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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:
(ED)

AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSIENT STUDENTS AND SCHOOL RESIDENCY.

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

1 Section 1. Section 10-184 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2006*):

3 All parents [and those] or guardian, as defined in subsection (a) of
4 section 10-186, as amended by this act, who have the care of children
5 shall bring them up in some lawful and honest employment and
6 instruct them or cause them to be instructed in reading, writing,
7 spelling, English grammar, geography, arithmetic and United States
8 history and in citizenship, including a study of the town, state and
9 federal governments. Subject to the provisions of this section and
10 section 10-15c, each such parent or [other person having control]
11 guardian of a child five years of age and over and under eighteen years
12 of age shall cause such child to attend a public school regularly during
13 the hours and terms the public school in the district in which such
14 parent or guardian and such child [resides] reside is in session, unless
15 such child is a high school graduate or the parent or [person having
16 control] guardian of such child is able to show that the child is

17 elsewhere receiving equivalent instruction in the studies taught in the
18 public schools. The parent or [person having control] guardian of a
19 child sixteen or seventeen years of age may consent, as provided in
20 this section, to such child's withdrawal from school. Such parent or
21 [person] guardian shall personally appear at the school district office
22 and sign a withdrawal form. The school district shall provide such
23 parent or [person] guardian with information on the educational
24 options available in the school system and in the community. The
25 parent or [person having control] guardian of a child five years of age
26 shall have the option of not sending the child to school until the child
27 is six years of age and the parent or [person having control] guardian
28 of a child six years of age shall have the option of not sending the child
29 to school until the child is seven years of age. The parent or [person]
30 guardian shall exercise such option by personally appearing at the
31 school district office and signing an option form. The school district
32 shall provide the parent or [person] guardian with information on the
33 educational opportunities available in the school system.

34 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 10-186 of the general statutes is
35 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
36 *1, 2006*):

37 (a) Each local or regional board of education shall furnish, by
38 transportation or otherwise, school accommodations so that each child
39 five years of age and over and under twenty-one years of age who is
40 not a graduate of a high school or vocational school may attend public
41 school, except as provided in section 10-233c, and subsection (d) of
42 section 10-233d. Any board of education which denies school
43 accommodations, including a denial based on an issue of residency, to
44 any such child shall inform the parent or guardian of such child or the
45 child, in the case of an emancipated minor or a pupil eighteen years of
46 age or older, of his right to request a hearing by the board of education
47 in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (1) of subsection (b)
48 of this section. A board of education which has denied school
49 accommodations shall advise the board of education under whose

50 jurisdiction it claims such child should be attending school of the
51 denial. For purposes of this section, (1) a "parent or guardian" [shall
52 include] means the custodial parent or legal guardian or a surrogate
53 parent appointed pursuant to section 10-94g, and (2) a child residing in
54 a dwelling located in more than one town in this state shall be
55 considered a resident of each town in which the dwelling is located
56 and may attend school in any one of such towns. For purposes of this
57 subsection, "dwelling" means a single, two or three family house or a
58 condominium unit.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	10-184
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	10-186(a)

Statement of Purpose:

To clarify rules concerning determination of a child's residence.

[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.]