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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE
LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS FOR TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO
THE EDUCATION STATUTES.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 10-64 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (d) Any local or regional board of education which does not furnish
5 agricultural science and technology education approved by the State
6 Board of Education shall designate a school or schools having such a
7 course approved by the State Board of Education as the school which
8 any person may attend who has completed an elementary school
9 course through the eighth grade. The board of education shall pay the
10 tuition and reasonable and necessary cost of transportation of any
11 person under twenty-one years of age who is not a graduate of a high
12 school or vocational school or an agricultural science and technology
13 education center and who attends the designated school, provided
14 transportation services may be suspended in accordance with the
15 provisions of section 10-233c. Each such board's reimbursement

16 percentage pursuant to section 10-266m for expenditures in excess of
17 eight hundred dollars per pupil incurred in the fiscal year beginning
18 July 1, 2004, and in each fiscal year thereafter, shall be increased by an
19 additional twenty percentage points.

20 Sec. 2. Subsection (c) of section 10-65 of the general statutes is
21 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
22 *passage*):

23 (c) In addition to the grants described in subsection (a) of this
24 section, within available appropriations, (1) each local or regional
25 board of education operating an agricultural science and technology
26 education center in which more than one hundred [and] fifty of the
27 students in the prior school year were out-of-district students shall be
28 eligible to receive [] a grant in an amount equal to five hundred
29 dollars for every secondary school student enrolled in such center on
30 October first of the previous year, (2) on and after July 1, 2000, if a local
31 or regional board of education operating an agricultural science and
32 technology education center that received a grant pursuant to
33 subdivision (1) of this subsection [] no longer qualifies for such a
34 grant, such local or regional board of education shall receive a grant in
35 an amount determined as follows: (A) For the first fiscal year such
36 board of education does not qualify for a grant under said subdivision
37 (1), a grant in the amount equal to four hundred dollars for every
38 secondary school student enrolled in its agricultural science and
39 technology education center on October first of the previous year, (B)
40 for the second successive fiscal year such board of education does not
41 so qualify, a grant in an amount equal to three hundred dollars for
42 every such secondary school student enrolled in such center on said
43 date, (C) for the third successive fiscal year such board of education
44 does not so qualify, a grant in an amount equal to two hundred dollars
45 for every such secondary school student enrolled in such center on
46 said date, and (D) for the fourth successive fiscal year such board of
47 education does not so qualify, a grant in an amount equal to one
48 hundred dollars for every such secondary school student enrolled in

49 such center on said date, and (3) each local and regional board of
50 education operating an agricultural science and technology education
51 center that does not receive a grant pursuant to subdivision (1) or (2) of
52 this subsection shall receive a grant in an amount equal to sixty dollars
53 for every secondary school student enrolled in such center on said
54 date.

55 Sec. 3. Subsection (d) of section 10-65 of the general statutes is
56 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
57 *passage*):

58 (d) (1) If there are any remaining funds after the amount of the
59 grants described in subsections (a) and (c) of this section are calculated,
60 within available appropriations, each local or regional board of
61 education operating an agricultural science and technology education
62 center shall be eligible to receive a grant in an amount equal to one
63 hundred dollars for each student enrolled in such center on October
64 first of the previous school year. (2) If there are any remaining funds
65 after the amount of the grants described in subdivision (1) of this
66 subsection are calculated, within available appropriations, each local
67 or regional board of education operating an agricultural science and
68 technology education center that had more than one hundred [and]
69 fifty out-of-district students enrolled in such center on October first of
70 the previous school year shall be eligible to receive a grant based on
71 the ratio of the number of out-of-district students in excess of one
72 hundred [and] fifty out-of-district students enrolled in such center on
73 said date to the total number of out-of-district students in excess of one
74 hundred [and] fifty out-of-district students enrolled in all agricultural
75 science and technology education centers that had in excess of one
76 hundred [and] fifty out-of-district students enrolled on said date.

77 Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 10-264*l* of the general statutes is
78 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
79 *passage*):

80 (a) The Department of Education shall, within available

81 appropriations, establish a grant program (1) to assist (A) local and
82 regional boards of education, (B) regional educational service centers,
83 (C) the Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges on
84 behalf of Quinebaug Valley Community College, and (D) cooperative
85 arrangements pursuant to section 10-158a, and (2) in assisting the state
86 in meeting the goals of the 2008 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et
87 al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as determined by the Commissioner of
88 Education, to assist (A) the Board of Trustees of the Community-
89 Technical Colleges on behalf of a regional community-technical
90 college, (B) the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University
91 System on behalf of a state university, (C) the Board of Trustees [for] of
92 The University of Connecticut on behalf of the university, (D) the
93 board of governors for an independent college or university, as
94 defined in section 10a-37, or the equivalent of such a board, on behalf
95 of the independent college or university, and (E) any other third-party
96 not-for-profit corporation approved by the commissioner with the
97 operation of interdistrict magnet school programs. All interdistrict
98 magnet schools shall be operated in conformance with the same laws
99 and regulations applicable to public schools. For the purposes of this
100 section "an interdistrict magnet school program" means a program
101 which (i) supports racial, ethnic and economic diversity, (ii) offers a
102 special and high quality curriculum, and (iii) requires students who
103 are enrolled to attend at least half-time. An interdistrict magnet school
104 program does not include a regional agricultural science and
105 technology school, a regional vocational-technical school or a regional
106 special education center. On and after July 1, 2000, the governing
107 authority for each interdistrict magnet school program that is in
108 operation prior to July 1, 2005, shall restrict the number of students
109 that may enroll in the program from a participating district to eighty
110 per cent of the total enrollment of the program. The governing
111 authority for each interdistrict magnet school program that begins
112 operations on or after July 1, 2005, shall restrict the number of students
113 that may enroll in the program from a participating district to seventy-
114 five per cent of the total enrollment of the program, and maintain such

115 a school enrollment that at least twenty-five per cent but not more than
116 seventy-five per cent of the students enrolled are pupils of racial
117 minorities, as defined in section 10-226a.

