General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 47

February Session, 2006

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AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING EDUCATION.

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

Section 1. Section 10-16p of the general statutes is amended by adding subsection (k) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2006*):

(NEW) (k) Notwithstanding subsection (c) of section 10-16p of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes, three million four hundred eighty-three thousand dollars of the school readiness appropriation for priority school districts shall only go to school readiness programs in the following towns: Bridgeport, Hartford, New Britain, New Haven, New London, Waterbury and Windham.

Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 35 of public act 05-245, as amended by section 100 of public act 05-3 of the June special session, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2006*):

(b) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, the distribution of priority school district grants pursuant to subsection (a) of section 10-266p of the general statutes shall be as follows: (1) For priority school districts in the amount of $36,513,547, (2) for school readiness in the amount of **[**$50,355,222**]** <u>$53,838,972</u>, (3) for early reading success in the amount of $19,747,286, (4) for extended school building hours in the amount of $2,994,752, and (5) for school accountability in the amount

19 of $3,499,699.

20 Sec. 3. Subsection (c) of section 10-66bb of the general statutes is
21 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
22 *1, 2006*):

23 (c) The State Board of Education shall review, annually, all
24 applications and grant charters, provided for the period from July 1,
25 1997, to June 30, 1999, no more than twenty-four charters for charter
26 schools are granted and, on and after July 1, **[**1999**]** 2006, no state
27 charter school enrolls (1) (A) more than two hundred fifty students, or
28 (B) **[**in the case of a kindergarten to grade eight, inclusive, school, more
29 than three hundred students**]** in the case of a school with more than six
30 grades, not more than four hundred students, or (2) twenty-five per
31 cent of the enrollment of the school district in which the state charter
32 school is to be located, whichever is less. The State Board of Education
33 shall give preference to applicants for charter schools that will serve
34 students who reside in a priority school district pursuant to section 10-
35 266p, as amended, or in a district in which seventy-five per cent or
36 more of the enrolled students are members of racial or ethnic
37 minorities and to applicants for state charter schools that will be
38 located at a work-site or that are institutions of higher education. In
39 determining whether to grant a charter, the State Board of Education
40 shall consider the effect of the proposed charter school on the
41 reduction of racial, ethnic and economic isolation in the region in
42 which it is to be located, the regional distribution of charter schools in
43 the state and the potential of over concentration of charter schools
44 within a school district or in contiguous school districts.

45 Sec. 4. Subsection (c) of section 10-264*l* of the 2006 supplement to
46 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
47 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2006*):

48 (c) (1) The maximum amount each interdistrict magnet school
49 program, except those described in subparagraph (A) of subdivision
50 (3) of this subsection, shall be eligible to receive per enrolled student

51 shall be determined as follows: (A) For each participating district
52 whose magnet school program enrollment is equal to or less than
53 thirty per cent of the magnet school program total enrollment, ninety
54 per cent of the foundation as defined in subdivision (9) of section 10-
55 262f, as amended; (B) for each participating district whose magnet
56 school program enrollment is greater than thirty per cent but less than
57 or equal to sixty per cent of the magnet school program total
58 enrollment, a percentage between sixty and ninety per cent of said
59 foundation that is inversely proportional to the percentage of magnet
60 school program students from such district; and (C) for each
61 participating district whose magnet school program enrollment is
62 greater than sixty per cent but less than or equal to ninety per cent of
63 the magnet school program total enrollment, a percentage between
64 zero and sixty per cent of said foundation that is inversely
65 proportional to the percentage of magnet school program students
66 from such district. The amounts so determined shall be
67 proportionately adjusted, if necessary, within the limit of the available
68 appropriation, and in no case shall any grant pursuant to this section
69 exceed the reasonable operating budget of the magnet school program,
70 less revenues from other sources. Any magnet school program
71 operating less than full-time but at least half-time shall be eligible to
72 receive a grant equal to sixty-five per cent of the grant amount
73 determined pursuant to this subsection.

74 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, and each fiscal year
75 thereafter, the commissioner may, within available appropriations,
76 provide supplemental grants for the purposes of enhancing
77 educational programs in such interdistrict magnet schools, **[**including,
78 but not limited to, summer school programs,**]** as the commissioner
79 determines. Such grants shall be made after the commissioner has
80 reviewed and approved the total operating budget for such schools,
81 including all revenue and expenditure estimates.

82 (3) (A) Each interdistrict magnet school operated by a regional
83 educational service center that enrolls less than fifty-five per cent of the

84 school's students from a single town shall receive a per pupil grant in
85 the amount of six thousand two hundred fifty dollars for the fiscal year
86 ending June 30, 2006, and in the amount of six thousand five hundred
87 dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, and for each fiscal year
88 thereafter.

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

94 (4) Within available appropriations, the commissioner may make
95 grants to regional educational service centers that provide summer
96 school educational programs approved by the commissioner to
97 students participating in the interdistrict magnet school program.

98 Sec. 5. Subdivision (20) of section 4-230 of the general statutes is
99 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
100 *1, 2006*):

101 (20) "Exempt program" means any of the following programs:
102 Education cost sharing, pursuant to sections 10-262f to 10-262j,
103 inclusive, as amended; public and nonpublic school pupil
104 transportation, pursuant to sections 10-54, 10-97, 10-266m, as amended,
105 10-273a, 10-277 and 10-281, as amended; special education, excess costs
106 equity and excess costs student-based, pursuant to subsection (e) of
107 section 10-76d, as amended, subsections (a) **[**,**]** and (b) **[**and (c)**]** of
108 section 10-76g, as amended, and section 10-253, as amended; school
109 building grants-principal and interest subsidy, pursuant to chapter 173
110 and section 10-264h; and school construction grants pursuant to public
111 act 97-265 and public act 97-11 of the June 18 special session.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	*July 1, 2006*	10-16p

Sec. 2	*July 1, 2006*	PA 05-245, Sec. 35(b)
Sec. 3	*July 1, 2006*	10-66bb(c)
Sec. 4	*July 1, 2006*	10-264l (c)
Sec. 5	*July 1, 2006*	4-230(20)

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