



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 381**

LCO No. 1842

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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:  
(ED)

**AN ACT CONCERNING STUDENTS WITH TERMINALLY ILL PARENTS.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10-220 of the 2010 supplement to  
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
3 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2010*):

4 (a) Each local or regional board of education shall maintain good  
5 public elementary and secondary schools, implement the educational  
6 interests of the state as defined in section 10-4a and provide such other  
7 educational activities as in its judgment will best serve the interests of  
8 the school district; provided any board of education may secure such  
9 opportunities in another school district in accordance with provisions  
10 of the general statutes and shall give all the children of the school  
11 district as nearly equal advantages as may be practicable; shall provide  
12 an appropriate learning environment for its students which includes  
13 (1) adequate instructional books, supplies, materials, equipment,  
14 staffing, facilities and technology, (2) equitable allocation of resources  
15 among its schools, (3) proper maintenance of facilities, and (4) a safe  
16 school setting; shall have charge of the schools of its respective school

17 district; shall make a continuing study of the need for school facilities  
18 and of a long-term school building program and from time to time  
19 make recommendations based on such study to the town; shall adopt  
20 and implement an indoor air quality program that provides for  
21 ongoing maintenance and facility reviews necessary for the  
22 maintenance and improvement of the indoor air quality of its facilities;  
23 shall adopt and implement a green cleaning program, pursuant to  
24 section 10-231g, that provides for the procurement and use of  
25 environmentally preferable cleaning products in school buildings and  
26 facilities; shall report biennially to the Commissioner of Education on  
27 the condition of its facilities and the action taken to implement its long-  
28 term school building program, indoor air quality program and green  
29 cleaning program, which report the Commissioner of Education shall  
30 use to prepare a biennial report that said commissioner shall submit in  
31 accordance with section 11-4a to the joint standing committee of the  
32 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education;  
33 shall advise the Commissioner of Education of the relationship  
34 between any individual school building project pursuant to chapter  
35 173 and such long-term school building program; shall have the care,  
36 maintenance and operation of buildings, lands, apparatus and other  
37 property used for school purposes and at all times shall insure all such  
38 buildings and all capital equipment contained therein against loss in  
39 an amount not less than eighty per cent of replacement cost; shall  
40 determine the number, age and qualifications of the pupils to be  
41 admitted into each school; shall develop and implement a written plan  
42 for minority staff recruitment for purposes of subdivision (3) of section  
43 10-4a; shall employ and dismiss the teachers of the schools of such  
44 district subject to the provisions of sections 10-151 and 10-158a; shall  
45 designate the schools which shall be attended by the various children  
46 within the school district; shall make such provisions as will enable  
47 each child of school age, residing in the district to attend some public  
48 day school for the period required by law and provide for the  
49 transportation of children wherever transportation is reasonable and  
50 desirable, and for such purpose may make contracts covering periods

51 of not more than five years; shall provide two hours of home  
52 instruction each school day to any student who is not able to attend  
53 school because such student is assisting with the care of a terminally ill  
54 parent; may place in an alternative school program or other suitable  
55 educational program a pupil enrolling in school who is nineteen years  
56 of age or older and cannot acquire a sufficient number of credits for  
57 graduation by age twenty-one; may arrange with the board of  
58 education of an adjacent town for the instruction therein of such  
59 children as can attend school in such adjacent town more conveniently;  
60 shall cause each child five years of age and over and under eighteen  
61 years of age who is not a high school graduate and is living in the  
62 school district to attend school in accordance with the provisions of  
63 section 10-184, and shall perform all acts required of it by the town or  
64 necessary to carry into effect the powers and duties imposed by law.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2010	10-220(a)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require local and regional school boards to provide two hours of home instruction to students who are assisting with the care of a terminally ill parent.

*[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.]*