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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:  
(ED)

**AN ACT CONCERNING REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTERS.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2006*) The Department of  
2 Education shall encourage the use of regional educational service  
3 centers as providers of goods and services for local and regional  
4 boards of education and may award special consideration to grant  
5 applications that indicate the use of services of regional educational  
6 service centers or joint purchasing agreements among boards of  
7 education for the purpose of purchasing instructional or other  
8 supplies, testing materials, or food or food services.

9 Sec. 2. Subsection (d) of section 10-292o of the 2006 supplement to  
10 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
11 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2006*):

12 (d) The amount of the regional educational service center lease grant  
13 approved by the Commissioner of Education under the provisions of  
14 this section shall be the eligible percentage, as determined in  
15 subsection (c) of section 10-285a, as amended, times the eligible lease

16 costs as determined by the Commissioner of Education. Grants  
17 pursuant to this section shall be paid on a current year basis if the  
18 regional educational service center files an application to lease a  
19 facility with the Department of Education on or before August first of  
20 each year. No such facility or portion thereof shall be eligible for a  
21 grant under this section unless the local fire marshal has declared the  
22 facility suitable for occupancy as a facility for use in furnishing  
23 educational programs and services. Eligible costs pursuant to this  
24 section shall be limited to the lease cost of the building, net of any  
25 other costs. Grant payments shall be made as follows: Twenty-five per  
26 cent of the estimated cost in October, twenty-five per cent of the  
27 estimated cost in January, and the balance of the estimated cost in  
28 April. The actual cost will be reported on or before September first  
29 following the year of application on the end of school year report filed  
30 by each regional educational service center. If the Commissioner of  
31 Education determines that there has been an underpayment or  
32 overpayment in a grant made pursuant to this section, the  
33 commissioner shall calculate the amount of the underpayment or  
34 overpayment and shall adjust the amount of the grant payment for the  
35 fiscal year next following the fiscal year in which such underpayment  
36 or overpayment was made. The amount of the adjustment shall be  
37 equal to the amount of the underpayment or overpayment. If the  
38 amount of the overpayment exceeds the grant payment for the fiscal  
39 year next following the fiscal year in which such overpayment was  
40 made, the regional educational service center shall, upon the request of  
41 the commissioner, pay the department the difference. Any lease  
42 pursuant to this section shall be for a period not to exceed twenty  
43 years. In no event shall the reimbursement pursuant to this section be  
44 based upon a cost per square foot which exceeds the cost determined  
45 to be reasonable by the Commissioner of Education. In the case of any  
46 grants computed under this section, any federal funds or other state  
47 funds received for such costs covered by the grant shall be deducted  
48 from cost estimates prior to computation of the grant.  
49 Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the fiscal years

50 ending June 30, 2004, to June 30, [2007] 2006, the amount of the grants  
51 payable to regional educational service centers in accordance with this  
52 section shall be reduced proportionately if the total of such grants in  
53 such year exceeds the amount appropriated for the purposes of this  
54 section for such year.

55 Sec. 3. Subsection (f) of section 10-66j of the 2006 supplement to the  
56 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
57 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2006*):

58 (f) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the fiscal  
59 years ending June 30, 2004, to June 30, [2007] 2006, inclusive, the  
60 amount of grants payable to regional educational service centers shall  
61 be reduced proportionately if the total of such grants in such year  
62 exceeds the amount appropriated for such grants for such year.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	10-292o(d)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	10-66j(f)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To encourage the use of regional educational service centers as providers of goods and services and to restore funding to the regional educational service centers.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*