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**"AN ACT CONCERNING HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT FOR APPROVED
ONLINE COURSEWORK."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 1. Section 10-184 of the general statutes is repealed
4 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

5 All parents and those who have the care of children shall bring them
6 up in some lawful and honest employment and instruct them or cause
7 them to be instructed in reading, writing, spelling, English grammar,
8 geography, arithmetic and United States history and in citizenship,

9 including a study of the town, state and federal governments. Subject
10 to the provisions of this section and section 10-15c, each parent or other
11 person having control of a child five years of age and over and under
12 eighteen years of age shall cause such child to attend a public school
13 regularly during the hours and terms the public school in the district in
14 which such child resides is in session, unless such child is a high school
15 graduate or the parent or person having control of such child is able to
16 show that the child is elsewhere receiving equivalent instruction in the
17 studies taught in the public schools. [The] For the school year
18 commencing July 1, 2009, the parent or person having control of a
19 child [sixteen or] seventeen years of age may consent, as provided in
20 this section, to such child's withdrawal from school. For the school
21 year commencing July 1, 2010, and each school year thereafter, the
22 parent or person having control of a child eighteen years of age may
23 consent, as provided in this section, to such child's withdrawal from
24 school. Such parent or person shall personally appear at the school
25 district office and sign a withdrawal form. The school district shall
26 provide such parent or person with information on the educational
27 options available in the school system and in the community. The
28 parent or person having control of a child five years of age shall have
29 the option of not sending the child to school until the child is six years
30 of age and the parent or person having control of a child six years of
31 age shall have the option of not sending the child to school until the
32 child is seven years of age. The parent or person shall exercise such
33 option by personally appearing at the school district office and signing
34 an option form. The school district shall provide the parent or person
35 with information on the educational opportunities available in the
36 school system.

37 Sec. 502. Section 10-202e of the general statutes is repealed and the
38 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

39 (a) The State Board of Education shall adopt a state policy on
40 dropout prevention. The policy shall include, but not be limited to, the
41 encouragement of: (1) The local identification of students in grades
42 kindergarten to twelve, inclusive, who are at risk of dropping out of

43 school; (2) the development, expansion and coordination of local
44 services to such students; and (3) the coordination of dropout
45 prevention programs administered by state agencies.

46 (b) Not later than June 30, 2009, the Department of Education shall
47 develop a standardized dropout formula to be used by local and
48 regional boards of education to annually report on the graduation and
49 dropout rates of students in their school districts. Such formula shall
50 account for those students that enter adult education instead of
51 finishing high school and track the number of such students who
52 receive an adult education diploma pursuant to section 10-69. The
53 board of education for any district that has students who received an
54 adult education diploma shall include an asterisk next to its district's
55 dropout rate to indicate that some of its students received an adult
56 education diploma. The dropout rate of a district shall include those
57 students that receive adult education but do not receive an adult
58 education diploma.

59 Sec. 503. Subsection (a) of section 10-220 of the general statutes is
60 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
61 *1, 2009*):

62 (a) Each local or regional board of education shall maintain good
63 public elementary and secondary schools, implement the educational
64 interests of the state as defined in section 10-4a and provide such other
65 educational activities as in its judgment will best serve the interests of
66 the school district; provided any board of education may secure such
67 opportunities in another school district in accordance with provisions
68 of the general statutes and shall give all the children of the school
69 district as nearly equal advantages as may be practicable; shall provide
70 an appropriate learning environment for its students which includes
71 (1) adequate instructional books, supplies, materials, equipment,
72 staffing, facilities and technology, (2) equitable allocation of resources
73 among its schools, (3) proper maintenance of facilities, and (4) a safe
74 school setting; shall have charge of the schools of its respective school
75 district; shall make a continuing study of the need for school facilities

76 and of a long-term school building program and from time to time
77 make recommendations based on such study to the town; shall adopt
78 and implement an indoor air quality program that provides for
79 ongoing maintenance and facility reviews necessary for the
80 maintenance and improvement of the indoor air quality of its facilities;
81 shall report biennially to the Commissioner of Education on the
82 condition of its facilities and the action taken to implement its long-
83 term school building program and indoor air quality program, which
84 report the Commissioner of Education shall use to prepare a biennial
85 report that said commissioner shall submit in accordance with section
86 11-4a to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
87 cognizance of matters relating to education; shall advise the
88 Commissioner of Education of the relationship between any individual
89 school building project pursuant to chapter 173 and such long-term
90 school building program; shall have the care, maintenance and
91 operation of buildings, lands, apparatus and other property used for
92 school purposes and at all times shall insure all such buildings and all
93 capital equipment contained therein against loss in an amount not less
94 than eighty per cent of replacement cost; shall determine the number,
95 age and qualifications of the pupils to be admitted into each school;
96 shall develop and implement a written plan for minority staff
97 recruitment for purposes of subdivision (3) of section 10-4a; shall
98 employ and dismiss the teachers of the schools of such district subject
99 to the provisions of sections 10-151 and 10-158a; shall designate the
100 schools which shall be attended by the various children within the
101 school district; shall make such provisions as will enable each child of
102 school age, residing in the district to attend some public day school for
103 the period required by law and provide for the transportation of
104 children wherever transportation is reasonable and desirable, and for
105 such purpose may make contracts covering periods of not more than
106 five years; may place in an alternative school program or other suitable
107 educational program a pupil enrolling in school who is nineteen years
108 of age or older and cannot acquire a sufficient number of credits for
109 graduation by age twenty-one; may arrange with the board of
110 education of an adjacent town for the instruction therein of such

111 children as can attend school in such adjacent town more conveniently;
112 shall cause each child five years of age and over and under eighteen
113 years of age who is not a high school graduate and is living in the
114 school district to attend school in accordance with the provisions of
115 section 10-184, [and] as amended by this act; shall perform all acts
116 required of it by the town or necessary to carry into effect the powers
117 and duties imposed by law; for the school year commencing July 1,
118 2012, and each school year thereafter, if the dropout rate for the school
119 district under the board's jurisdiction exceeds ten per cent in each of
120 the four prior school years then such board shall establish and
121 maintain an alternative school or provide opportunities for students to
122 attend a regional alternative school; and shall develop a plan for
123 students identified in eighth grade as at risk of dropping out pursuant
124 to section 10-202e, as amended by this act, that shall be employed
125 through high school for such students commencing with the 2012-2013
126 school year."