



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 6730

LCO No. 3365

Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:

REP. CAFERO, 142nd Dist.

REP. HAMZY, 78th Dist.

REP. KLARIDES, 114th Dist.

AN ACT CONCERNING A NEW EDUCATION EQUALIZATION GRANT.

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

1 That section 10-262h of the general statutes be amended to create a
2 new education equalization grant. The new grant shall include: (1) A
3 hold harmless grant that maintains each town's base grant in an
4 amount equal to the grant amount received in the previous year. The
5 distribution of any additional funding to the hold harmless grant shall
6 be determined as follows and include; (2) a hold harmless
7 supplemental grant for towns where student enrollment is increased.
8 The hold harmless supplemental grant shall be equal to the previous
9 year's per pupil grant multiplied by the number of new pupils enrolled
10 in each town, (3) an additional ten per cent adjustment for each limited
11 English proficiency pupil in a given town; (4) a mastery test
12 improvement adjustment to be given to towns that show improvement
13 on their mastery test scores from one year to the next. The additional
14 weighting shall be equal to seventy-five per cent of the overall
15 percentage improvement multiplied by the total number of pupils in

16 the town; (5) a definition of town wealth that shall be the average of
17 per capita income, median household income, and equalized net grand
18 list per capita; (6) an education aid ratio that shall be determined by
19 subtracting the lowest town wealth from the wealth of a given town,
20 dividing the difference by the difference between the lowest and
21 highest town wealth, subtracting ten per cent from the quotient and
22 subtracting the result from one; (7) a basic education aid for each town
23 that shall be determined by multiplying the statewide per pupil
24 increase by the adjusted per pupil count and multiplying the product
25 by the town's education aid ratio; and (8) a state-wide increase per
26 pupil that shall be adjusted until the aggregate increase for all towns is
27 equal to the desired increase in the overall appropriation over the
28 previous year. The new education equalization grant shall be
29 determined by adding together the hold harmless grant, the hold
30 harmless supplemental grant, and the basic education aid increase. In
31 addition to the amount required to fund the hold harmless grant, the
32 sum of one hundred million dollars be appropriated to the Department
33 of Education, from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30,
34 2008, and for each of the nine fiscal years thereafter, for the purpose of
35 funding the hold harmless supplemental grant and the basic education
36 aid increase.

Statement of Purpose:

To reform the ECS formula and more fairly distribute education funding back to our municipalities.