



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 942**

LCO No. 3361

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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:  
(ED)

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DATE CERTAIN FOR STUDENT NOTIFICATION OF ATTENDANCE AT AN INTERDISTRICT MAGNET SCHOOL.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (j) of section 10-264l of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
3 *1, 2009*):

4 (j) (1) After accommodating students from participating districts in  
5 accordance with an approved enrollment agreement, an interdistrict  
6 magnet school operator that has unused student capacity may enroll  
7 directly into its program any interested student. A student from a  
8 district that is not participating in an interdistrict magnet school or the  
9 interdistrict student attendance program pursuant to section 10-266aa  
10 to an extent determined by the Commissioner of Education shall be  
11 given preference, provided such student notifies the local or regional  
12 board of education that is otherwise responsible for educating such  
13 student that such student will be attending an interdistrict magnet  
14 school during the next school year by May first of the school year prior  
15 to such attendance. The local or regional board of education otherwise

16 responsible for educating such student shall contribute funds to  
17 support the operation of the interdistrict magnet school in an amount  
18 equal to the per student tuition, if any, charged to participating  
19 districts.

20 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, any tuition charged to a  
21 local or regional board of education by a regional educational service  
22 center operating an interdistrict magnet school shall be in an amount  
23 equal to at least seventy-five per cent of the difference between (A) the  
24 average per pupil expenditure of the magnet school for the prior fiscal  
25 year, and (B) the amount of any per pupil state subsidy calculated  
26 under subsection (c) of this section plus any revenue from other  
27 sources calculated on a per pupil basis, provided no increase in tuition  
28 charged on a per pupil basis shall be more than ten per cent of that  
29 charged for the previous fiscal year. If any such board of education  
30 fails to pay such tuition, the commissioner may withhold from such  
31 board's town or towns a sum payable under section 10-262i in an  
32 amount not to exceed the amount of the unpaid tuition to the magnet  
33 school and pay such money to the fiscal agent for the magnet school as  
34 a supplementary grant for the operation of the interdistrict magnet  
35 school program.

36 (3) A participating district shall provide opportunities for its  
37 students to attend an interdistrict magnet school in a number that is at  
38 least equal to the number specified in any written agreement with an  
39 interdistrict magnet school operator or in a number that is at least  
40 equal to the average number of students that the participating district  
41 enrolled in such magnet school during the previous three school years.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |                     |            |
| Section 1   | <i>July 1, 2009</i> | 10-2641(j) |

**Statement of Purpose:**

To provide local and regional boards of education an opportunity to minimize unplanned costs associated with student attendance at interdistrict magnet schools.

*[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.]*