staff qualifications" means there is in each classroom an individual
62 who has at least the following: (1) A credential issued by an
63 organization approved by the Commissioner of Education and nine
64 credits or more, and on and after July 1, 2005, twelve credits or more,
65 in early childhood education or child development from an institution
66 of higher education accredited by the Board of Governors of Higher
67 Education or regionally accredited; (2) an associate's degree with nine
68 credits or more, and on and after July 1, 2005, twelve credits or more,
69 in early childhood education or child development from such an
70 institution; (3) a four-year degree with nine credits or more, and on
71 and after July 1, 2005, twelve credits or more, in early childhood
72 education or child development from such an institution; or (4)
73 certification pursuant to section 10-145b with an endorsement in early
74 childhood education or special education, and on and after July 1,
75 2015, "staff qualifications" means there is in each classroom an
76 individual who has at least the following: (A) A bachelor's degree in
77 early childhood education or childhood development, or in a related

78 field approved by the Commissioner of Education from an institution
79 of higher education accredited by the Board of Governors of Higher
80 Education or regionally accredited; or (B) certification pursuant to
81 section 10-145b with an endorsement in early childhood education or
82 special education.

83 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 10-16r of the general statutes is
84 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
85 *1, 2005*):

86 (a) A town seeking to apply for a grant pursuant to subsection (c) of
87 section 10-16p or section 10-16u shall convene a local school readiness
88 council or shall establish a regional school readiness council pursuant
89 to subsection (c) of this section. Any other town may convene such a
90 council. The chief elected official of the town or, in the case of a
91 regional school district, the chief elected officials of the towns in the
92 school district and the superintendent of schools for the school district
93 shall jointly appoint and convene such council. Each school readiness
94 council shall be composed of: (1) The chief elected official, or the
95 official's designee; (2) the superintendent of schools, or a management
96 level staff person as the superintendent's designee; (3) parents; (4)
97 representatives from local programs such as Head Start, family
98 resource centers, nonprofit and for-profit child day care centers, group
99 day care homes, prekindergarten and nursery schools, and family day
100 care home providers; [and] (5) a representative from a health care
101 provider in the community; and (6) other representatives from the
102 community who provide services to children. The chief elected official
103 shall designate the chairperson of the school readiness council.

104 Sec. 3. Section 10-16s of the general statutes is repealed and the
105 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

106 (a) The Commissioners of Education and Social Services shall
107 develop an agreement to define the duties and responsibilities of their
108 departments concerning school readiness programs. The
109 commissioners shall consult with other affected state agencies and

110 with the Early Childhood Education Cabinet. The agreement shall
111 include, but not be limited to, a multiyear interagency agreement to
112 establish and implement an integrated school readiness plan.
113 Functions to be described and responsibilities to be undertaken by the
114 two departments shall be delineated in the agreement.

115 (b) (1) There shall be an Early Childhood Education Cabinet. The
116 cochairpersons of the cabinet shall be the Governor, or the Governor's
117 designee, and the Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's
118 designee. The cabinet shall consist of the Secretary of the Office of
119 Policy and Management or the secretary's designee, the
120 Commissioners of Social Services, Higher Education, Public Health,
121 Children and Families and Mental Retardation or the commissioners'
122 designees, the cochairpersons of each of the joint standing committees
123 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
124 education and human services or the cochairpersons' designees, the
125 executive director of the Commission on Children, or the director's
126 designee, and one person representing a local or regional school
127 readiness council appointed by the Senate chairperson of the joint
128 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
129 matters related to education, and a representative of the Connecticut
130 Head Start Association appointed by the House of Representatives
131 chairperson of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
132 having cognizance of matters relating to education.

133 (2) Within available appropriations, the Early Childhood Education
134 Cabinet shall (A) advise the Commissioner of Education on policies
135 and initiatives to meet the goals established in section 10-16o, (B)
136 conduct a state-wide longitudinal evaluation of the school readiness
137 program in consultation with the Department of Social Services and
138 the Department of Education, (C) develop budget requests for the
139 early childhood program, and (D) promote consistency of quality and
140 comprehensiveness of early childhood services.

141 [(b)] (c) On or before January 1, 2000, the commissioners shall adopt
142 assessment measures for use by school readiness programs in

143 conducting their annual evaluations pursuant to section 10-16q, as
144 amended by this act. The commissioners may adopt the assessment
145 measures used for Head Start programs.

146 Sec. 4. Subsection (c) of section 17b-749c of the general statutes is
147 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
148 *1, 2005*):

149 (c) The grants shall be used to:

150 (1) Help providers who are not accredited by the National
151 Association for the Education of Young Children to obtain such
152 accreditation;

153 (2) Help directors and administrators to obtain training;

154 (3) Provide comprehensive services, such as enhanced access to
155 health care, a health consultant, a mental health consultant, nutrition,
156 family support services, parent education, literacy and parental
157 involvement, and community and home outreach programs; and
158 provide information concerning access when needed to a speech and
159 language therapist;

160 (4) Purchase educational equipment;

161 (5) Provide scholarships for training to obtain [a child development
162 associate certificate] a credential in early childhood education or child
163 development;

164 (6) Provide training for persons who are mentor teachers, as defined
165 in federal regulations for the Head Start program, and provide a
166 family service coordinator or a family service worker as such positions
167 are defined in such federal regulations;

168 (7) Repair fire, health and safety problems in existing facilities and
169 conduct minor remodeling to comply with the Americans with
170 Disabilities Act; train child care providers on injury and illness
171 prevention; and achieve compliance with national safety standards;

172 (8) Create a supportive network with family day care homes and
173 other providers of care for children;

174 (9) Provide for educational consultation and staff development;

175 (10) Provide for program quality assurance personnel;

176 (11) Provide technical assistance services to enable providers to
177 develop child care facilities pursuant to sections 17b-749g, 17b-749h
178 and 17b-749i, as amended by this act; [or]

179 (12) Establish a single point of entry system;

180 (13) Provide services that enhance the quality of programs to
181 maximize the health, safety and learning of children from birth to three
182 years of age, inclusive, including, but not limited to, those children
183 served by informal child care arrangements. Such grants may be used
184 for the improvement of staff to child ratios and interaction, initiatives
185 to promote staff retention, preliteracy development, parent
186 involvement, curriculum content and lesson plans.

187 Sec. 5. Subsection (c) of section 10a-194h of the general statutes is
188 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
189 *1, 2005*):

190 (c) Participating qualified nonprofit organizations may borrow
191 money from the Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities
192 Authority for any preschool project for which the authority is
193 authorized to make loans pursuant to this section. In connection with
194 such borrowing, participating qualified nonprofit organizations may
195 enter into any loan or other agreement and make such covenants,
196 representations and indemnities as such participating qualified
197 nonprofit organization deems necessary or desirable to obtain such
198 loans from the authority or to facilitate the issue of bonds by the
199 authority to finance such loans, including agreements with providers
200 of letters of credit, insurance or other credit facilities for such
201 financings. The Department of Education, in consultation with the

202 Department of Social Services and the Connecticut Health and
203 Educational Facilities Authority, shall establish priorities for financing
204 facilities based on need and quality determinants.

205 Sec. 6. Subsection (e) of section 10-285a of the general statutes is
206 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
207 *1, 2005*):

208 (e) If an elementary school building project for a new building or for
209 the expansion of an existing building includes space for a school
210 readiness program, the percentage determined pursuant to this section
211 shall be increased by five percentage points, but shall not exceed one
212 hundred per cent, for the portion of the building used primarily for
213 such purpose. Recipient districts shall maintain full-day preschool
214 enrollment for at least ten years.

215 Sec. 7. Subsection (h) of section 10-285a of the general statutes is
216 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
217 *1, 2005*):

218 (h) Subject to the provisions of section 10-285d, if an elementary
219 school building project for a school in a priority school district or for a
220 priority school is necessary in order to offer a full-day kindergarten
221 program or a full-day preschool program or to reduce class size
222 pursuant to section 10-265f, the percentage determined pursuant to
223 this section shall be increased by ten percentage points for the portion
224 of the building used primarily for such full-day kindergarten program,
225 full-day preschool program or such reduced size classes. Recipient
226 districts that receive an increase pursuant to this subsection in support
227 of a full-day preschool program, shall maintain full-day preschool
228 enrollment for at least ten years.

229 Sec. 8. Subsection (b) of section 10-16q of the general statutes is
230 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
231 *1, 2005*):

232 (b) [The] (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, the per child

233 cost of the Department of Education school readiness component of
234 the program offered by a school readiness provider shall not exceed six
235 thousand [four hundred] six hundred fifty dollars.

236 (2) For fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, and each fiscal year
237 thereafter, the per child cost of the Department of Education school
238 readiness component of the program offered by a school readiness
239 provider shall not exceed six thousand nine hundred twenty-five
240 dollars.

241 (3) A school readiness provider may provide child day care services
242 and the cost of such child day care services shall not be subject to such
243 per child cost limitation.

244 Sec. 9. Section 10-14n of the general statutes is amended by adding
245 subsection (h) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

246 (NEW) (h) Within available appropriations, the Commissioner of
247 Education shall, not later than October 1, 2009, develop and implement
248 a state-wide developmentally appropriate kindergarten assessment
249 tool that measures a child's level of preparedness for kindergarten.

250 Sec. 10. Subsection (d) of section 10-16p of the general statutes is
251 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
252 *1, 2005*):

253 (d) (1) The Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the
254 Commissioner of Social Services, shall establish a competitive grant
255 program to provide spaces in accredited school readiness programs for
256 eligible children who reside in an area served by a priority school or a
257 former priority school as provided for in subdivision (2) of this
258 subsection or in a town ranked one to [twenty-eight] fifty when all
259 towns are ranked in ascending order according to town wealth, as
260 defined in subdivision (26) of section 10-262f, whose school district is
261 not a priority school district pursuant to section 10-266p. A town in
262 which such a school is located or a regional school readiness council,
263 pursuant to subsection (c) of section 10-16r, for a region in which such

264 a school is located may apply for such a grant in an amount not to
265 exceed one hundred seven thousand dollars per priority school.
266 Eligibility shall be determined for a five-year period based on an
267 applicant's designation as having a priority school for the initial year of
268 application. Grant awards shall be made annually contingent upon
269 available funding and a satisfactory annual evaluation. The chief
270 elected official of such town and the superintendent of schools of the
271 school district or the regional school readiness council shall submit a
272 plan, as described in subsection (c) of this section, for the expenditure
273 of such grant funds to the Department of Education. In awarding
274 grants pursuant to this subsection, the commissioner shall give
275 preference to applications submitted by regional school readiness
276 councils and may, within available appropriations, provide a grant in
277 excess of one hundred seven thousand dollars to towns with two or
278 more priority schools in such district. A town or regional school
279 readiness council awarded a grant pursuant to this subsection shall use
280 the funds to purchase spaces for such children from providers of
281 accredited school readiness programs.

282 (2) (A) Commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, if a
283 town received a grant pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection for
284 a priority school and is no longer eligible to receive such a grant for
285 such school, the town may receive a phase-out grant for each of the
286 three fiscal years following the fiscal year such town received its final
287 grant for such school pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection.

