



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 6687**

January Session, 2009

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**AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS 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 Section 10-66gg of the general statutes is repealed and the  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16 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  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 "regional  
29 vocational-technical school" or "regional vocational-technical schools"  
30 is used or referred to in the following sections of the general statutes,  
31 the term "technical high school" or "technical high schools" shall be  
32 substituted in lieu thereof: 4-124ff, 4-124gg, 4a-11a, 4d-83, 5-275, 8-  
33 265pp, 10-4h, 10-9, 10-19d, 10-20a, 10-21g, 10-66p, 10-67, 10-74d, 10-76q,  
34 10-95, 10-95a, 10-95h, 10-95i, 10-95j, 10-95k, 10-95m, 10-95n, 10-97, 10-  
35 98a, 10-214a, 10-215b, 10-215f, 10-220d, 10-233d, 10-235, 10-262r, 10-  
36 264l, 10-266m, 10-283, 10-283b, 10-287d, 10a-12a, 10a-19b, 10a-72d, 17b-  
37 610, 31-3c, 31-3h, 31-3k, 31-3l, 31-11p, 31-11s, 32-6j and 32-475.

38 (b) Whenever the term "vocational-technical school" or "vocational-  
39 technical schools" is used or referred to in the following sections of the  
40 general statutes, the term "technical high school" or "technical high  
41 schools" shall be substituted in lieu thereof: 1-79, 1-84d, 1-91, 4-124z, 4-  
42 124hh, 10-15d, 10-19e, 10-21g, 10-69, 10-95, 10-95a, 10-95i, 10-95l, 10-  
43 95m, 10-235, 10-262n, 10-262r, 10a-12a, 10a-25b, 17b-688i, 31-3ee and  
44 31-51ww.

45 (c) Whenever the term "vocational school" or "vocational schools" is  
46 used or referred to in the following sections of the general statutes, the  
47 term "technical high school" or "technical high schools" shall be  
48 substituted in lieu thereof: 4-29, 10-13, 10-55, 10-64, 10-97, 10-186, 10a-  
49 123, 10a-166, 14-36, 20-90, 31-23, 31-24, 38a-682 and 48-9.

50 Sec. 4. Section 10-220h of the general statutes is repealed and the

51 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

52       When a student enrolls in a school in a new school district or in a  
53 new state charter school, the new school district or new state charter  
54 school shall provide written notification of such enrollment to the  
55 school district in which the student previously attended school or the  
56 state charter school the student previously attended not later than two  
57 business days after the student registers. The school district in which  
58 the student previously attended school or the state charter school that  
59 the student previously attended (1) shall transfer the student's  
60 education records to the new school district or new state charter school  
61 no later than ten days after receipt of such notification, and (2) if the  
62 student's parent or guardian did not give written authorization for the  
63 transfer of such records, shall send notification of the transfer to the  
64 parent or guardian at the same time that it transfers the records. In the  
65 case of a student who transfers from Unified School District #1 or  
66 Unified School District #2, the new school district or new state charter  
67 school shall provide written notification of such enrollment to Unified  
68 School District #1 or Unified School District #2 not later than ten days  
69 after the date of enrollment, the unified school district shall, not later  
70 than ten days after receipt of notification of enrollment from the new  
71 school district or new state charter school, transfer [the] all records of  
72 the student to the new school district or new state charter school and  
73 the new school district or new state charter school shall, not later than  
74 thirty days after receiving the student's education records, credit the  
75 student for all instruction received in Unified School District #1 or  
76 Unified School District #2.

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

79       (a) Each local or regional board of education shall appoint one or  
80 more school nurses or nurse practitioners. Such school nurses and  
81 nurse practitioners appointed by such boards shall be qualified  
82 pursuant to regulations adopted in accordance with the provisions of  
83 chapter 54 by the State Board of Education in consultation with the

84 Department of Public Health. Such school nurses may also act as  
85 visiting nurses in the town, may visit the homes of pupils in the public  
86 schools and shall assist in executing the orders of the school medical  
87 advisor, if there is any in such town, and perform such other duties as  
88 are required by such board.

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

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

98 (d) The State Board of Education shall adopt regulations, in  
99 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to increase the  
100 qualifications of school nurses by requiring each school nurse to (1) be  
101 certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, (2) have at least two years  
102 of full-time working experience as a registered nurse during the five-  
103 year period immediately prior to the date of employment as a school  
104 nurse, (3) hold a baccalaureate degree with a concentration in nursing  
105 or other health-related field, such as public health or health education,  
106 or hold a diploma or associate degree in nursing and at least fifteen  
107 academic credits from a licensed or accredited institution of higher  
108 education in nursing-related subject areas, (4) participate in at least  
109 fifteen hours of continuing education annually, (5) be certified as a  
110 school nurse by the National Board for Certification of School Nurses,  
111 and (6) maintain a valid nursing license in the state of Connecticut. The  
112 regulations shall include a provision exempting school nurses  
113 employed by schools at anytime prior to July 1, 2009, from satisfying  
114 such additional qualifications pursuant to subdivisions (1) to (3),  
115 inclusive, and (5) of this subsection.

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

**ED**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*