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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:  
(ED )

**AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR REVISIONS TO THE EDUCATION STATUTES.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 10-66gg of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 [Within available appropriations] On or before January 1, 2011, and  
4 biennially thereafter, the Commissioner of Education shall [annually,]  
5 review and report, within available appropriations and in accordance  
6 with the provisions of section 11-4a, on the operation of such charter  
7 schools as may be established pursuant to sections 10-66aa to 10-66ff,  
8 inclusive, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
9 having cognizance of matters relating to education. Such report shall  
10 include: (1) Recommendations for any statutory changes that would  
11 facilitate expansion in the number of charter schools; (2) a compilation  
12 of school profiles pursuant to section 10-66cc; (3) an assessment of the  
13 adequacy of funding pursuant to section 10-66ee, and (4) the adequacy  
14 and availability of suitable facilities for such schools.

15 Sec. 2. Subsection (d) of section 10-266w of the general statutes is

16 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
17 *1, 2009*):

18 (d) Each local and regional board of education participating in the  
19 grant program shall prepare a financial statement of expenditures  
20 which shall be submitted to the department [on or before September  
21 first of the fiscal year immediately following each fiscal year in which  
22 the school district participates in the grant program] annually at such  
23 time and in such manner as the commissioner prescribes. If the  
24 commissioner finds that any school breakfast grant recipient uses such  
25 grant for purposes which are not in conformity with the purposes of  
26 this section, the commissioner [may] shall require repayment of the  
27 grant to the state.

28 Sec. 3. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2009) (a) Whenever the term  
29 "regional vocational-technical school" or "regional vocational-technical  
30 schools" is used or referred to in the following sections of the general  
31 statutes, the term "technical high school" or "technical high schools"  
32 shall be substituted in lieu thereof: 4-124ff, 4-124gg, 4a-11a, 4d-83, 5-  
33 275, 8-265pp, 10-4h, 10-9, 10-19d, 10-20a, 10-21g, 10-66p, 10-67, 10-74d,  
34 10-76q, 10-95, 10-95a, 10-95h, 10-95i, 10-95j, 10-95k, 10-95m, 10-95n, 10-  
35 97, 10-98a, 10-215b, 10-215f, 10-220d, 10-233d, 10-235, 10-262r, 10-264l,  
36 10-266m, 10-283, 10-283b, 10-287d, 10a-12a, 10a-19b, 10a-72d, 17b-610,  
37 31-3c, 31-3h, 31-3k, 31-11p, 32-6j and 32-475.

38 (b) Whenever the term "regional vocational-technical school" is used  
39 or referred to in the following sections of the general statutes, the term  
40 "technical high schools" shall be substituted in lieu thereof: 10-214a and  
41 31-3l.

42 (c) Whenever the term "regional vocational-technical high school" is  
43 used or referred to in the following sections of the general statutes, the  
44 term "technical high school" shall be substituted in lieu thereof: 10-235  
45 and 31-11s.

46 (d) Whenever the term "vocational-technical school" or "vocational-

47 technical schools" is used or referred to in the following sections of the  
48 general statutes, the term "technical high school" or "technical high  
49 schools" shall be substituted in lieu thereof: 1-79, 1-84d, 1-91, 4-124z, 4-  
50 124hh, 10-15d, 10-19e, 10-21g, 10-69, 10-95, 10-95a, 10-95i, 10-95l, 10-  
51 95m, 10-235, 10-262n, 10-262r, 10a-12a, 10a-25b, 17b-688i, 31-3ee and  
52 31-51ww.

53 (e) Whenever the term "vocational school" or "vocational schools" is  
54 used or referred to in the following sections of the general statutes, the  
55 term "technical high school" or "technical high schools" shall be  
56 substituted in lieu thereof: 4-29, 10-13, 10-55, 10-64, 10-97, 10-186, 10a-  
57 123, 10a-166, 14-36, 20-90, 31-23, 31-24, 38a-682 and 48-9.