288 (B) The amount of such phase-out grants shall be determined as
289 follows: (i) For the first fiscal year following the fiscal year such town
290 received its final priority school grant for such school pursuant to
291 subdivision (1) of this subsection, in an amount that does not exceed
292 seventy-five per cent of the grant amount such town received for such
293 school for the school's final year of eligibility pursuant to subdivision
294 (1) of this subsection; (ii) for the second fiscal year following the fiscal
295 year such town received its final priority school grant for such school
296 pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, in an amount that does
297 not exceed fifty per cent of the grant amount such town received for

298 such school for the school's final year of eligibility pursuant to
299 subdivision (1) of this subsection; (iii) for the third fiscal year following
300 the fiscal year such town received its final priority school grant for
301 such school pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, in an
302 amount that does not exceed twenty-five per cent of the grant amount
303 such town received for such school for the school's final year of
304 eligibility pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection.

305 Sec. 11. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) Within available
306 appropriations, the Commissioner of Education shall provide technical
307 assistance and training to school readiness programs to assist in the
308 application of preschool curriculum guidelines adopted by the State
309 Board of Education.

310 Sec. 12. (*Effective from passage*) The early childhood education center
311 at Eastern Connecticut State University shall work with local and
312 regional school readiness councils to address their childcare and early
313 education needs. The university shall report to the Department of
314 Education on the results of such work.

315 Sec. 13. Subsection (d) of section 10-76g of the general statutes is
316 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
317 *1, 2005*):

318 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the fiscal
319 years ending June 30, 2004, [and June 30, 2005] to June 30, 2007,
320 inclusive, the amount of the grants payable to local or regional boards
321 of education in accordance with this section, except grants paid in
322 accordance with subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section, as
323 amended by this act, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2006, and June
324 30, 2007, shall be reduced proportionately if the total of such grants in
325 such year exceeds the amount appropriated for the purposes of this
326 section for such year.

327 Sec. 14. Section 10-217a of the general statutes is amended by adding
328 subsection (h) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

329 (NEW) (h) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the
330 fiscal years ending June 30, 2006, and June 30, 2007, the amount of the
331 grants payable to local or regional boards of education in accordance
332 with this section shall be reduced proportionately if the total of such
333 grants in such year exceeds the amount appropriated for purposes of
334 this section.

335 Sec. 15. Subsection (b) of section 10-281 of the general statutes is
336 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
337 *1, 2005*):

338 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the fiscal
339 years ending June 30, 2004, [and June 30, 2005] to June 30, 2007,
340 inclusive, the amount of the grants payable to local or regional boards
341 of education in accordance with this section shall be reduced
342 proportionately if the total of such grants in such year exceeds the
343 amount appropriated for purposes of this section.

344 Sec. 16. Subsection (d) of section 10-71 of the general statutes is
345 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
346 *1, 2005*):

347 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the fiscal
348 years ending June 30, 2004, [and June 30, 2005] to June 30, 2007,
349 inclusive, the amount of the grants payable to towns, regional boards
350 of education or regional educational service centers in accordance with
351 this section shall be reduced proportionately if the total of such grants
352 in such year exceeds the amount appropriated for the purposes of this
353 section for such year.

354 Sec. 17. Subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of section 10-266m of the
355 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
356 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

357 (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the fiscal
358 years ending June 30, 2004, [and June 30, 2005] to June 30, 2007,
359 inclusive, the amount of transportation grants payable to local or

360 regional boards of education shall be reduced proportionately if the
361 total of such grants in such year exceeds the amount appropriated for
362 such grants for such year.

363 Sec. 18. Subsection (e) of section 10-76d of the general statutes is
364 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
365 *1, 2005*):

366 (e) (1) Any local or regional board of education which provides
367 special education pursuant to any mandates in this section shall
368 provide transportation, to and from, but not beyond the curb of, the
369 residence of the child, unless otherwise agreed upon by the board and
370 the parent or guardian of the child, tuition, room and board and other
371 items as are necessary to the provision of such special education except
372 for children who are placed in a residential facility because of the need
373 for services other than educational services, in which case the financial
374 responsibility of the school district and payment to such district shall
375 be limited to the reasonable costs of special education instruction as
376 defined in the regulations of the State Board of Education. If a hearing
377 board, pursuant to subsection (d) of section 10-76h, rejects the
378 educational program prescribed by the local or regional board of
379 education and determines that a placement by a parent or guardian
380 was appropriate, the local or regional board of education shall
381 reimburse the parent or guardian for the reasonable costs incurred for
382 the provision of special education pursuant to this section from the
383 initiation of review procedures as provided by said section 10-76h.

384 (2) For purposes of this subdivision, "public agency" includes the
385 offices of a government of a federally recognized Native American
386 tribe. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the general statutes, for
387 the fiscal year ending June 30, 1987, and each fiscal year thereafter,
388 whenever a public agency, other than a local or regional board of
389 education, the State Board of Education or the Superior Court acting
390 pursuant to section 10-76h, places a child in a foster home, group
391 home, hospital, state institution, receiving home, custodial institution
392 or any other residential or day treatment facility, and such child

393 requires special education, the local or regional board of education
394 under whose jurisdiction the child would otherwise be attending
395 school or, if no such board can be identified, the local or regional board
396 of education of the town where the child is placed, shall provide the
397 requisite special education and related services to such child in
398 accordance with the provisions of this section. Within one business day
399 of such a placement by the Department of Children and Families or
400 offices of a government of a federally recognized Native American
401 tribe, said department or offices shall orally notify the local or regional
402 board of education responsible for providing special education and
403 related services to such child of such placement. The department or
404 offices shall provide written notification to such board of such
405 placement within two business days of the placement. Such local or
406 regional board of education shall convene a planning and placement
407 team meeting for such child within thirty days of the placement and
408 shall invite a representative of the Department of Children and
409 Families or offices of a government of a federally recognized Native
410 American tribe to participate in such meeting. (A) The local or regional
411 board of education under whose jurisdiction such child would
412 otherwise be attending school shall be financially responsible for the
413 reasonable costs of such special education and related services in an
414 amount equal to the lesser of one hundred per cent of the costs of such
415 education or the average per pupil educational costs of such board of
416 education for the prior fiscal year, determined in accordance with the
417 provisions of subsection (a) of section 10-76f. The State Board of
418 Education shall pay on a current basis, except as provided in
419 subdivision (3) of this subsection, any costs in excess of such local or
420 regional board's basic contributions paid by such board of education in
421 accordance with the provisions of this subdivision. (B) Whenever a
422 child is placed pursuant to this subdivision, on or after July 1, 1995, by
423 the Department of Children and Families and the local or regional
424 board of education under whose jurisdiction such child would
425 otherwise be attending school cannot be identified, the local or
426 regional board of education under whose jurisdiction the child
427 attended school or in whose district the child resided at the time of

428 removal from the home by said department shall be responsible for the
429 reasonable costs of special education and related services provided to
430 such child, for one calendar year or until the child is committed to the
431 state pursuant to section 46b-129 or 46b-140 or is returned to the child's
432 parent or guardian, whichever is earlier. If the child remains in such
433 placement beyond one calendar year the Department of Children and
434 Families shall be responsible for such costs. During the period the local
435 or regional board of education is responsible for the reasonable cost of
436 special education and related services pursuant to this subparagraph,
437 the board shall be responsible for such costs in an amount equal to the
438 lesser of one hundred per cent of the costs of such education and
439 related services or the average per pupil educational costs of such
440 board of education for the prior fiscal year, determined in accordance
441 with the provisions of subsection (a) of section 10-76f. The State Board
442 of Education shall pay on a current basis, except as provided in
443 subdivision (3) of this subsection, any costs in excess of such local or
444 regional board's basic contributions paid by such board of education in
445 accordance with the provisions of this subdivision. The costs for
446 services other than educational shall be paid by the state agency which
447 placed the child. The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to
448 the school districts established within the Department of Children and
449 Families, pursuant to section 17a-37, the Department of Correction,
450 pursuant to section 18-99a, or the Department of Mental Retardation,
451 pursuant to section 17a-240, provided in any case in which special
452 education is being provided at a private residential institution,
453 including the residential components of regional educational service
454 centers, to a child for whom no local or regional board of education
455 can be found responsible under subsection (b) of this section, Unified
456 School District #2 shall provide the special education and related
457 services and be financially responsible for the reasonable costs of such
458 special education instruction for such children. Notwithstanding the
459 provisions of this subdivision, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2004,
460 and June 30, 2005, the amount of the grants payable to local or regional
461 boards of education in accordance with this subdivision shall be
462 reduced proportionately if the total of such grants in such year exceeds

463 the amount appropriated for the purposes of this subdivision for such
464 year.

465 (3) Payment for children who require special education and who
466 reside on state-owned or leased property or in permanent family
467 residences as defined in section 17a-154, and who are not the
468 educational responsibility of the unified school districts established
469 pursuant to section 17a-37, section 17a-240 or section 18-99a, shall be
470 made in the following manner: The State Board of Education shall pay
471 to the school district which is responsible for providing instruction for
472 each such child pursuant to the provisions of this subsection one
473 hundred per cent of the reasonable costs of such instruction. In the
474 fiscal year following such payment, the State Board of Education shall
475 deduct from the special education grant due the local or regional board
476 of education under whose jurisdiction the child would otherwise be
477 attending school, where such board has been identified, the amount
478 for which such board would otherwise have been financially
479 responsible pursuant to the provisions of subdivision (2) of this
480 subsection. No such deduction shall be made for any school district
481 which is responsible for providing special education instruction for
482 children whose parents or legal guardians do not reside within such
483 district. The amount deducted shall be included as a net cost of special
484 education by the Department of Education for purposes of the state's
485 special education grant calculated pursuant to section 10-76g. A school
486 district otherwise eligible for reimbursement under the provisions of
487 this subdivision for the costs of education of a child residing in a
488 permanent family residence shall continue to be so eligible in the event
489 that a person providing foster care in such residence adopts the child.
490 Notwithstanding the provisions of this subdivision, for the fiscal years
491 ending June 30, 2004, [and June 30, 2005] to June 30, 2007, inclusive, the
492 amount of the grants payable to local or regional boards of education
493 in accordance with this subdivision shall be reduced proportionately if
494 the total of such grants in such year exceeds the amount appropriated
495 for the purposes of this subdivision for such year.

496 (4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the

497 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services shall provide
498 regular education and special education and related services to eligible
499 residents in facilities operated by the department who are eighteen to
500 twenty-one years of age. In the case of a resident who requires special
501 education, the department shall provide the requisite identification
502 and evaluation of such resident in accordance with the provisions of
503 this section. The department shall be financially responsible for the
504 provision of educational services to eligible residents. The
505 Departments of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Children and
506 Families and Education shall develop and implement an interagency
507 agreement which specifies the role of each agency in ensuring the
508 provision of appropriate education services to eligible residents in
509 accordance with this section. The State Board of Education shall pay to
510 the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services one hundred
511 per cent of the reasonable costs of such educational services provided
512 to eligible residents of such facilities. Payment shall be made by the
513 board as follows: Eighty-five per cent of the estimated cost in July and
514 the adjusted balance in May.

