



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 5665**

LCO No. 773

Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:  
REP. SCHOFIELD, 16th Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING EXTENDING THE MORATORIUM ON NEW  
MAGNET SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AND FINANCIAL INCENTIVES  
FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE OPEN CHOICE PROGRAM.**

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

1 That subsection (a) of section 10-264h of the general statutes be  
2 amended to extend the date of the moratorium on the construction of  
3 new interdistrict magnet schools; that subsection (g) of section 10-  
4 266aa of the general statutes be amended to require the Department of  
5 Education to use the savings from the extended moratorium on new  
6 interdistrict magnet school construction to provide annual grants to  
7 local or regional boards of education for each receiving district in an  
8 amount not to exceed (1) three thousand dollars for each out-of-district  
9 student who attends school in the receiving district under the program  
10 if the number of such out-of-district students are less than two per cent  
11 of the total student population of such receiving district, (2) four  
12 thousand dollars for each out-of-district student who attends school in  
13 the receiving district under the program if the number of such out-of-  
14 district students are two per cent, but less than three per cent, and (3)  
15 six thousand dollars for each out-of-district student who attends  
16 school in the receiving district under the program if the number of

17 such out-of-district students are three per cent or greater; and that  
18 chapter 172 of the general statutes be amended to give the  
19 Commissioner of Education authority, beginning July 1, 2012, to place  
20 out-of-district students in unused slots in neighboring districts if the  
21 unused slots are not sufficient to preclude the need for new  
22 interdistrict magnet schools under the 2008 stipulation and order for  
23 Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To save the state money on magnet school construction costs and to save the towns money on open choice program enrollment.