



General Assembly

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AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENTS OF VARIOUS EDUCATION GRANTS AND ESTABLISHING A TEXTBOOK AND DEFERRED MAINTENANCE GRANT.

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

1 Section 1. Section 10-217a of the general statutes is amended by
2 adding subsection (i) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

3 (NEW) (i) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the
4 fiscal years ending June 30, 2008, and June 30, 2009, the amount of the
5 grants payable to local or regional boards of education in accordance
6 with this section shall be reduced proportionately if the total of such
7 grants in such year exceeds the amount appropriated for purposes of
8 this section.

9 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 10-281 of the general statutes is
10 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
11 *1, 2007*):

12 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the fiscal
13 years ending June 30, 2004, to June 30, [2007] 2009, inclusive, the
14 amount of the grants payable to local or regional boards of education
15 in accordance with this section shall be reduced proportionately if the
16 total of such grants in such year exceeds the amount appropriated for
17 purposes of this section.

18 Sec. 3. Subsection (d) of section 10-71 of the general statutes is
19 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
20 *1, 2007*):

21 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the fiscal
22 years ending June 30, 2004, to June 30, [2007] 2009, inclusive, the
23 amount of the grants payable to towns, regional boards of education or
24 regional educational service centers in accordance with this section
25 shall be reduced proportionately if the total of such grants in such year
26 exceeds the amount appropriated for the purposes of this section for
27 such year.

28 Sec. 4. Subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of section 10-266m of the
29 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
30 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

31 (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the fiscal
32 years ending June 30, 2004, to June 30, [2007] 2009, inclusive, the
33 amount of transportation grants payable to local or regional boards of
34 education shall be reduced proportionately if the total of such grants in
35 such year exceeds the amount appropriated for such grants for such
36 year.

37 Sec. 5. Section 10-17g of the general statutes is repealed and the
38 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

39 Annually, the board of education for each local and regional school
40 district that is required to provide a program of bilingual education,
41 pursuant to section 10-17f, may make application to the State Board of
42 Education and shall thereafter receive a grant in an amount equal to
43 the product obtained by multiplying the total appropriation available
44 for such purpose by the ratio which the number of eligible children in
45 the school district bears to the total number of such eligible children
46 state-wide. The board of education for each local and regional school
47 district receiving funds pursuant to this section shall annually, on or
48 before September first, submit to the State Board of Education a

49 progress report which shall include (1) measures of increased
50 educational opportunities for eligible students, including language
51 support services and language transition support services provided to
52 such students, (2) program evaluation and measures of the
53 effectiveness of its bilingual education and English as a second
54 language programs, including data on students in bilingual education
55 programs and students educated exclusively in English as a second
56 language programs, and (3) certification by the board of education
57 submitting the report that any funds received pursuant to this section
58 have been used for the purposes specified. The State Board of
59 Education shall annually evaluate programs conducted pursuant to
60 section 10-17f. For purposes of this section, measures of the
61 effectiveness of bilingual education and English as a second language
62 programs include state-wide mastery examination results and
63 graduation and school dropout rates. Notwithstanding the provisions
64 of this section, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, the amount of
65 grants payable to local or regional boards of education under this
66 section shall be reduced proportionately if the total of such grants in
67 such year exceeds the amount appropriated for such grants for such
68 year.

69 Sec. 6. Subsection (d) of section 10-292o of the general statutes is
70 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
71 *1, 2007*):

72 (d) The amount of the regional educational service center lease grant
73 approved by the Commissioner of Education under the provisions of
74 this section shall be the eligible percentage, as determined in
75 subsection (c) of section 10-285a, times the eligible lease costs as
76 determined by the Commissioner of Education. Grants pursuant to this
77 section shall be paid on a current year basis if the regional educational
78 service center files an application to lease a facility with the
79 Department of Education on or before August first of each year. No
80 such facility or portion thereof shall be eligible for a grant under this
81 section unless the local fire marshal has declared the facility suitable

