



General Assembly

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE MINIMUM BUDGET REQUIREMENT, THE CARRY-OVER OF EDUCATION COST SHARING ACCOUNTABILITY FUNDS AND THE REPEAL OF AN OBSOLETE PUBLIC ACT SECTION.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (e) of section 10-262i 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2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu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 (e) [The] (1) Except as provided for in subdivisions (2), (3) and (4) of
5 this subsection, the percentage of the increase in aid pursuant to this
6 section applicable under subsection (d) shall be the average of the
7 results of [(1)] (A) (i) a town's current program expenditures per
8 resident student pursuant to subdivision (36) of section 10-262f of the
9 2008 supplement to the general statutes, subtracted from the highest
10 current program expenditures per resident student in this state, [(B)]
11 (ii) divided by the difference between the highest current program
12 expenditures per resident student in this state and the lowest current
13 program expenditures per resident student in this state, [(C)] (iii)
14 multiplied by [fifty] thirty per cent, [(D)] (iv) plus [fifteen] fifty
15 percentage points, [(2) (A)] (B) (i) a town's wealth pursuant to
16 subdivision (26) of section 10-262f of the 2008 supplement to the
17 general statutes, subtracted from the wealth of the town with the
18 highest wealth of all towns in this state, [(B)] (ii) divided by the

19 difference between the wealth of the town with the highest wealth of
20 all towns in this state and the wealth of the town with the lowest
21 wealth of all towns in this state, [(C)] (iii) multiplied by [fifty] thirty
22 per cent, [(D)] (iv) plus [fifteen] fifty percentage points, and [(3) (A)]
23 (C) (i) a town's grant mastery percentage pursuant to subdivision (12)
24 of section 10-262f of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes,
25 subtracted from one, subtracted from one minus the grant mastery
26 percentage of the town with the highest grant mastery percentage in
27 this state, [(B)] (ii) divided by the difference between one minus the
28 grant mastery percentage of the town with the highest grant mastery
29 percentage in this state and one minus the grant mastery percentage of
30 the town with the lowest grant mastery percentage in this state, [(C)]
31 (iii) multiplied by [fifty] thirty per cent, [(D)] (iv) plus [fifteen] fifty
32 percentage points.

33 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, any town whose school
34 district is in its third year or more of being identified as in need of
35 improvement pursuant to section 10-223e of the 2008 supplement to
36 the general statutes, and has failed to make adequate yearly progress
37 in mathematics or reading at the whole district level, the percentage
38 determined pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection for such
39 town shall be increased by an additional twenty percentage points.

40 (3) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, any town whose school
41 district is in its third year or more of being identified as in need of
42 improvement pursuant to section 10-223e of the 2008 supplement to
43 the general statutes, and has failed to make adequate yearly progress
44 in mathematics or reading at the whole district level, the percentage of
45 the increase in aid pursuant to this section applicable under subsection
46 (d) of this section shall be the percentage of the increase determined
47 under subdivision (1) of this section for such town, plus twenty
48 percentage points, or eighty per cent, whichever is greater.

49 (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the fiscal
50 years ending June 30, 2008, and June 30, 2009, any town that (A) is a
51 member of a regional school district that serves only grades seven to

52 twelve, inclusive, or grades nine to twelve, inclusive, (B) appropriates
53 at least the minimum percentage of increase in aid pursuant to the
54 provisions of this section, and (C) has a reduced assessment from the
55 previous fiscal year for students enrolled in such regional school
56 district, excluding debt service for such students, shall be considered to
57 be in compliance with the provisions of this section.

58 (5) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, charter,
59 special act or home rule ordinance, on or before September 15, 2007,
60 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, a town may request the
61 Commissioner of Education to defer a portion of the town's increase in
62 aid over the prior fiscal year pursuant to this section to be expended in
63 the subsequent fiscal year. If the commissioner approves such request,
64 the deferred amount shall be credited to the increase in aid for the
65 fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, rather than the fiscal year ending June
66 30, 2008. Such funds shall be expended in the fiscal year ending June
67 30, 2009, in accordance with the provisions of this section. In no case
68 shall a town be allowed to defer increases in aid required to be spent
69 for education as a result of failure to make adequate yearly progress in
70 accordance with the provisions of [this subdivision] subdivisions (2)
71 and (3) of this subsection.

72 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) The unexpended balance of funds
73 appropriated to the Department of Education, for education
74 equalization grants, in section 1 of public act 07-1 of the June special
75 session, for the purpose described in subdivision (3) of subsection (c)
76 of section 10-223e of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, shall
77 not lapse on June 30, 2008, and such funds shall continue to be
78 available for expenditure for such purpose during the fiscal year
79 ending June 30, 2009.

80 Sec. 3. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) Section 60 of public act 07-3 of the June
81 special session is repealed.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

