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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:

REP. FOX, 146th Dist.

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE ECS FORMULA AND SCHOOL
CONSTRUCTION REIMBURSEMENT.**

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

1 That section 10-262h of the general statutes be amended to reduce
2 the formula's reliance on a town's grand list as the primary measure of
3 ability to pay, and increase the weighting on a town's (1) median
4 income, (2) percentage of free and reduced price lunches provided in
5 the school system, (3) units of affordable housing located within the
6 community, and (4) number of English as a second language learners
7 in the school system, and other factors relevant to the costs associated
8 with educating an economically and socially diverse school
9 population. In addition, the state shall increase the minimum amount
10 of funding that must be received by priority school districts pursuant
11 to the formula and that chapter 173 of the general statutes be amended
12 to require that no priority school district shall receive capital
13 reimbursements on school construction or renovation projects at a rate
14 that varies more than twenty-five per cent from any other priority

15 school district.

Statement of Purpose:

To reform the ECS formula so that it better reflects a community's need for state assistance in education funding and school construction reimbursement.