82 for occupancy as a facility for use in furnishing educational programs
83 and services. Eligible costs pursuant to this section shall be limited to
84 the lease cost of the building, net of any other costs. Grant payments
85 shall be made as follows: Twenty-five per cent of the estimated cost in
86 October, twenty-five per cent of the estimated cost in January, and the
87 balance of the estimated cost in April. The actual cost will be reported
88 on or before September first following the year of application in the
89 end of school year report filed by each regional educational service
90 center. If the Commissioner of Education determines that there has
91 been an underpayment or overpayment in a grant made pursuant to
92 this section, the commissioner shall calculate the amount of the
93 underpayment or overpayment and shall adjust the amount of the
94 grant payment for the fiscal year next following the fiscal year in
95 which such underpayment or overpayment was made. The amount of
96 the adjustment shall be equal to the amount of the underpayment or
97 overpayment. If the amount of the overpayment exceeds the grant
98 payment for the fiscal year next following the fiscal year in which such
99 overpayment was made, the regional educational service center shall,
100 upon the request of the commissioner, pay the department the
101 difference. Any lease pursuant to this section shall be for a period not
102 to exceed twenty years. In no event shall the reimbursement pursuant
103 to this section be based upon a cost per square foot which exceeds the
104 cost determined to be reasonable by the Commissioner of Education.
105 In the case of any grants computed under this section, any federal
106 funds or other state funds received for such costs covered by the grant
107 shall be deducted from cost estimates prior to computation of the
108 grant. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the fiscal
109 years ending June 30, 2004, to June 30, [2007] 2009, inclusive, the
110 amount of the grants payable to regional educational service centers in
111 accordance with this section shall be reduced proportionately if the
112 total of such grants in such year exceeds the amount appropriated for
113 the purposes of this section for such year.

114 Sec. 7. Section 10-266p of the general statutes is amended by adding
115 subsection (h) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

116 (NEW) (h) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the
117 fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, and for each fiscal year thereafter, no
118 town receiving a grant pursuant to this section shall receive a grant
119 that is in an amount that is less than one hundred fifty dollars per
120 pupil. For the purposes of this subsection, the amount of the grant on a
121 per pupil basis shall be determined by dividing the total amount that a
122 town receives for a grant under this section by the average daily
123 membership, as defined in subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section
124 10-261, of the local or regional school district for which the town
125 receives a grant under this section.

126 Sec. 8. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) The Department of Education shall
127 establish, within available appropriations, a grant for the purchase of
128 textbooks and for deferred maintenance. The Commissioner of
129 Education may award grants to local and regional boards of education
130 or regional vocational-technical schools in order to purchase textbooks
131 or pay for maintenance that has been deferred. Boards of education
132 and vocational-technical schools shall apply for such grants to the
133 department at such time and in such manner as the commissioner
134 prescribes. As part of the application, local and regional boards of
135 education and regional vocational-technical schools shall provide a
136 plan for the use of such grants.

137 (b) For purposes of determining the amount of grants pursuant to
138 this section, the Department of Education shall make the calculations
139 described in this subsection.

140 (1) The weighted enrollment of a local or regional board of
141 education shall be determined by multiplying (A) the average daily
142 membership of the local or regional board of education, as defined in
143 section 10-261 of the general statutes, by (B) the percentage determined
144 under section 10-285a of the general statutes for such board of
145 education.

146 (2) Each regional vocational-technical school shall receive a rank
147 determined by (A) multiplying the (i) population of each town that

148 sends students to the regional vocational-technical school by (ii) such
149 town's ranking pursuant to subsection (a) of section 10-285a of the
150 general statutes, (B) adding the amounts obtained pursuant to
151 subparagraph (A) for all the towns that send students to such regional
152 vocational-technical school, and (C) dividing the sum computed
153 pursuant to subparagraph (B) by the total population of all towns that
154 send students to such regional vocational-technical school. The
155 ranking of each regional vocational-technical school shall be rounded
156 to the next higher whole number and each such school shall receive a
157 percentage based on such ranking that is equal to the percentage that a
158 town with the same ranking would receive under section 10-285a of
159 the general statutes.

160 (3) The weighted enrollment of a regional vocational-technical
161 school shall be determined by multiplying the number of full-time
162 equivalent students enrolled in the school on October 1, 2007, by the
163 percentage assigned to the regional vocational-technical school
164 pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection.

165 (c) (1) The maximum grant a local or regional board of education
166 may receive under this section shall be the product of: (A) The amount
167 appropriated for all grants under this section, and (B) the amount
168 obtained by dividing the weighted enrollment of the local and regional
169 board of education determined pursuant to subsection (b) of this
170 section by the sum of the weighted enrollment of all local and regional
171 boards of education and regional vocational-technical schools
172 determined pursuant to said subsection (b).

173 (2) The maximum grant a regional vocational-technical school may
174 receive under this section shall be the product of: (A) The amount
175 appropriated for all grants under this section, and (B) the amount
176 obtained by dividing the weighted enrollment of the regional
177 vocational-technical school determined pursuant to subsection (b) of
178 this section by the sum of the weighted enrollment of all local and
179 regional boards of education and regional vocational-technical schools
180 determined pursuant to said subsection (b).

181 (d) Local and regional boards of education and regional vocational-
182 technical schools awarded grants under this section shall use grant
183 funds for purchasing textbooks and completing maintenance projects
184 that have been deferred.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	10-217a
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	10-281(b)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	10-71(d)
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	10-266m(a)(4)
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	10-17g
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	10-292o(d)
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	10-266p
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section

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