



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 1354

January Session, 2007

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10-3a of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2007*):

4 (a) There shall be a Department of Education which shall serve as
5 the administrative arm of the State Board of Education. The
6 department shall be under the direction of the Commissioner of
7 Education, [who shall be appointed] whose appointment shall be
8 recommended to the Governor by the State Board of Education for a
9 term of four years to be coterminous with the term of the Governor.
10 Such appointment shall be in accordance with the provisions of
11 sections 4-5 to 4-7, inclusive, as amended by this act. The
12 Commissioner of Education shall be the administrative officer of the
13 department and shall administer, coordinate and supervise the
14 activities of the department in accordance with the policies established
15 by the board.

16 Sec. 2. Section 4-5 of the general statutes is repealed and the
17 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

18 As used in sections 4-6, 4-7 and 4-8, the term "department head"

19 means Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management,
 20 Commissioner of Administrative Services, Commissioner of Revenue
 21 Services, Banking Commissioner, Commissioner of Children and
 22 Families, Commissioner of Consumer Protection, Commissioner of
 23 Correction, Commissioner of Economic and Community Development,
 24 State Board of Education, Commissioner of Emergency Management
 25 and Homeland Security, Commissioner of Environmental Protection,
 26 Commissioner of Agriculture, Commissioner of Public Health,
 27 Insurance Commissioner, Labor Commissioner, Liquor Control
 28 Commission, Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services,
 29 Commissioner of Public Safety, Commissioner of Social Services,
 30 Commissioner of Mental Retardation, Commissioner of Motor
 31 Vehicles, Commissioner of Transportation, Commissioner of Public
 32 Works, Commissioner of Veterans' Affairs, Commissioner of Health
 33 Care Access, Chief Information Officer, the chairperson of the Public
 34 Utilities Control Authority, the executive director of the Board of
 35 Education and Services for the Blind, the executive director of the
 36 Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism and the
 37 Ombudsman for Property Rights. As used in sections 4-6 and 4-7 of the
 38 general statutes, "department head" also means the Commissioner of
 39 Education.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	10-3a(a)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	4-5

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In section 1 the cite to section 4-8 of the general statutes was changed to 4-7 of the general statutes and language was added in section 2 to specify that the Commissioner of Education is a department head for purposes of sections 4-6 and 4-7 of the general statutes only since the duties of the department head in section 4-8 of the general statutes remain with the State Board of Education under section 10-3a of the general statutes. The language was changed for clarity and consistency and to comply with the intent of the committee.

ED *Joint Favorable Subst.*