515 (5) Application for the grant to be paid by the state for costs in
516 excess of the local or regional board of education's basic contribution
517 shall be made by such board of education by filing with the State
518 Board of Education, in such manner as prescribed by the
519 Commissioner of Education, annually on or before December first a
520 statement of the cost of providing special education, as defined in
521 subdivision (2) of this subsection, for a child of the board placed by a
522 state agency in accordance with the provisions of said subdivision or,
523 where appropriate, a statement of the cost of providing educational
524 services other than special educational services pursuant to the
525 provisions of subsection (b) of section 10-253, provided a board of
526 education may submit, not later than March first, claims for additional
527 children or costs not included in the December filing. Payment by the
528 state for such excess costs shall be made to the local or regional board
529 of education as follows: Seventy-five per cent of the cost in February
530 and the balance in May. The amount due each town pursuant to the

531 provisions of this subsection and the amount due to each town as
532 tuition from other towns pursuant to this section shall be paid to the
533 treasurer of each town entitled to such aid, provided the treasurer shall
534 treat such grant or tuition received, or a portion of such grant or
535 tuition, which relates to special education expenditures incurred
536 pursuant to subdivisions (2) and (3) of this subsection in excess of such
537 board's budgeted estimate of such expenditures, as a reduction in
538 expenditures by crediting such expenditure account, rather than town
539 revenue. The state shall notify the local or regional board of education
540 when payments are made to the treasurer of the town pursuant to this
541 subdivision.

542 Sec. 19. Subsection (a) of section 10-76g of the general statutes is
543 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
544 *1, 2005*):

545 (a) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1984, and each fiscal year
546 thereafter, in any case in which special education is being provided at
547 a private residential institution, including the residential components
548 of regional educational service centers, to a child for whom no local or
549 regional board of education can be found responsible under subsection
550 (b) of section 10-76d, the Department of Children and Families shall
551 pay the costs of special education to such institution pursuant to its
552 authority under sections 17a-1 to 17a-26, inclusive, 17a-28 to 17a-50,
553 inclusive, and 17a-52. (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1993, and
554 each fiscal year thereafter, any local or regional board of education
555 which provides special education and related services for any child (A)
556 who is placed by a [state] public agency, including, but not limited to,
557 offices of a government of a federally recognized Native American
558 tribe, in a private residential facility or who is placed in a facility or
559 institution operated by the Department of Children and Families and
560 who receives such special education at a program operated by a
561 regional education service center or program operated by a local or
562 regional board of education, and (B) for whom no local or regional
563 board of education can be found responsible under subsection (b) of
564 section 10-76d, shall be eligible to receive one hundred per cent of the

565 reasonable costs of special education for such child as defined in the
566 regulations of the State Board of Education. Any such board eligible
567 for payment shall file with the Department of Education, in such
568 manner as prescribed by the Commissioner of Education, annually, on
569 or before December first a statement of the cost of providing special
570 education for such child, provided a board of education may submit,
571 not later than March first, claims for additional children or costs not
572 included in the December filing. Payment by the state for such costs
573 shall be made to the local or regional board of education as follows:
574 Seventy-five per cent of the cost in February and the balance in May.

575 Sec. 20. Section 10-253 of the general statutes is repealed and the
576 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

577 (a) Children placed out by the Commissioner of Children and
578 Families or by other agencies or persons, including offices of a
579 government of a federally recognized Native American tribe, private
580 child-caring or child-placing agencies licensed by the Department of
581 Children and Families, and eligible residents of facilities operated by
582 the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services or by the
583 Department of Public Health who are eighteen to twenty-one years of
584 age, shall be entitled to all free school privileges of the school district
585 where they then reside as a result of such placement, except as
586 provided in subdivision (4) of subsection (e) of section 10-76d. Except
587 as provided in subsection (d) of this section and subdivision (4) of
588 subsection (e) of section 10-76d, payment for such education shall be
589 made by the board of education of the school district under whose
590 jurisdiction such child would otherwise be attending school where
591 such a school district is identified.

592 (b) The board of education of the school district under whose
593 jurisdiction a child would otherwise be attending school shall be
594 financially responsible for the reasonable costs of education for a child
595 placed out by the Commissioner of Children and Families or by other
596 agencies, including, but not limited to, offices of a government of a
597 federally recognized Native American tribe, in a private residential

598 facility when such child requires educational services other than
599 special education services. Such financial responsibility shall be the
600 lesser of one hundred per cent of the costs of such education or the
601 average per pupil educational costs of such board of education for the
602 prior fiscal year, determined in accordance with subsection (a) of
603 section 10-76f. Any costs in excess of the boards' basic contribution
604 shall be paid by the State Board of Education on a current basis. The
605 costs for services other than educational shall be paid by the state
606 agency which placed the child. Application for the grant to be paid by
607 the state for costs in excess of the local or regional board of education's
608 basic contribution shall be made in accordance with the provisions of
609 subdivision (5) of subsection (e) of section 10-76d. Notwithstanding the
610 provisions of this subsection, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2004,
611 [and June 30, 2005] to June 30, 2007, inclusive, the amount of the grants
612 payable to local or regional boards of education in accordance with
613 this subsection shall be reduced proportionately if the total of such
614 grants in such year exceeds the amount appropriated for the purposes
615 of this subsection for such year.

616 (c) No board of education shall be required to provide school
617 accommodations for any child whose legal residence is in another state
618 unless the board has entered into an agreement concerning the
619 provision of educational services and programs with the state or local
620 educational agency of such state responsible for educating the child,
621 the facility where the child is placed or the parent or guardian placing
622 such child, and provided that a bond, in a sum equal to the tuition
623 payable for such child, issued by a surety company authorized to do
624 business in this state and conditioned upon the payment of tuition at
625 the rate established by the board, shall be filed with the treasurer of the
626 school district in which such child is attending school by the parent or
627 guardian or other person or organization in control of such child.

628 (d) Children residing with relatives or nonrelatives, when it is the
629 intention of such relatives or nonrelatives and of the children or their
630 parents or guardians that such residence is to be permanent, provided
631 without pay and not for the sole purpose of obtaining school

632 accommodations, and, for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1981, and
633 each fiscal year thereafter, children not requiring special education
634 who are residing in any facility or home as a result of a placement by a
635 public agency, including, but not limited to, offices of a government of
636 a federally recognized Native American tribe, other than a local or
637 regional board of education, and except as provided by subsection (b)
638 of this section, shall be entitled to all free school privileges accorded to
639 resident children of the school district in which they then reside. A
640 local or regional board of education may require documentation from
641 the parent or guardian, the relative or nonrelative, emancipated minor
642 or pupil eighteen years of age or older that the residence is to be
643 permanent, provided without pay and not for the sole purpose of
644 obtaining school accommodations provided by the school district.
645 Such documentation may include affidavits, provided that prior to any
646 request for documentation of a child's residency from the child's
647 parent or guardian, relative or nonrelative, or emancipated minor or
648 pupil eighteen years of age or older, the board of education shall
649 provide the parent or guardian, relative or nonrelative, emancipated
650 minor or pupil eighteen years of age or older with a written statement
651 specifying the basis upon which the board has reason to believe that
652 such child, emancipated minor or pupil eighteen years of age or older
653 is not entitled to school accommodations.

654 (e) (1) For purposes of this subsection:

655 (A) "Temporary shelters" means facilities which provide emergency
656 shelter for a specified, limited period of time, and

657 (B) "Educational costs" means the reasonable costs of providing
658 regular or, except as otherwise provided, special education, but in no
659 event shall such costs exceed the average per pupil cost for regular
660 education students or the actual cost of providing special education for
661 special education students.

662 (2) Children in temporary shelters shall be entitled to free school
663 privileges from either the school district in which the shelter is located

664 or the school district in which the child would otherwise reside, if not
665 for the need for temporary shelter. Upon notification from the school
666 district in which the temporary shelter is located, the school district in
667 which the child would otherwise reside, if identified, shall either pay
668 tuition to the school district in which the temporary shelter is located
669 for the child to attend school in that district or shall continue to
670 provide educational services, including transportation, to such child. If
671 the school district where the child would otherwise reside cannot be
672 identified, the school district in which the temporary shelter is located
673 shall be financially responsible for the educational costs for such child,
674 except that in the case of a child who requires special education and
675 related services and is placed by the Department of Children and
676 Families in a temporary shelter on or after July 1, 1995, the school
677 district in which the child resided immediately prior to such placement
678 or the Department of Children and Families shall be responsible for the
679 cost of such special education and related services, to the extent such
680 board or department is responsible for such costs under subparagraph
681 (B) of subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of section 10-76d. If the school
682 district where the child would otherwise reside declines to provide
683 free school privileges, the school district where the temporary shelter is
684 located shall provide free school privileges and may recover tuition
685 from the school district where the child would otherwise reside. In the
686 case of children requiring special education who have been placed in
687 out-of-district programs by either a board of education or state agency,
688 the school district in which the child would otherwise reside shall
689 continue to be responsible for the child's education until such time as a
690 new residence is established, notwithstanding the fact that the child or
691 child's family resides in a temporary shelter.

692 (f) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes,
693 educational services shall be provided by each local and regional
694 board of education to homeless children and youths in accordance
695 with the provisions of 42 USC 11431, et seq., as amended from time to
696 time.

697 Sec. 21. Subsection (b) of section 10-66cc of the general statutes is

698 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
699 *1, 2005*):

700 (b) The governing council of each charter school shall submit
701 annually, to the Commissioner of Education, at such time and in such
702 manner as [he] the commissioner prescribes, and, in the case of a local
703 charter school, to the local or regional board of education for the school
704 district in which the school is located, a report on the condition of the
705 school, including (1) the educational progress of students in the school,
706 (2) the financial condition of the school, including a certified audit
707 statement of all revenues and expenditures, (3) accomplishment of the
708 mission, purpose and any specialized focus of the charter school, [and]
709 (4) the racial and ethnic composition of the student body and efforts
710 taken to increase the racial and ethnic diversity of the student body,
711 and (5) best practices employed by the school that contribute
712 significantly to the academic success of students.

713 Sec. 22. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) The Department of Education
714 shall, annually, publish a report on all of the best practices reported by
715 governing councils of charter schools pursuant to subdivision (5) of
716 subsection (b) of section 10-66cc of the general statutes, as amended by
717 this act, and distribute a copy of such report to each public school
718 superintendent and the governing council of each charter school.

719 Sec. 23. Section 10-76n of the general statutes is repealed and the
720 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

721 (a) The State Board of Education shall continue to maintain the
722 special education resource center, with federal funds granted to the
723 state for the maintenance of said center under the provisions of the
724 federal Education for the Handicapped Act, for purposes consistent
725 with the provisions of said act as it may from time to time be amended.
726 The Commissioner of Education is authorized to accept any federal
727 funds allotted to the state for such purposes and shall administer such
728 funds in accordance with federal law.

729 (b) The special education resource center described in subsection (a)

730 of this section may be conducted by the state education resource
731 center, established pursuant to section 24 of this act, as part of its
732 program of activities.

733 Sec. 24. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) (a) The State Board of
734 Education shall establish a state education resource center to assist the
735 board in the provision of programs and activities that will promote
736 educational equity and excellence. Such activities, to be provided by
737 the state education resource center or a regional educational service
738 center, may include training and continuing education seminars,
739 publication of technical materials, research and evaluation, and other
740 related activities. The center may support programs and activities
741 concerning early childhood education, the federal No Child Left
742 Behind Act, P.L. 107-110, and closing the academic achievement gap
743 between socio-economic subgroups, and other related programs.

