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"AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR CHANGES TO THE EDUCATION STATUTES."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 10-157 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

5 (a) Any local or regional board of education shall provide for the
6 supervision of the schools under its control by a superintendent who
7 shall serve as the chief executive officer of the board. The
8 superintendent shall have executive authority over the school system
9 and the responsibility for its supervision. Employment of a
10 superintendent shall be by election of the board of education. Except as
11 provided in subsection (b) of this section, no person shall assume the
12 duties and responsibilities of the superintendent until the board
13 receives written confirmation from the Commissioner of Education
14 that the person to be employed is properly certified or has had such

15 certification waived by the commissioner pursuant to subsection (c) of
16 this section. The commissioner shall inform any such board, in writing,
17 of the proper certification, waiver of certification or lack [thereof] of
18 certification or waiver of any such person [within] not later than
19 fourteen days after the name of such person is submitted to [him] the
20 commissioner pursuant to section 10-226. A majority vote of all
21 members of the board shall be necessary to an election, and the board
22 shall fix the salary of the superintendent and the term of office, which
23 shall not exceed three years. Upon election and notification of
24 employment or reemployment, the superintendent may request and
25 the board shall provide a written contract of employment which [shall
26 include] includes, but not be limited to, the salary, employment
27 benefits and term of office of such superintendent. Such
28 superintendent shall, at least three weeks before the annual town or
29 regional school district meeting, submit to the board a full written
30 report of the proceedings of such board and of the condition of the
31 several schools during the school year preceding, with plans and
32 suggestions for their improvement. The board of education shall
33 evaluate the performance of the superintendent annually in
34 accordance with guidelines and criteria mutually determined and
35 agreed to by such board and such superintendent.

36 (b) A local or regional board of education may appoint as acting
37 superintendent a person who is or is not properly certified for a
38 specified period of time, not to exceed ninety days, with the approval
39 of the Commissioner of Education. Such acting superintendent shall
40 assume all duties of the superintendent for the time specified,
41 provided such period of time may be extended with the approval of
42 the commissioner, which he shall grant for good cause shown.

43 (c) The commissioner may grant a waiver of certification to a person
44 who the commissioner deems to be exceptionally qualified for the
45 position of superintendent. In order for the commissioner to find a
46 person exceptionally qualified, such person shall (1) be an acting
47 superintendent pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, (2) have
48 worked as a superintendent in another state for no fewer than fifteen

49 years, and (3) be certified or have been certified as a superintendent by
50 such other state.

51 Sec. 502. Subsection (a) of section 10-145 of the general statutes is
52 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
53 *1, 2007*):

54 (a) No teacher, supervisor, administrator, special service staff
55 member or school superintendent, except as provided for in section 10-
56 157, as amended by this act, shall be employed in any of the schools of
57 any local or regional board of education unless such person possesses
58 an appropriate state certificate, nor shall any such person be entitled to
59 any salary unless such person can produce such certificate dated
60 previous to or the first day of employment, except as provided for in
61 section 10-157, as amended by this act; provided nothing herein
62 contained shall be construed to prevent the board of education from
63 prescribing qualifications additional to those prescribed by the
64 regulations of the State Board of Education and provided nothing
65 herein contained shall be construed to prevent any local or regional
66 board of education from contracting with a licensed drivers' school
67 approved by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for the behind-the-
68 wheel instruction of a driver instruction course, to be given by driving
69 instructors licensed by the Department of Motor Vehicles. No person
70 shall be employed in any of the schools of any local or regional board
71 of education as a substitute teacher unless such person holds a
72 bachelor's degree, provided the Commissioner of Education may
73 waive such requirement for good cause upon the request of a
74 superintendent of schools."