118 Sec. 5. Subsection (a) of section 10-222h of the general statutes is
119 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
120 *passage*):

121 (a) The Department of Education shall, within available
122 appropriations, (1) review and analyze the policies submitted to the
123 department pursuant to section 10-222d, (2) examine the relationship
124 between bullying, school climate and student outcomes, (3) document
125 school districts' articulated needs for technical assistance and training
126 related to safe learning and bullying, (4) collect information on the
127 prevention and intervention strategies used by schools to reduce the
128 incidence of bullying, improve school climate and improve reporting
129 outcomes, and (5) develop model policies for grades kindergarten to
130 twelve, inclusive, for the prevention of bullying. On or before February
131 1, 2010, the department shall, in accordance with the provisions of
132 section 11-4a, submit a report on the status of its efforts pursuant to
133 this section and any recommendations it may have regarding
134 additional activities or funding to prevent bullying in schools and
135 improve school climate [] to the joint standing committee of the
136 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education
137 and to the select committee of the General Assembly having
138 cognizance of matters relating to children.

139 Sec. 6. Subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 10-283 of the
140 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
141 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

142 (2) Each school building project shall be assigned to a category on
143 the basis of whether such project is primarily required to: (A) Create
144 new facilities or alter existing facilities to provide for mandatory
145 instructional programs pursuant to this chapter, for physical education
146 facilities in compliance with Title IX of the Elementary and Secondary

147 Education Act of 1972 where such programs or such compliance
148 cannot be provided within existing facilities or for the correction of
149 code violations which cannot be reasonably addressed within existing
150 program space; (B) create new facilities or alter existing facilities to
151 enhance mandatory instructional programs pursuant to this chapter or
152 provide comparable facilities among schools to all students at the same
153 grade level or levels within the school district unless such project is
154 otherwise explicitly included in another category pursuant to this
155 section; and (C) create new facilities or alter existing facilities to
156 provide supportive services, provided in no event shall such
157 supportive services include swimming pools, auditoriums, outdoor
158 athletic facilities, tennis courts, elementary school playgrounds, site
159 improvement or garages or storage, parking or general recreation
160 areas. All applications submitted prior to July first shall be reviewed
161 promptly by the commissioner and the amount of the grant for which
162 such project is eligible shall be estimated, provided an application for a
163 school building project determined by the commissioner to be a project
164 that will assist the state in meeting the goals of the 2008 stipulation and
165 order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., shall have until
166 September first to submit an application for such a project and may
167 have until December first of the same year to secure and report all local
168 and state approvals required to complete the grant application. The
169 commissioner shall annually prepare a listing of all such eligible school
170 building projects listed by category together with the amount of the
171 estimated grants therefor and shall submit the same to the Governor
172 and the General Assembly on or before the fifteenth day of December,
173 except as provided in section 10-283a, with a request for authorization
174 to enter into grant commitments. Each such listing submitted after
175 December 1995 shall include a separate schedule of authorized projects
176 which have changed in scope or cost to a degree determined by the
177 commissioner. Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, no such
178 project that has changed in scope or cost to the degree determined by
179 the commissioner [] shall be eligible for reimbursement under this
180 chapter unless it appears on such list. Each such listing submitted after

181 December 2005 shall include a separate schedule of authorized projects
 182 which have changed in scope or cost to a degree determined by the
 183 commissioner once, and a separate schedule of authorized projects
 184 which have changed in scope or cost to a degree determined by the
 185 commissioner twice. On and after July 1, 2006, no project, other than a
 186 project for a regional vocational-technical school, may appear on the
 187 separate schedule of authorized projects which have changed in cost
 188 more than twice. The percentage determined pursuant to section 10-
 189 285a at the time a school building project on such schedule was
 190 originally authorized shall be used for purposes of the grant for such
 191 project. On and after July 1, 2006, a project that was not previously
 192 authorized as an interdistrict magnet school shall not receive a higher
 193 percentage for reimbursement than that determined pursuant to
 194 section 10-285a at the time a school building project on such schedule
 195 was originally authorized. The General Assembly shall annually
 196 authorize the commissioner to enter into grant commitments on behalf
 197 of the state in accordance with the commissioner's categorized listing
 198 for such projects as the General Assembly shall determine. The
 199 commissioner may not enter into any such grant commitments except
 200 pursuant to such legislative authorization. Any regional school district
 201 which assumes the responsibility for completion of a public school
 202 building project shall be eligible for a grant pursuant to subdivision (5)
 203 or (6), as the case may be, of subsection (a) of section 10-286, when
 204 such project is completed and accepted by such regional school
 205 district.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	10-64(d)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	10-65(c)
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	10-65(d)
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	10-2641(a)
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	10-222h(a)
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	10-283(a)(2)

Statement of Purpose:

To make technical changes to the education statutes.

[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.]