58 Sec. 4. Section 10-220h of the general statutes is repealed and the  
59 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

60 When a student enrolls in a school in a new school district or in a  
61 new state charter school, the new school district or new state charter  
62 school shall provide written notification of such enrollment to the  
63 school district in which the student previously attended school or the  
64 state charter school the student previously attended not later than  
65 forty-eight hours after the student registers. The school district in  
66 which the student previously attended school or the state charter  
67 school that the student previously attended (1) shall transfer the  
68 student's education records to the new school district or new state  
69 charter school no later than ten days after receipt of such notification,  
70 and (2) if the student's parent or guardian did not give written  
71 authorization for the transfer of such records, shall send notification of  
72 the transfer to the parent or guardian at the same time that it transfers  
73 the records. In the case of a student who transfers from Unified School  
74 District #1 or Unified School District #2, the new school district or new  
75 state charter school shall provide written notification of such  
76 enrollment to Unified School District #1 or Unified School District #2  
77 not later than ten days after the date of enrollment, the unified school  
78 district shall, not later than ten days after receipt of notification of

79 enrollment from the new school district or new state charter school,  
80 transfer [the] all records of the student to the new school district or  
81 new state charter school and the new school district or new state  
82 charter school shall, not later than thirty days after receiving the  
83 student's education records, credit the student for all instruction  
84 received in Unified School District #1 or Unified School District #2.

85 Sec. 5. Section 10-212 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
86 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

87 (a) Each local or regional board of education shall appoint one or  
88 more school nurses or nurse practitioners. Such school nurses and  
89 nurse practitioners appointed by such boards shall be qualified  
90 pursuant to regulations adopted in accordance with the provisions of  
91 chapter 54 by the State Board of Education in consultation with the  
92 Department of Public Health. Such school nurses may also act as  
93 visiting nurses in the town, may visit the homes of pupils in the public  
94 schools and shall assist in executing the orders of the school medical  
95 advisor, if there is any in such town, and perform such other duties as  
96 are required by such board.

97 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes or any  
98 regulation of Connecticut state agencies, nothing in this section shall  
99 be construed to prohibit the administering of medications by parents  
100 or guardians to their own children on school grounds.

101 (c) School nurses and nurse practitioners appointed by or under  
102 contract with any local or regional board of education and any nurse  
103 provided to a nonpublic school under the provisions of section 10-217a  
104 shall submit to a criminal history records check in accordance with the  
105 provisions of section 29-17a.

106 (d) The State Board of Education shall adopt regulations, in  
107 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to increase the  
108 qualifications of school nurses by requiring that each school nurse (1)  
109 be certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, (2) have at least two

110 years of full-time working experience as a registered nurse during the  
111 five-year period immediately prior to the date of employment as a  
112 school nurse, (3) have a baccalaureate degree with a concentration in  
113 nursing or other health-related field, such as public health or health  
114 education, or have a diploma or associate degree in nursing and at  
115 least fifteen academic credits from a licensed or accredited institution  
116 of higher education in nursing-related subject areas, (4) participates in  
117 at least fifteen hours of continuing education, and (5) becomes certified  
118 as a school nurse by the National Board for Certification of School  
119 Nurses. The regulations may include provisions allowing existing  
120 school nurses employed by schools a period of time to meet such  
121 requirements.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	10-66gg
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	10-266w(d)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	10-220h
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	10-212

**Statement of Purpose:**

To change the Commissioner of Education's reporting requirement on the operation of charter schools from annually to biennially; to amend the reporting requirement that local school boards submit a financial statement of expenditures for their participation in the school breakfast grant program; to insert the term "technical high school" in place of "regional vocational-technical school" in the general statutes; to include the Unified School District #2 in the transfer of student records requirement of section 10-220h of the general statutes; and to increase the qualifications for school nurses.

*[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.]*