744 (b) The Commissioner of Education, with the assistance of the state
745 education resource center, may provide grants to local and regional
746 boards of education for districts identified as in need of improvement
747 under the provisions of section 10-223e of the general statutes. The
748 grants shall be for the creation and acquisition of new curricula,
749 training in the use of the curricula and related supporting textbooks
750 and other materials. Local and regional boards of education may use
751 such grants only for curricula, training and related textbooks and
752 materials that have been authorized by the commissioner. Local and
753 regional boards of education shall apply for grants pursuant to this
754 subsection at such time and in such manner as the commissioner
755 prescribes, and the commissioner shall determine the amount of the
756 grant awards.

757 (c) Within available appropriations, the Department of Education
758 shall establish a Connecticut school reform resource center within the
759 state education resource center established pursuant to subsection (a)
760 of this section or by contract through a regional educational service
761 center. The center shall operate year-round and focus on serving the
762 needs of all public schools. The center shall (1) publish and distribute

763 reports on the most effective practices for improving student
764 achievement by successful schools, (2) provide a program of
765 professional development activities for school leaders, including
766 curriculum coordinators, principals, superintendents and board of
767 education members, (3) provide information on successful models for
768 evaluating student performance and managing student data, and (4)
769 provide other programs and materials to assist in the improvement of
770 public schools.

771 Sec. 25. Subsection (c) of section 10-264l of the general statutes, as
772 amended by section 3 of public act 05-2, is repealed and the following
773 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

774 (c) (1) The maximum amount each interdistrict magnet school
775 program shall be eligible to receive per enrolled student shall be
776 determined as follows: (A) For each participating district whose
777 magnet school program enrollment is equal to or less than thirty per
778 cent of the magnet school program total enrollment, ninety per cent of
779 the foundation as defined in subdivision (9) of section 10-262f; (B) for
780 each participating district whose magnet school program enrollment is
781 greater than thirty per cent but less than or equal to sixty per cent of
782 the magnet school program total enrollment, a percentage between
783 sixty and ninety per cent of said foundation that is inversely
784 proportional to the percentage of magnet school program students
785 from such district; and (C) for each participating district whose magnet
786 school program enrollment is greater than sixty per cent but less than
787 or equal to ninety per cent of the magnet school program total
788 enrollment, a percentage between zero and sixty per cent of said
789 foundation that is inversely proportional to the percentage of magnet
790 school program students from such district. The amounts so
791 determined shall be proportionately adjusted, if necessary, within the
792 limit of the available appropriation, and in no case shall any grant
793 pursuant to this section exceed the reasonable operating budget of the
794 magnet school program, less revenues from other sources. Any magnet
795 school program operating less than full-time but at least half-time shall
796 be eligible to receive a grant equal to sixty-five per cent of the grant

797 amount determined pursuant to this subsection.

798 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, [2005] 2003, and each fiscal
799 year thereafter, the commissioner may, within available
800 appropriations, provide supplemental grants for the purposes of
801 enhancing educational programs in such interdistrict magnet schools
802 as the commissioner determines. Such grants shall be made after the
803 commissioner has reviewed and approved the total operating budget
804 for such schools, including all revenue and expenditure estimates.

805 Sec. 26. Subsection (h) of section 10-76f of the general statutes, as
806 amended by section 1 of public act 05-13, is repealed and the following
807 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

808 (h) "Net cost of special education" means the result obtained by
809 subtracting from the expenditures made by a claimant board for
810 special education personnel, equipment, materials, tuition,
811 transportation, rent and consultant services, (1) the total amount of any
812 funds from other state or federal grants, private grants or special
813 education tuition received by the board or town in such year and used
814 to implement special education programs approved pursuant to said
815 sections, (2) the total amount of any funds from Medicaid payments
816 [received by] expended by the board in such year [pursuant to
817 subsection (a) of section 10-76d] and used to implement special
818 education programs, and (3) expenditures for special education
819 provided to children requiring special education who are described in
820 subparagraph (B) of subdivision (5) of section 10-76a.

821 Sec. 27. Section 10-266p of the general statutes is amended by
822 adding subsection (f) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

823 (NEW) (f) In addition to the amounts allocated in subsection (a), and
824 subsections (c) to (e), inclusive, of this section, for the fiscal year
825 ending June 30, 2006, the State Board of Education shall allocate two
826 million thirty-nine thousand six hundred eighty six dollars to the
827 towns that rank one to three, inclusive, in population pursuant to
828 subdivision (1) of said subsection (a), and for the fiscal year ending

829 June 30, 2007, the State Board of Education shall allocate two million
830 six hundred ten thousand seven hundred ninety-eight dollars to the
831 towns that rank one to three, inclusive, in population pursuant to
832 subdivision (1) of said subsection (a).

833 Sec. 28. Subsection (e) of section 10-16p of the general statutes is
834 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
835 *1, 2005*):

836 (e) (1) Priority school districts and former priority school districts
837 shall receive grants based on their proportional share of the sum of the
838 products obtained by multiplying the average number of enrolled
839 kindergarten students in each priority school district and in each
840 former priority school district for the three years prior to the year the
841 grant is to be paid, by the ratio of the average percentage of free and
842 reduced price meals for all severe need schools in such district to the
843 minimum percentage requirement for severe need school eligibility,
844 provided no such school district shall receive a grant that is less than
845 the grant it received for the prior fiscal year, including any
846 supplemental grants received in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, or
847 a grant that is less than one hundred fifty thousand dollars.

848 (2) The Department of Education may retain up to five-tenths of one
849 per cent of the amount appropriated for purposes of this section for
850 coordination, program evaluation and administration.

851 (3) If a town that is eligible for a grant pursuant to subsection (c) of
852 this section does not submit, by October first, a plan which is
853 subsequently approved for the expenditure of the entire amount of
854 funds for which such town is eligible, the department may use up to
855 seventy per cent of any amounts such town has not earmarked for
856 expenditure, to provide supplemental grants to other towns that are
857 eligible for grants pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, and the
858 remaining thirty per cent of any amounts such town has not
859 earmarked for expenditure, for school readiness professional
860 development, including, but not limited to, scholarship assistance for

861 school readiness staff to attain early childhood education certification
862 and staff training to enhance literacy teaching skills.

863 Sec. 29. Subdivision (9) of section 10-262f of the general statutes is
864 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
865 *1, 2005*):

866 (9) "Foundation" means (A) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1990,
867 three thousand nine hundred eighteen dollars, (B) for the fiscal year
868 ending June 30, 1991, four thousand one hundred ninety-two dollars,
869 (C) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1992, four thousand four
870 hundred eighty-six dollars, (D) for the fiscal years ending June 30,
871 1993, June 30, 1994, and June 30, 1995, four thousand eight hundred
872 dollars, (E) for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1996, June 30, 1997, and
873 June 30, 1998, five thousand seven hundred eleven dollars, (F) for the
874 fiscal year ending June 30, 1999, five thousand seven hundred seventy-
875 five dollars, and (G) for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2000, to June
876 30, [2005] 2007, inclusive, five thousand eight hundred ninety-one
877 dollars.

878 Sec. 30. Subdivision (11) of subsection (d) of section 10-262j of the
879 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
880 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

881 (11) For the fiscal [year] years ending June 30, 2005, to June 30, 2007,
882 inclusive, the regular program expenditures of a town shall be no less
883 than the sum of (A) its minimum expenditure requirement for the
884 fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, (B) its aid increase pursuant to
885 subsection (b) of this section, and (C) if the resident student count for
886 October 2003, is less than the resident student count for October 2002,
887 the result obtained by multiplying the difference between the town's
888 resident student count for October 2003, using the data of record as of
889 December 1, 2003, and the town's resident student count for October
890 2002, using the data of record as of December 1, 2002, by one-half of
891 the foundation.

892 Sec. 31. Section 10-262i of the general statutes is repealed and the

893 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

894 (a) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1990, and for each fiscal year
895 thereafter, each town shall be paid a grant equal to the amount the
896 town is entitled to receive under the provisions of section 10-262h, as
897 calculated using the data of record as of the December first prior to the
898 fiscal year such grant is to be paid, adjusted for the difference between
899 the final entitlement for the prior fiscal year and the preliminary
900 entitlement for such fiscal year as calculated using the data of record as
901 of the December first prior to the fiscal year when such grant was paid.

902 (b) The amount due each town pursuant to the provisions of
903 subsection (a) of this section shall be paid by the Comptroller, upon
904 certification of the Commissioner of Education, to the treasurer of each
905 town entitled to such aid in installments during the fiscal year as
906 follows: Twenty-five per cent of the grant in October, twenty-five per
907 cent of the grant in January and the balance of the grant in April. The
908 balance of the grant due towns under the provision of this subsection
909 shall be paid in March rather than April to any town which has not
910 adopted the uniform fiscal year and which would not otherwise
911 receive such final payment within the fiscal year of such town.

912 (c) All aid distributed to a town pursuant to the provisions of this
913 section shall be expended for educational purposes only and shall be
914 expended upon the authorization of the local or regional board of
915 education. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999, and each fiscal year
916 thereafter, if a town receives an increase in funds pursuant to this
917 section over the amount it received for the prior fiscal year such
918 increase shall not be used to supplant local funding for educational
919 purposes. The budgeted appropriation for education in any town
920 receiving an increase in funds pursuant to this section shall be not less
921 than the amount appropriated for education for the prior year plus
922 such increase in funds.

923 (d) Upon a determination by the State Board of Education that a
924 town or kindergarten to grade twelve, inclusive, regional school

925 district failed in any fiscal year to meet the requirements pursuant to
926 subsection (c) of this section, the town or kindergarten to grade twelve,
927 inclusive, regional school district shall forfeit an amount equal to two
928 times the amount of the shortfall. The amount so forfeited shall be
929 withheld by the Department of Education from the grant payable to
930 the town in the second fiscal year immediately following such failure
931 by deducting such amount from the town's equalization aid grant
932 payment pursuant to this section, except that in the case of a
933 kindergarten to grade twelve, inclusive, regional school district, the
934 amount so forfeited shall be withheld by the Department of Education
935 from the grants payable pursuant to this section to the towns which
936 are members of such regional school district. The amounts deducted
937 from such grants to each member town shall be proportional to the
938 number of resident students in each member town. Notwithstanding
939 the provisions of this subsection, the State Board of Education may
940 waive such forfeiture upon agreement with the town or kindergarten
941 to grade twelve, inclusive, regional school district that the town or
942 kindergarten to grade twelve, inclusive, regional school district shall
943 increase its budgeted appropriation during the fiscal year in which the
944 forfeiture would occur by an amount not less than the amount of said
945 forfeiture or for other good cause shown. Any additional funds
946 expended pursuant to such an agreement shall not be included in a
947 district's expenditures for the purpose of establishing any future
948 minimum expenditure requirement.

