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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:
(ED)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE REPORTING OF FEDERAL FUNDS IN LOCAL SCHOOL BUDGETS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 10-222 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

3 (a) Each local board of education shall prepare an itemized estimate
4 of the cost of maintenance of public schools for the ensuing year and
5 shall submit such estimate to the board of finance in each town or city
6 having a board of finance, to the board of selectmen in each town
7 having no board of finance or otherwise to the authority making
8 appropriations for the school district, not later than two months
9 preceding the annual meeting at which appropriations are to be made.
10 The money appropriated by any municipality for the maintenance of
11 public schools shall be expended by and in the discretion of the board
12 of education. Except as provided in this subsection, any such board
13 may transfer any unexpended or uncontracted-for portion of any
14 appropriation for school purposes to any other item of such itemized
15 estimate. Boards may, by adopting policies and procedures, authorize
16 designated personnel to make limited transfers under emergency

17 circumstances if the urgent need for the transfer prevents the board
18 from meeting in a timely fashion to consider such transfer. All
19 transfers made in such instances shall be announced at the next
20 regularly scheduled meeting of the board. Expenditures by the board
21 of education shall not exceed the appropriation made by the
22 municipality, with such money as may be received from other sources
23 for school purposes. If any occasion arises whereby additional funds
24 are needed by such board, the chairman of such board shall notify the
25 board of finance, board of selectmen or appropriating authority, as the
26 case may be, and shall submit a request for additional funds in the
27 same manner as is provided for departments, boards or agencies of the
28 municipality and no additional funds shall be expended unless such
29 supplemental appropriation shall be granted and no supplemental
30 expenditures shall be made in excess of those granted through the
31 appropriating authority. The annual report of the board of education
32 shall, in accordance with section 10-224, include a summary showing
33 (1) the total cost of the maintenance of schools, (2) the amount received
34 from the state and other sources for the maintenance of schools, (3) a
35 specific accounting of federal funds expenditures, and [(3)] (4) the net
36 cost to the municipality of the maintenance of schools. For purposes of
37 this subsection, "meeting" means a meeting, as defined in section 1-200.

38 (b) The Commissioner of Education shall develop a financial
39 information system to assist local and regional boards of education in
40 providing to the State Board of Education budget and year-end
41 expenditure data in conformance with the provisions of section 10-227.
42 The financial information system shall be consistent with regulations
43 concerning guidelines for municipal financial reports adopted by the
44 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management pursuant to the
45 provisions of section 7-394a.

46 (c) Each local board of education shall include in the itemized
47 estimate prepared pursuant to subsection (a) of this section the
48 estimated amount of federal funds the board expects to receive and
49 allocations equal to the amount of such estimated federal funds.

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

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	10-222
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ED *Joint Favorable*