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LCO No. 2219

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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:
(ED)

AN ACT CONCERNING EDUCATION GRANTS.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10-19o of the 2008 supplement to
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

4 (a) The Commissioner of Education shall establish a program to
5 provide grants to youth service bureaus in accordance with this
6 section. Only youth service bureaus which were eligible to receive
7 grants pursuant to this section for the fiscal year ending June 30, [2007]
8 2008, or which applied for a grant by June 30, [2007] 2008, with prior
9 approval of the town's contribution pursuant to subsection (b) of this
10 section, shall be eligible for a grant pursuant to this section for any
11 fiscal year commencing on or after July 1, [2007] 2008. Each such youth
12 service bureau shall receive a grant of fourteen thousand dollars. The
13 Department of Education may expend an amount not to exceed two
14 per cent of the amount appropriated for purposes of this section for
15 administrative expenses. If there are any remaining funds, each such
16 youth service bureau that was awarded a grant in excess of fifteen
17 thousand dollars in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1995, shall receive a

18 percentage of such funds. The percentage shall be determined as
19 follows: For each such grant in excess of fifteen thousand dollars, the
20 difference between the amount of the grant awarded to the youth
21 service bureau for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1995, and fifteen
22 thousand dollars shall be divided by the difference between the total
23 amount of the grants awarded to all youth service bureaus that were
24 awarded grants in excess of fifteen thousand dollars for said fiscal year
25 and the product of fifteen thousand dollars and the number of such
26 grants for said fiscal year.

27 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 10-16n of the 2008 supplement to the
28 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
29 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

30 (a) The Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the
31 Commissioner of Social Services, shall establish a competitive grant
32 program to assist nonprofit agencies and local and regional boards of
33 education, which are federal Head Start grantees, in (1) establishing
34 extended-day and full-day, year-round, Head Start programs or
35 expanding existing Head Start programs to extended-day or full-day,
36 year-round programs, (2) enhancing program quality, and (3)
37 increasing the number of children served. The commissioner, after
38 consultation with the committee established pursuant to subsection (c)
39 of this section, shall establish criteria for the grants, provided at least
40 twenty-five per cent of the funding for such grants shall be for the
41 purpose of enhancing program quality. Nonprofit agencies or boards
42 of education seeking grants pursuant to this section shall make
43 application to the Commissioner of Education on such forms and at
44 such times as the commissioner shall prescribe. All grants pursuant to
45 this section shall be funded within the limits of available
46 appropriations or otherwise from federal funds and private donations.
47 All full-day, year-round Head Start programs funded pursuant to this
48 section shall be in compliance with federal Head Start performance
49 standards.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	10-19o(a)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	10-16n(a)

Statement of Purpose:

To extend the deadline concerning applications for youth service bureau grants and to make a technical change to the Head Start grant program.

[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.]