949 Sec. 32. Subdivision (6) of subsection (a) of section 10-262h of the
950 general statutes, as amended by section 1 of public act 05-2, is repealed
951 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

952 (6) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, and each fiscal year
953 thereafter, a grant in an amount equal to the amount of its target aid as
954 described in subdivision (32) of section 10-262f except that such
955 amount shall be capped in accordance with the following: (A) For the
956 fiscal years ending June 30, 1996, June 30, 1997, June 30, 1998, and June
957 30, 1999, for each town, the maximum percentage increase over its
958 previous year's base revenue shall be the product of five per cent and

959 the ratio of the wealth of the town ranked one hundred fifty-third
960 when all towns are ranked in descending order to each town's wealth,
961 provided no town shall receive an increase greater than five per cent.
962 (B) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2000, June 30, 2001, June 30,
963 2002, June 30, 2003, and June 30, 2004, for each town, the maximum
964 percentage increase over its previous year's base revenue shall be the
965 product of six per cent and the ratio of the wealth of the town ranked
966 one hundred fifty-third when all towns are ranked in descending order
967 to each town's wealth, provided no town shall receive an increase
968 greater than six per cent. (C) No such cap shall be used for the fiscal
969 year ending June 30, 2005, or any fiscal year thereafter. (D) For the
970 fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, for each town, the maximum
971 percentage reduction from its previous year's base revenue shall be
972 equal to the product of three per cent and the ratio of each town's
973 wealth to the wealth of the town ranked seventeenth when all towns
974 are ranked in descending order, provided no town's grant shall be
975 reduced by more than three per cent. (E) For the fiscal years ending
976 June 30, 1997, June 30, 1998, and June 30, 1999, for each town, the
977 maximum percentage reduction from its previous year's base revenue
978 shall be equal to the product of five per cent and the ratio of each
979 town's wealth to the wealth of the town ranked seventeenth when all
980 towns are ranked in descending order, provided no town's grant shall
981 be reduced by more than five per cent. (F) For the fiscal year ending
982 June 30, 2000, and each fiscal year thereafter, no town's grant shall be
983 less than the grant it received for the prior fiscal year. (G) For each
984 fiscal year, except for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, in addition
985 to the amount determined pursuant to this subdivision, a town shall be
986 eligible for a density supplement if the density of the town is greater
987 than the average density of all towns in the state. The density
988 supplement shall be determined by multiplying the density aid ratio of
989 the town by the foundation level and the town's total need students for
990 the prior fiscal year provided, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000,
991 and each fiscal year thereafter, no town's density supplement shall be
992 less than the density supplement such town received for the prior
993 fiscal year. (H) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997, the grant

994 determined in accordance with this subdivision for a town ranked one
995 to forty-two when all towns are ranked in descending order according
996 to town wealth shall be further reduced by one and two-hundredths of
997 a per cent and such grant for all other towns shall be further reduced
998 by fifty-six-hundredths of a per cent. (I) For the fiscal year ending June
999 30, 1998, and each fiscal year thereafter, no town whose school district
1000 is a priority school district shall receive a grant pursuant to this
1001 subdivision in an amount that is less than the amount received under
1002 such grant for the prior fiscal year. (J) For the fiscal year ending June
1003 30, 2000, and each fiscal year through the fiscal year ending June 30,
1004 2003, no town whose school district is a priority school district shall
1005 receive a grant pursuant to this subdivision that provides an amount of
1006 aid per resident student that is less than the amount of aid per resident
1007 student provided under the grant received for the prior fiscal year. (K)
1008 For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998, and each fiscal year thereafter,
1009 no town whose school district is a priority school district shall receive a
1010 grant pursuant to this subdivision in an amount that is less than
1011 seventy per cent of the sum of (i) the product of a town's base aid ratio,
1012 the foundation level and the town's total need students for the fiscal
1013 year prior to the year in which the grant is to be paid, (ii) the product
1014 of a town's supplemental aid ratio, the foundation level and the sum of
1015 the portion of its total need students count described in subparagraphs
1016 (B) and (C) of subdivision (25) of section 10-262f for the fiscal year
1017 prior to the fiscal year in which the grant is to be paid, and the
1018 adjustments to its resident student count described in subdivision (22)
1019 of said section 10-262f relative to length of school year and summer
1020 school sessions, and (iii) the town's regional bonus. (L) For the fiscal
1021 year ending June 30, 2000, and each fiscal year thereafter, no town
1022 whose school district is a transitional school district shall receive a
1023 grant pursuant to this subdivision in an amount that is less than forty
1024 per cent of the sum of (i) the product of a town's base aid ratio, the
1025 foundation level and the town's total need students for the fiscal year
1026 prior to the fiscal year in which the grant is to be paid, (ii) the product
1027 of a town's supplemental aid ratio, the foundation level and the sum of
1028 the portion of its total need students count described in subparagraphs

1029 (B) and (C) of subdivision (25) of section 10-262f for the fiscal year
1030 prior to the fiscal year in which the grant is to be paid, and the
1031 adjustments to its resident student count described in subdivision (22)
1032 of said section 10-262f relative to length of school year and summer
1033 school sessions, and (iii) the town's regional bonus. (M) For the fiscal
1034 year ending June 30, 2002, (i) each town whose target aid is capped
1035 pursuant to this subdivision shall receive a grant that includes a pro
1036 rata share of twenty-five million dollars based on the difference
1037 between its target aid and the amount of the grant determined with the
1038 cap, and (ii) all towns shall receive a grant that is at least 1.68 per cent
1039 greater than the grant they received for the fiscal year ending June 30,
1040 2001. (N) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, (i) each town whose
1041 target aid is capped pursuant to this subdivision shall receive a pro
1042 rata share of fifty million dollars based on the difference between its
1043 target aid and the amount of the grant determined with the cap, and
1044 (ii) each town shall receive a grant that is at least 1.2 per cent more
1045 than its base revenue, as defined in subdivision (28) of section 10-262f.
1046 (O) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, each town shall receive a
1047 grant that is at least equal to the grant it received for the prior fiscal
1048 year. (P) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, (i) each town whose
1049 target aid is capped pursuant to this subdivision shall receive a grant
1050 that includes a pro rata share of fifty million dollars based on the
1051 difference between its target aid and the amount of the grant
1052 determined with the cap, (ii) each town's grant including the cap
1053 supplement shall be reduced by three per cent, (iii) the towns of
1054 Bridgeport, Hartford and New Haven shall each receive a grant that is
1055 equal to the grant such towns received for the prior fiscal year plus one
1056 million dollars, (iv) those towns described in clause (i) of this
1057 subparagraph shall receive a grant that includes a pro rata share of
1058 three million dollars based on the same pro rata basis as used in said
1059 clause (i), (v) towns whose school districts are priority school districts
1060 pursuant to subsection (a) of section 10-266p or transitional school
1061 districts pursuant to section 10-263c or who are eligible for grants
1062 under section 10-276a or 10-263d for the fiscal years ending June 30,
1063 2002, to June 30, 2004, inclusive, shall receive grants that are at least

1064 equal to the grants they received for the prior fiscal year, (vi) towns not
 1065 receiving funds under clause (iii) of this subparagraph shall receive a
 1066 pro rata share of any remaining funds based on their grant determined
 1067 under this subparagraph. (Q) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005,
 1068 (i) no town shall receive a grant pursuant to this subparagraph in an
 1069 amount that is less than sixty per cent of the amount determined
 1070 pursuant to the previous subparagraphs of this subdivision, (ii)
 1071 notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (B) of this
 1072 subdivision, each town shall receive a grant that is equal to the amount
 1073 the town received for the prior fiscal year increased by twenty-three
 1074 and twenty-seven hundredths per cent of the difference between the
 1075 grant amount calculated pursuant to this subdivision and the amount
 1076 the town received for the prior fiscal year, (iii) no town whose school
 1077 district is a priority school district pursuant to subsection (a) of section
 1078 10-266p shall receive a grant pursuant to this subdivision that is less
 1079 than three hundred seventy dollars per resident student, and (iv) each
 1080 town shall receive a grant that is at least the greater of the amount of
 1081 the grant it received for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, or the
 1082 amount of the grant it received for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004,
 1083 increased by seven tenths per cent, except that the town of Winchester
 1084 shall not receive less than its fixed entitlement for the fiscal year
 1085 ending June 30, 2003. (R) Notwithstanding the provisions of this
 1086 subdivision, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2006, and June 30,
 1087 2007, each town shall receive a grant that is equal to the amount of the
 1088 grant the town received for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005,
 1089 increased by two per cent plus the amount specified in section 33 of
 1090 this act.

1091 Sec. 33. *(Effective July 1, 2005)* For the fiscal years ending June 30,
 1092 2006, and June 30, 2007, the education equalization aid grant each town
 1093 receives shall be increased by the following amounts in accordance
 1094 with subparagraph (R) of subdivision (6) of subsection (a) of section
 1095 10-262h of the general statutes, as amended by this act:

T1	Town Name	FY 2005-06	FY 2006-07
T2	Andover	\$ 74,122	\$ 94,876

T3	Ansonia	302,688	387,441
T4	Ashford	51,389	65,777
T5	Avon	7,634	9,772
T6	Barkhamsted	28,385	36,333
T7	Beacon Falls	81,484	104,300
T8	Berlin	167,604	214,533
T9	Bethany	15,356	19,656
T10	Bethel	71,381	91,367
T11	Bethlehem	11,710	14,989
T12	Bloomfield	289,773	370,909
T13	Bolton	24,814	31,762
T14	Bozrah	10,272	13,148
T15	Branford	13,206	16,903
T16	Bridgeport	1,424,356	1,823,175
T17	Bridgewater	1,032	1,321
T18	Bristol	800,219	1,024,280
T19	Brookfield	11,643	14,903
T20	Brooklyn	58,234	74,539
T21	Burlington	33,489	42,866
T22	Canaan	1,840	2,355
T23	Canterbury	42,051	53,825
T24	Canton	52,972	67,804
T25	Chaplin	16,392	20,982
T26	Cheshire	73,486	94,062
T27	Chester	5,908	7,562
T28	Clinton	57,437	73,520
T29	Colchester	137,018	175,384
T30	Colebrook	4,022	5,149
T31	Columbia	28,808	36,874
T32	Cornwall	590	755
T33	Coventry	74,735	95,661
T34	Cromwell	34,594	44,280
T35	Danbury	767,877	982,883
T36	Darien	9,986	12,782
T37	Deep River	14,990	19,187
T38	Derby	58,772	75,229
T39	Durham	32,987	42,223
T40	East Granby	21,814	27,922
T41	East Haddam	35,482	45,417
T42	East Hampton	178,267	228,182

T43	East Hartford	1,075,785	1,377,005
T44	East Haven	162,625	208,160
T45	East Lyme	63,078	80,740
T46	East Windsor	123,858	158,539
T47	Eastford	9,294	11,896
T48	Easton	3,866	4,949
T49	Ellington	77,686	99,438
T50	Enfield	510,927	653,987
T51	Essex	2,664	3,410
T52	Fairfield	23,359	29,900
T53	Farmington	10,575	13,536
T54	Franklin	7,841	10,036
T55	Glastonbury	61,039	78,130
T56	Goshen	1,591	2,037
T57	Granby	100,288	128,369
T58	Greenwich	22,243	28,471
T59	Griswold	92,084	117,868
T60	Groton	225,418	288,535
T61	Guilford	27,174	34,783
T62	Haddam	38,925	49,824
T63	Hamden	539,634	690,732
T64	Hampton	11,882	15,209
T65	Hartford	1,647,106	2,108,295
T66	Hartland	11,869	15,192
T67	Harwinton	23,116	29,589
T68	Hebron	96,460	123,469
T69	Kent	1,214	1,553
T70	Killingly	132,363	169,425
T71	Killingworth	19,788	25,328
T72	Lebanon	45,025	57,632
T73	Ledyard	102,091	130,676
T74	Lisbon	33,528	42,916
T75	Litchfield	11,100	14,208
T76	Lyme	1,019	1,304
T77	Madison	10,743	13,751
T78	Manchester	285,672	365,660
T79	Mansfield	85,248	109,118
T80	Marlborough	26,542	33,974
T81	Meriden	851,381	1,089,768
T82	Middlebury	4,191	5,364

