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"AN ACT CONCERNING VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOLS."

1 Strike section 1 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

2 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2010*) (a) (1) The State Board of
3 Education shall not close or suspend operations of any regional
4 vocational-technical school for more than six months unless the board
5 (A) holds a public hearing at the school that may be closed or whose
6 operations may be suspended, (B) develops and makes available a
7 comprehensive plan for such school in accordance with the provisions
8 of subsection (b) of this section, and (C) an affirmative vote of the
9 board is taken at a meeting duly called. Such public hearing shall be
10 held after normal school hours and at least thirty days prior to the vote
11 of the board pursuant to subparagraph (C) of this subdivision.

12 (2) If the closure or suspension of school operations extends beyond
13 the period set forth in the comprehensive plan described in subsection
14 (b) of this section, the board shall (A) hold another public hearing at a
15 location in the town in which the school is located, after normal school

16 hours and at least thirty days prior to the vote of the board pursuant to
17 subparagraph (C) of this subdivision, (B) develop and make available a
18 new comprehensive plan for such school in accordance with the
19 provisions of subsection (b) of this section, and (C) an affirmative vote
20 of the board is taken at a meeting duly called.

21 (b) The State Board of Education shall develop a comprehensive
22 plan regarding the closure or suspension of operation of any regional
23 vocational-technical school prior to the public hearing described in
24 subsection (a) of this section. Such comprehensive plan shall include,
25 but not be limited to, (1) an explanation of the reasons for the school
26 closure or suspension of operations, including a cost-benefit analysis of
27 such school closing or suspension of operations, (2) the length of the
28 school closure or suspension of operations, (3) the financial plan for the
29 school during the closure or suspension of operations, including, but
30 not limited to, the costs of such school closure or suspension of
31 operations, (4) a description of the transitional phase to school closure
32 or suspension of operations and a description of the transitional phase
33 to reopening the school, (5) an explanation of what will happen to
34 students currently enrolled at such school during the school closure or
35 suspension of operations, including, but not limited to, available
36 regional vocational-technical schools for such students to attend and
37 transportation for such students to such schools, (6) an explanation of
38 what will happen to school personnel during the school closure or
39 suspension of operations, including, but not limited to, employment at
40 other schools, and (7) an explanation of how the school building and
41 property will be used during the school closure or suspension of
42 operations. The State Board of Education shall provide for the mailing
43 of such comprehensive plan to parents and guardians of students
44 enrolled at the school and to school personnel employed at such
45 school, and make such comprehensive plan available on the school's
46 web site at least fourteen days prior to the public hearing described in
47 subsection (a) of this section.

48 (c) The State Board of Education shall be responsible for
49 transporting any student enrolled in a regional vocational-technical

50 school that is closed or whose operations are suspended pursuant to
51 this section to another regional vocational-technical school during such
52 period of closure or suspension of operations, and the board shall be
53 responsible for the costs associated with such transportation."

54 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
55 internal references accordingly:

56 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2010*) On or before July 1, 2011, the
57 State Board of Education shall develop recommendations regarding
58 the definition of region for purposes of attendance in the regional
59 vocational-technical school system. The board shall submit such
60 recommendations, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
61 of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General
62 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education."