T83	Middlefield	30,432	38,954
T84	Middletown	423,247	541,756
T85	Milford	95,307	121,992
T86	Monroe	55,033	70,442
T87	Montville	104,322	133,532
T88	Morris	5,845	7,482
T89	Naugatuck	250,759	320,972
T90	New Britain	1,761,935	2,255,277
T91	New Canaan	9,435	12,077
T92	New Fairfield	38,903	49,796
T93	New Hartford	26,246	33,595
T94	New Haven	1,244,104	1,592,453
T95	New London	200,114	256,146
T96	New Milford	104,003	133,124
T97	Newington	246,589	315,633
T98	Newtown	38,031	48,679
T99	Norfolk	3,388	4,337
T100	North Branford	73,734	94,379
T101	North Canaan	17,694	22,649
T102	North Haven	28,589	36,593
T103	North Stonington	25,695	32,889
T104	Norwalk	84,356	107,976
T105	Norwich	375,773	480,990
T106	Old Lyme	4,327	5,539
T107	Old Saybrook	4,502	5,763
T108	Orange	7,227	9,251
T109	Oxford	37,537	48,047
T110	Plainfield	130,790	167,411
T111	Plainville	95,564	122,322
T112	Plymouth	81,654	104,517
T113	Pomfret	25,598	32,765
T114	Portland	65,024	83,231
T115	Preston	25,277	32,354
T116	Prospect	59,364	75,985
T117	Putnam	70,790	90,611
T118	Redding	4,517	5,782
T119	Ridgefield	13,379	17,125
T120	Rocky Hill	21,741	27,829
T121	Roxbury	1,146	1,467
T122	Salem	26,815	34,323

T123	Salisbury	1,294	1,657
T124	Scotland	12,437	15,919
T125	Seymour	81,775	104,672
T126	Sharon	1,022	1,308
T127	Shelton	44,203	56,580
T128	Sherman	1,569	2,008
T129	Simsbury	153,342	196,277
T130	Somers	98,721	126,363
T131	South Windsor	279,994	358,392
T132	Southbury	14,935	19,117
T133	Southington	330,997	423,676
T134	Sprague	22,893	29,303
T135	Stafford	83,464	106,834
T136	Stamford	56,988	72,945
T137	Sterling	26,009	33,292
T138	Stonington	18,311	23,438
T139	Stratford	549,578	703,460
T140	Suffield	178,863	228,945
T141	Thomaston	46,253	59,204
T142	Thompson	64,927	83,107
T143	Tolland	133,177	170,466
T144	Torrington	305,273	390,750
T145	Trumbull	21,887	28,015
T146	Union	1,960	2,508
T147	Vernon	149,547	191,420
T148	Voluntown	22,530	28,838
T149	Wallingford	180,291	230,772
T150	Warren	727	930
T151	Washington	1,754	2,245
T152	Waterbury	2,260,800	2,893,824
T153	Waterford	7,738	9,905
T154	Watertown	97,873	125,278
T155	West Hartford	450,365	576,467
T156	West Haven	353,156	452,039
T157	Westbrook	3,019	3,864
T158	Weston	6,015	7,699
T159	Westport	12,367	15,830
T160	Wethersfield	334,433	428,074
T161	Willington	31,527	40,354
T162	Wilton	9,728	12,451

T163	Winchester	66,467	85,077
T164	Windham	205,641	263,221
T165	Windsor	142,900	182,913
T166	Windsor Locks	252,548	323,262
T167	Wolcott	293,139	375,217
T168	Woodbridge	5,014	6,417
T169	Woodbury	6,779	8,677
T170	Woodstock	78,815	100,884

1096 Sec. 34. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Department of Education shall
 1097 establish a task force to study interdistrict magnet schools. The task
 1098 force shall consist of (1) the Commissioner of Education, or the
 1099 commissioner's designee, (2) a member of the State Board of Education
 1100 designated by the board, (3) two directors of regional educational
 1101 service centers designated by the commissioner, (4) two
 1102 representatives of the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education
 1103 designated by the association, (5) two representatives of the
 1104 Connecticut Association of Schools designated by the association, (6)
 1105 the chairpersons, or their designees, and ranking members, or their
 1106 designees, of the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
 1107 having cognizance of matters relating to education and appropriations
 1108 and the budgets of state agencies, (7) the Secretary of the Office of
 1109 Policy and Management, or the secretary's designee, and (8) a member
 1110 appointed by the Governor. The chairpersons of the joint standing
 1111 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
 1112 relating to education shall be the cochairpersons of the task force.

1113 (b) The task force shall: (1) Examine interdistrict magnet school per
 1114 pupil expenditures and compare such expenditures to the state-wide
 1115 average local and regional school district per pupil expenditure; (2)
 1116 evaluate the adequacy of state grants for the operation of interdistrict
 1117 magnet schools and transportation grants; (3) study standard cost
 1118 sharing by participating school districts; (4) examine interdistrict
 1119 magnet school governance, including a comparison of school district-
 1120 based and regional educational service center-based governance; and
 1121 (5) consider projected enrollment commitment standards for state-

1122 aided construction and operation of new interdistrict magnet schools.

1123 (c) The Commissioner of Education shall report, in accordance with
1124 section 11-4a of the general statutes, on the study to the joint standing
1125 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
1126 relating to education and the budgets of state agencies by January 1,
1127 2006.

1128 Sec. 35. (*Effective July 1, 2005*) (a) For the fiscal year ending June 30,
1129 2006, the distribution of priority school district grants pursuant to
1130 subsection (a) of section 10-266p of the general statutes shall be as
1131 follows: (1) For priority school districts in the amount of \$34,538,308,
1132 (2) for school readiness in the amount of \$48,516,500, (3) for early
1133 reading success in the amount of \$19,747,286, (4) for extended school
1134 building hours in the amount of \$2,994,752, and (5) for school
1135 accountability in the amount of \$3,499,699.

1136 (b) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, the distribution of
1137 priority school district grants pursuant to subsection (a) of section 10-
1138 266p of the general statutes shall be as follows: (1) For priority school
1139 districts in the amount of \$35,862,269, (2) for school readiness in the
1140 amount of \$51,006,500, (3) for early reading success in the amount of
1141 \$19,747,286, (4) for extended school building hours in the amount of
1142 \$2,994,752, and (5) for school accountability in the amount of
1143 \$3,499,699.

1144 Sec. 36. Section 10-264l of the general statutes, as amended by
1145 section 3 of public act 05-2, is repealed and the following is substituted
1146 in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

1147 (a) The Department of Education shall, within available
1148 appropriations, establish a grant program to assist local and regional
1149 boards of education, regional educational service centers, the Board of
1150 Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges on behalf of
1151 Manchester Community College, and cooperative arrangements
1152 pursuant to section 10-158a with the operation of interdistrict magnet
1153 school programs. All interdistrict magnet schools shall be operated in

1154 conformance with the same laws and regulations applicable to public
1155 schools. For the purposes of this section "an interdistrict magnet school
1156 program" means a program which (1) supports racial, ethnic and
1157 economic diversity, (2) offers a special and high quality curriculum,
1158 and (3) requires students who are enrolled to attend at least half-time.
1159 An interdistrict magnet school program does not include a regional
1160 vocational agriculture school, a regional vocational-technical school or
1161 a regional special education center. On and after July 1, 2000, the
1162 governing authority for each interdistrict magnet school program that
1163 is in operation prior to July 1, 2005, shall restrict the number of
1164 students that may enroll in the program from a participating district to
1165 eighty per cent of the total enrollment of the program. The governing
1166 authority for each interdistrict magnet school program that begins
1167 operations on or after July 1, 2005, shall (A) restrict the number of
1168 students that may enroll in the program from a participating district to
1169 seventy-five per cent of the total enrollment of the program, and (B)
1170 maintain such a school enrollment that at least twenty-five per cent but
1171 not more than seventy-five per cent of the students enrolled are pupils
1172 of racial minorities, as defined in section 10-226a.

1173 (b) Applications for interdistrict magnet school program operating
1174 grants awarded pursuant to this section shall be submitted annually to
1175 the Commissioner of Education at such time and in such manner as the
1176 commissioner prescribes. In determining whether an application shall
1177 be approved and funds awarded pursuant to this section, the
1178 commissioner shall consider, but such consideration shall not be
1179 limited to: (1) Whether the program offered by the school is likely to
1180 increase student achievement; (2) whether the program is likely to
1181 reduce racial, ethnic and economic isolation; (3) the percentage of the
1182 student enrollment in the program from each participating district;
1183 and (4) the proposed operating budget and the sources of funding for
1184 the interdistrict magnet school. If requested by the commissioner, the
1185 applicant shall meet with the commissioner or the commissioner's
1186 designee to discuss the budget and sources of funding. The
1187 commissioner shall not award a grant to a program that is in operation

1188 prior to July 1, 2005, if more than eighty per cent of its total enrollment
1189 is from one school district, except that the commissioner may award a
1190 grant for good cause, for any one year, on behalf of an otherwise
1191 eligible magnet school program, if more than eighty per cent of the
1192 total enrollment is from one district. The commissioner shall not award
1193 a grant to a program that begins operations on or after July 1, 2005, if
1194 more than seventy-five per cent of its total enrollment is from one
1195 school district or if less than twenty-five or more than seventy-five per
1196 cent of the students enrolled are pupils of racial minorities, as defined
1197 in section 10-226a, except that the commissioner may award a grant for
1198 good cause, for one year, on behalf of an otherwise eligible interdistrict
1199 magnet school program, if more than seventy-five per cent of the total
1200 enrollment is from one district or less than twenty-five or more than
1201 seventy-five per cent of the students enrolled are pupils of racial
1202 minorities. The commissioner may not award grants pursuant to such
1203 an exception for a second consecutive year.

1204 (c) (1) The maximum amount each interdistrict magnet school
1205 program, except those described in subparagraph (A) of subdivision
1206 (3) of this subsection, shall be eligible to receive per enrolled student
1207 shall be determined as follows: (A) For each participating district
1208 whose magnet school program enrollment is equal to or less than
1209 thirty per cent of the magnet school program total enrollment, ninety
1210 per cent of the foundation as defined in subdivision (9) of section 10-
1211 262f; (B) for each participating district whose magnet school program
1212 enrollment is greater than thirty per cent but less than or equal to sixty
1213 per cent of the magnet school program total enrollment, a percentage
1214 between sixty and ninety per cent of said foundation that is inversely
1215 proportional to the percentage of magnet school program students
1216 from such district; and (C) for each participating district whose magnet
1217 school program enrollment is greater than sixty per cent but less than
1218 or equal to ninety per cent of the magnet school program total
1219 enrollment, a percentage between zero and sixty per cent of said
1220 foundation that is inversely proportional to the percentage of magnet
1221 school program students from such district. The amounts so

1222 determined shall be proportionately adjusted, if necessary, within the
1223 limit of the available appropriation, and in no case shall any grant
1224 pursuant to this section exceed the reasonable operating budget of the
1225 magnet school program, less revenues from other sources. Any magnet
1226 school program operating less than full-time but at least half-time shall
1227 be eligible to receive a grant equal to sixty-five per cent of the grant
1228 amount determined pursuant to this subsection.

1229 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, the commissioner may,
1230 within available appropriations, provide supplemental grants for the
1231 purposes of enhancing educational programs in such interdistrict
1232 magnet schools as the commissioner determines. Such grants shall be
1233 made after the commissioner has reviewed and approved the total
1234 operating budget for such schools, including all revenue and
1235 expenditure estimates.

1236 (3) (A) Each interdistrict magnet school operated by a regional
1237 educational service center that enrolls less than fifty-five per cent of the
1238 school's students from a single town shall receive a per pupil grant in
1239 the amount of six thousand two hundred fifty dollars for the fiscal year
1240 ending June 30, 2006, and in the amount of six thousand five hundred
1241 dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, and for each fiscal year
1242 thereafter.

1243 (B) Each interdistrict magnet school operated by a regional
1244 educational service center that enrolls at least fifty-five per cent of the
1245 school's students from a single town shall receive a per pupil grant in
1246 an amount that is at least three thousand dollars for the fiscal year
1247 ending June 30, 2006, and for each fiscal year thereafter.

1248 (d) Grants made pursuant to this section shall be paid as follows:
1249 Fifty per cent by September first and the balance by January first of
1250 each fiscal year. The January first payment shall be adjusted to reflect
1251 actual interdistrict magnet school program enrollment as of the
1252 preceding October first, if the actual level of enrollment is lower than
1253 the projected enrollment stated in the approved grant application.

1254 [(e) The Department of Education may retain up to one per cent of
1255 the amount appropriated for purposes of this section for program
1256 evaluation and administration.]

1257 [(f)] (e) Each local or regional school district in which an interdistrict
1258 magnet school is located shall provide the same kind of transportation
1259 to its children enrolled in such interdistrict magnet school as it
1260 provides to its children enrolled in other public schools in such local or
1261 regional school district. The parent or guardian of a child denied the
1262 transportation services required to be provided pursuant to this
1263 subsection may appeal such denial in the manner provided in sections
1264 10-186 and 10-187.

1265 [(g)] (f) On or before October fifteenth of each year, the
1266 Commissioner of Education shall determine if interdistrict magnet
1267 school enrollment is below the number of students for which funds
1268 were appropriated. If the commissioner determines that the
1269 enrollment is below such number, the additional funds shall not lapse
1270 but shall be used by the commissioner for grants for interdistrict
1271 cooperative programs pursuant to section 10-74d.

1272 [(h)] (g) In the case of a student identified as requiring special
1273 education, the school district in which the student resides shall: (1)
1274 Hold the planning and placement team meeting for such student and
1275 shall invite representatives from the interdistrict magnet school to
1276 participate in such meeting; and (2) pay the interdistrict magnet school
1277 an amount equal to the difference between the reasonable cost of
1278 educating such student and the sum of the amount received by the
1279 interdistrict magnet school for such student pursuant to subsection (c)
1280 of this section and amounts received from other state, federal, local or
1281 private sources calculated on a per pupil basis. Such school district
1282 shall be eligible for reimbursement pursuant to section 10-76g. If a
1283 student requiring special education attends an interdistrict magnet
1284 school on a full-time basis, such interdistrict magnet school shall be
1285 responsible for ensuring that such student receives the services
1286 mandated by the student's individualized education program whether

1287 such services are provided by the interdistrict magnet school or by the
1288 school district in which the student resides.

1289 [(i)] (h) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the
1290 enrollment of nonpublic school students in an interdistrict magnet
1291 school program that operates less than full-time, provided (1) such
1292 students constitute no more than five per cent of the full-time
1293 equivalent enrollment in such magnet school program, and (2) such
1294 students are not counted for purposes of determining the amount of
1295 grants pursuant to this section and section 10-264i.

1296 Sec. 37. Subsection (a) of section 10-19o of the general statutes is
1297 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
1298 *passage*):

1299 (a) The Commissioner of Education shall establish a program to
1300 provide grants to youth service bureaus in accordance with this
1301 section. Only youth service bureaus which were eligible to receive
1302 grants pursuant to this section for the fiscal year ending June 30, [2003]
1303 2005, or which applied for a grant by June 30, [2003] 2005, with prior
1304 approval of the town's contribution pursuant to subsection (b) of this
1305 section, shall be eligible for a grant pursuant to this section for any
1306 fiscal year commencing on or after July 1, [2003] 2005. Each such youth
1307 service bureau shall receive a grant of fourteen thousand dollars. The
1308 Department of Education may expend an amount not to exceed two
1309 per cent of the amount appropriated for purposes of this section for
1310 administrative expenses. If there are any remaining funds, each such
1311 youth service bureau that was awarded a grant in excess of fifteen
1312 thousand dollars in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1995, shall receive a
1313 percentage of such funds. The percentage shall be determined as
1314 follows: For each such grant in excess of fifteen thousand dollars, the
1315 difference between the amount of the grant awarded to the youth
1316 service bureau for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1995, and fifteen
1317 thousand dollars shall be divided by the difference between the total
1318 amount of the grants awarded to all youth service bureaus that were
1319 awarded grants in excess of fifteen thousand dollars for said fiscal year

1320 and the product of fifteen thousand dollars and the number of such
1321 grants for said fiscal year.

1322 Sec. 38. Subsection (c) of section 10-66ee of the general statutes is
1323 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
1324 *1, 2005*):

1325 (c) (1) The state shall [, annually,] pay in accordance with this
1326 subsection, to the fiscal authority for a state charter school, for the
1327 fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, seven thousand [two] six hundred
1328 [fifty] twenty-five dollars for each student enrolled in such school, and
1329 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, and for each fiscal year
1330 thereafter, eight thousand dollars for each student enrolled in such
1331 school. Such payments shall be made as follows: Twenty-five per cent
1332 of the amount not later than July fifteenth and September fifteenth
1333 based on estimated student enrollment on May first, and twenty-five
1334 per cent of the amount not later than January fifteenth and the
1335 remaining amount not later than April fifteenth, each based on student
1336 enrollment on October first. If, for any fiscal year, the total amount
1337 appropriated for grants pursuant to this subdivision exceeds seven
1338 thousand two hundred fifty dollars per student, the amount of such
1339 grants payable per student shall be increased proportionately. For the
1340 fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, such increase shall be limited to one
1341 hundred ten dollars per student. (2) In the case of a student identified
1342 as requiring special education, the school district in which the student
1343 resides shall: (A) Hold the planning and placement team meeting for
1344 such student and shall invite representatives from the charter school to
1345 participate in such meeting; and (B) pay the state charter school, on a
1346 quarterly basis, an amount equal to the difference between the
1347 reasonable cost of educating such student and the sum of the amount
1348 received by the state charter school for such student pursuant to
1349 subdivision (1) of this subsection and amounts received from other
1350 state, federal, local or private sources calculated on a per pupil basis.
1351 Such school district shall be eligible for reimbursement pursuant to
1352 section 10-76g. The charter school a student requiring special
1353 education attends shall be responsible for ensuring that such student

1354 receives the services mandated by the student's individualized
1355 education program whether such services are provided by the charter
1356 school or by the school district in which the student resides.

1357 Sec. 39. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) The Department of Education
1358 may establish, within available appropriations, a pilot program for the
1359 use of technology in providing computer assisted writing, instruction
1360 and testing, in the ninth and tenth grades in the public schools,
1361 including the regional vocational-technical schools. The Commissioner
1362 of Education for purposes of the program may award grants to local
1363 and regional boards of education and regional vocational-technical
1364 schools for demonstration projects. Boards of education and
1365 vocational-technical schools seeking to participate in the pilot program
1366 shall apply to the department at such time and in such form as the
1367 commissioner prescribes. The commissioner shall select a diverse
1368 group of participants based on the population, geographic location and
1369 economic characteristics of the school district or school. Local and
1370 regional board of educations and regional vocational-technical schools
1371 awarded grants under the program may use grant funds for expenses
1372 for computer hardware, computer software, professional development,
1373 technical consulting assistance and other related activities.

1374 Sec. 40. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding any provision of the
1375 general statutes or the regulations of Connecticut state agencies, the
1376 Regional School District #11 dissolution study committee whose final
1377 member was appointed on February 28, 2005, pursuant to section 10-
1378 63b of the general statutes, may complete its written report pursuant to
1379 10-63c of the general statutes, within eighteen months following the
1380 appointment of the full committee.

1381 Sec. 41. (*Effective from passage*) For the fiscal year ending June 30,
1382 2007, the Department of Education shall establish a competitive grant
1383 program for an adult education initiative for young adults. The
1384 department shall award grants to provide for new and unique
1385 methods of educating young adults entering adult education. The total
1386 amount of such grants awarded pursuant to this section shall not

1387 exceed five hundred thousand dollars.

1388 Sec. 42. Section 10a-169 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1389 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

1390 For the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 1987, and thereafter, any
1391 student (1) who is a resident of the state as defined under sections 10a-
1392 28, 10a-29 and 10a-30, (2) who has not received a baccalaureate degree
1393 and (3) who has been accepted for study on a full-time or part-time
1394 basis at any postsecondary school, technical institute, college or
1395 university within the state or in any other state which permits its
1396 students to bring state student financial assistance funds into
1397 Connecticut shall be eligible for financial assistance under the capitol
1398 scholarship grant program at any stage of postsecondary study. All
1399 such institutions shall be previously approved or accredited by the
1400 Board of Governors of Higher Education or by the State Board of
1401 Education for postsecondary study. Grants under said program shall
1402 be based on financial need and either previous high school academic
1403 achievement or performance on standardized academic aptitude tests,
1404 as determined by the Board of Governors of Higher Education. The
1405 maximum award tendered to a student attending an institution in the
1406 state shall not exceed two thousand five hundred dollars annually. The
1407 maximum award tendered to a student attending an out-of-state
1408 institution shall not exceed five hundred dollars annually. Sums so
1409 awarded shall be disbursed by the accepting institution on behalf of
1410 the student for tuition fees, books, board or any legitimate educational
1411 expense.

1412 Sec. 43. Subsection (d) of section 10-292o of the general statutes is
1413 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
1414 *1, 2005*):

1415 (d) The amount of the regional educational service center lease grant
1416 approved by the Commissioner of Education under the provisions of
1417 this section shall be the eligible percentage, as determined in
1418 subsection (c) of section 10-285a, times the eligible lease costs as

1419 determined by the Commissioner of Education. Grants pursuant to this
1420 section shall be paid on a current year basis if the regional educational
1421 service center files an application to lease a facility with the
1422 Department of Education on or before August first of each year. No
1423 such facility or portion thereof shall be eligible for a grant under this
1424 section unless the local fire marshal has declared the facility suitable
1425 for occupancy as a facility for use in furnishing educational programs
1426 and services. Eligible costs pursuant to this section shall be limited to
1427 the lease cost of the building, net of any other costs. Grant payments
1428 shall be made as follows: Twenty-five per cent of the estimated cost in
1429 October, twenty-five per cent of the estimated cost in January, and the
1430 balance of the estimated cost in April. The actual cost will be reported
1431 on or before September first following the year of application on the
1432 end of school year report filed by each regional educational service
1433 center. If the Commissioner of Education determines that there has
1434 been an underpayment or overpayment in a grant made pursuant to
1435 this section, the commissioner shall calculate the amount of the
1436 underpayment or overpayment and shall adjust the amount of the
1437 grant payment for the fiscal year next following the fiscal year in
1438 which such underpayment or overpayment was made. The amount of
1439 the adjustment shall be equal to the amount of the underpayment or
1440 overpayment. If the amount of the overpayment exceeds the grant
1441 payment for the fiscal year next following the fiscal year in which such
1442 overpayment was made, the regional educational service center shall,
1443 upon the request of the commissioner, pay the department the
1444 difference. Any lease pursuant to this section shall be for a period not
1445 to exceed twenty years. In no event shall the reimbursement pursuant
1446 to this section be based upon a cost per square foot which exceeds the
1447 cost determined to be reasonable by the Commissioner of Education.
1448 In the case of any grants computed under this section, any federal
1449 funds or other state funds received for such costs covered by the grant
1450 shall be deducted from cost estimates prior to computation of the
1451 grant. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the fiscal
1452 years ending June 30, 2004, [and June 30, 2005] to June 30, 2007, the
1453 amount of the grants payable to regional educational service centers in

1454 accordance with this section shall be reduced proportionately if the
1455 total of such grants in such year exceeds the amount appropriated for
1456 the purposes of this section for such year.

1457 Sec. 44. Subsection (e) of section 10-66j of the general statutes is
1458 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
1459 *1, 2005*):

1460 (f) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the fiscal
1461 years ending June 30, 2004, [and June 30, 2005] to June 30, 2007,
1462 inclusive, the amount of grants payable to regional educational service
1463 centers shall be reduced proportionately if the total of such grants in
1464 such year exceeds the amount appropriated for such grants for such
1465 year.

1466 Sec. 45. (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Higher Education
1467 shall contract with an independent auditor to conduct an actuarial
1468 study of the private occupational student protection account
1469 established pursuant to section 10a-22u of the general statutes. The
1470 purpose of the study shall be to determine the amount of funds needed
1471 to maintain the account at a level that provides adequate protection to
1472 students of private occupational schools. Any costs incurred by the
1473 study shall be paid by the private occupational schools. Not later than
1474 February 1, 2006, the department shall report on the study, with any
1475 recommendations, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
1476 of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General
1477 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher education.

1478 Sec. 46. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) (a) The Department of
1479 Education, in consultation with the after school committee established
1480 pursuant to section 10-16v of the general statutes, may, within
1481 available appropriations, administer a grant program to provide grants
1482 for after school programs to local and regional boards of education,
1483 municipalities and not-for-profit organizations that are exempt from
1484 taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986,
1485 or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United

1486 States, as from time to time amended. For purposes of this subsection,
1487 "after school program" means a program that takes place when school
1488 is not in session and is for the educational, enrichment and recreational
1489 activities for of children in grades kindergarten to twelve, inclusive.

1490 (b) Applications for grants pursuant to subsection (a) of this section
1491 shall be filed annually with the Commissioner of Education at such
1492 time and in such manner as the commissioner prescribes.

1493 (c) For purposes of carrying out the provisions of subsections (a)
1494 and (b) of this section, the Department of Education may accept funds
1495 from private sources and from any state agency that is a member of the
1496 after school committee.

1497 Sec. 47. (*Effective from passage*) For the fiscal year ending June 30,
1498 2005, the Commissioner of Education may provide grants for children
1499 in the Hartford program described in section 10-266aa of the general
1500 statutes to participate in an all day kindergarten program. In addition
1501 to the subsidy provided to the receiving district for educational
1502 services, such grants may be used for the payment of before and after-
1503 school care and remedial services for the kindergarten students
1504 participating in the program.

1505 Sec. 48. (*Effective July 1, 2005*) Notwithstanding subdivision (3) of
1506 subsection (e) of section 10-16p of the general statutes, the Department
1507 of Education may retain up to one hundred ninety-eight thousand two
1508 hundred dollars of the amount appropriated for purposes of section
1509 10-16p of the general statutes, as amended by this act, for coordination,
1510 program evaluation and administration.

1511 Sec. 49. Subsection (h) of section 10-265f of the general statutes is
1512 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
1513 *1, 2005*):

1514 (h) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the fiscal
1515 years ending June 30, 2004, [and June 30, 2005] to June 30, 2007, the
1516 amount available for the competitive grant program pursuant to this

1517 section shall be one million seven hundred eighty-eight thousand one
1518 dollars and the maximum administrative amount shall not be more
1519 than two hundred three thousand six hundred forty-six dollars.

1520 Sec. 50. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a committee to
1521 review and assess pathways to baccalaureate degrees in early
1522 childhood education and child development to promote the
1523 professionalization of the early childhood education workforce. The
1524 committee shall identify existing systems and programs that lead to
1525 two and four-year degrees in early childhood education or child
1526 development. The committee shall (1) review and assess the
1527 accessibility of these programs by the early childhood education
1528 workforce, (2) make recommendations for increased access to initial
1529 teacher certification in early childhood education or child
1530 development, and (3) make recommendations for strengthening the
1531 existing articulation agreement between two and four year colleges
1532 offering early childhood education or child development.

1533 (b) The committee shall consist of the following members:

1534 (1) The Commissioner of Higher Education, or the commissioner's
1535 designee;

1536 (2) The Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee;

1537 (3) The Commissioner of Social Services, or the commissioner's
1538 designee;

1539 (4) The Labor Commissioner, or the commissioner's designee;

1540 (5) One appointed by the Commissioner of Education who shall be
1541 knowledgeable in matters involving educator preparation,
1542 certification, support and assessment;

1543 (6) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
1544 one of whom shall be the academic dean of a public institution of
1545 higher education that offers a teacher preparation program in early
1546 childhood education or child development at the baccalaureate level,

1547 and one of whom shall be a member of the early childhood education
1548 or child development workforce;

1549 (7) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one
1550 of whom shall be the academic dean of an independent institution of
1551 higher education that offers a teacher preparation program in early
1552 childhood education or child development at the baccalaureate level,
1553 and one of whom shall be an academic dean of a baccalaureate degree
1554 program in early childhood education or child development at a
1555 university of the Connecticut State University system;

1556 (8) Two appointed by the majority leader of the House of
1557 Representatives, one of whom shall be a representative from the
1558 Community-Technical College system, and one of whom shall be a
1559 representative of a state teacher's association;

1560 (9) Two appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, one of
1561 whom shall be a faculty member of an associate degree program in
1562 early childhood education or child development, and one of whom
1563 shall be a representative of a state administrator's association;

1564 (10) Two appointed by the minority leader of the House of
1565 Representatives, one of whom shall be a faculty member of an
1566 independent institution of higher education that offers a baccalaureate
1567 degree program in early childhood education or child development,
1568 and one of whom shall be a representative of the Connecticut State
1569 University system office;

1570 (11) Two appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, one of
1571 whom shall be a representative of Charter Oak State College, and one
1572 of whom shall be a representative of a state early childhood education
1573 association;

1574 (12) The director of the Office of Workforce Competitiveness or the
1575 director's designee;

1576 (13) One appointed by the Governor who shall be from the state's

1577 Career Ladder Advisory Committee with expertise in early childhood
1578 education; and

1579 (14) Two appointed by the Commissioner of Education one of
1580 whom shall be a representative of a local or regional school district that
1581 offers a preschool program; and one of whom shall be a community
1582 representative from a local state-funded school readiness program.

1583 (c) All appointments to the committee shall be made no later than
1584 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
1585 filled by the appointing authority.

1586 (d) The Commissioner of Higher Education or the commissioner's
1587 designee shall be the chairperson of the committee. The chairperson
1588 shall schedule the first meeting of the committee, which shall be held
1589 no later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

1590 (e) Not later than January 1, 2006, the committee shall submit a
1591 report on its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly,
1592 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
1593 statutes.

1594 Sec. 51. Subsections (b) and (c) of section 10-14n of the general
1595 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
1596 (*Effective from passage*):

1597 (b) Beginning in the 2005-2006 school year, the state-wide mastery
1598 examinations pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall be
1599 administered in March or April.

1600 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this
1601 section, the state-wide mastery examinations pursuant to this section
1602 shall be administered as follows:

1603 (1) Beginning in the 2005-2006 school year, each student enrolled in
1604 grades three to eight, inclusive, and ten in any public school shall,
1605 annually, in March or April, take a state-wide mastery examination
1606 that measures the essential and grade-appropriate skills in reading,

1607 writing and mathematics; and

1608 (2) Beginning in the 2007-2008 school year, each student enrolled in
 1609 grades five, eight and ten in any public school shall, annually, in
 1610 March or April, take a state-wide mastery examination in science."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2005	10-16p(a) and (b)
Sec. 2	July 1, 2005	10-16r(a)
Sec. 3	July 1, 2005	10-16s
Sec. 4	July 1, 2005	17b-749c(c)
Sec. 5	July 1, 2005	10a-194h(c)
Sec. 6	July 1, 2005	10-285a(e)
Sec. 7	July 1, 2005	10-285a(h)
Sec. 8	July 1, 2005	10-16q(b)
Sec. 9	July 1, 2005	10-14n
Sec. 10	July 1, 2005	10-16p(d)
Sec. 11	July 1, 2005	New section
Sec. 12	from passage	New section
Sec. 13	July 1, 2005	10-76g(d)
Sec. 14	July 1, 2005	10-217a
Sec. 15	July 1, 2005	10-281(b)
Sec. 16	July 1, 2005	10-71(d)
Sec. 17	July 1, 2005	10-266m(a)(4)
Sec. 18	July 1, 2005	10-76d(e)
Sec. 19	July 1, 2005	10-76g(a)
Sec. 20	July 1, 2005	10-253
Sec. 21	July 1, 2005	10-66cc(b)
Sec. 22	July 1, 2005	New section
Sec. 23	July 1, 2005	10-76n
Sec. 24	July 1, 2005	New section
Sec. 25	from passage	10-264l(c)
Sec. 26	July 1, 2005	10-76f(h)
Sec. 27	July 1, 2005	10-266p
Sec. 28	July 1, 2005	10-16p(e)
Sec. 29	July 1, 2005	10-262f(9)
Sec. 30	July 1, 2005	10-262j(d)(11)
Sec. 31	July 1, 2005	10-262i

Sec. 32	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	10-262h(a)(6)
Sec. 33	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	New section
Sec. 34	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 35	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	New section
Sec. 36	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	10-264l
Sec. 37	<i>from passage</i>	10-19o(a)
Sec. 38	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	10-66ee(c)
Sec. 39	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	New section
Sec. 40	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 41	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 42	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	10a-169
Sec. 43	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	10-292o(d)
Sec. 44	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	10-66j(e)
Sec. 45	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 46	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	New section
Sec. 47	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 48	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	New section
Sec. 49	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	10-265f(h)
Sec. 50	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 51	<i>from passage</i>	10-14n(b) and (c)