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**AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS OF
THE GOVERNOR CONCERNING EDUCATION.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (i) of section 10-217a of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2011*):

4 (i) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the fiscal years
5 ending June 30, 2008, to June 30, [2011] 2013, inclusive, the amount of
6 the grants payable to local or regional boards of education in
7 accordance with this section shall be reduced proportionately if the
8 total of such grants in such year exceeds the amount appropriated for
9 purposes of this section.

10 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 10-281 of the general statutes is
11 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
12 *1, 2011*):

13 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the fiscal
14 years ending June 30, 2004, to June 30, [2011] 2013, inclusive, the
15 amount of the grants payable to local or regional boards of education
16 in accordance with this section shall be reduced proportionately if the
17 total of such grants in such year exceeds the amount appropriated for
18 purposes of this section.

19 Sec. 3. Subsection (d) of section 10-71 of the general statutes is
20 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
21 *1, 2011*):

22 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the fiscal
23 years ending June 30, 2004, to June 30, [2011] 2013, inclusive, the
24 amount of the grants payable to towns, regional boards of education or
25 regional educational service centers in accordance with this section
26 shall be reduced proportionately if the total of such grants in such year
27 exceeds the amount appropriated for the purposes of this section for
28 such year.

29 Sec. 4. Subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of section 10-266m of the
30 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
31 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

32 (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the fiscal
33 years ending June 30, 2004, to June 30, [2011] 2013, inclusive, the
34 amount of transportation grants payable to local or regional boards of
35 education shall be reduced proportionately if the total of such grants in
36 such year exceeds the amount appropriated for such grants for such
37 year.

38 Sec. 5. Section 10-17g of the general statutes is repealed and the
39 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

40 Annually, the board of education for each local and regional school
41 district that is required to provide a program of bilingual education,
42 pursuant to section 10-17f, may make application to the State Board of

43 Education and shall thereafter receive a grant in an amount equal to
44 the product obtained by multiplying the total appropriation available
45 for such purpose by the ratio which the number of eligible children in
46 the school district bears to the total number of such eligible children
47 state-wide. The board of education for each local and regional school
48 district receiving funds pursuant to this section shall annually, on or
49 before September first, submit to the State Board of Education a
50 progress report which shall include (1) measures of increased
51 educational opportunities for eligible students, including language
52 support services and language transition support services provided to
53 such students, (2) program evaluation and measures of the
54 effectiveness of its bilingual education and English as a second
55 language programs, including data on students in bilingual education
56 programs and students educated exclusively in English as a second
57 language programs, and (3) certification by the board of education
58 submitting the report that any funds received pursuant to this section
59 have been used for the purposes specified. The State Board of
60 Education shall annually evaluate programs conducted pursuant to
61 section 10-17f. For purposes of this section, measures of the
62 effectiveness of bilingual education and English as a second language
63 programs include state-wide mastery examination results and
64 graduation and school dropout rates. Notwithstanding the provisions
65 of this section, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2009, to June 30,
66 [2011] 2013, inclusive, the amount of grants payable to local or regional
67 boards of education under this section shall be reduced
68 proportionately if the total of such grants in such year exceeds the
69 amount appropriated for such grants for such year.

70 Sec. 6. Subsection (f) of section 10-66j of the general statutes is
71 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
72 *1, 2011*):

73 (f) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the fiscal
74 years ending June 30, 2004, to June 30, [2011] 2013, inclusive, the
75 amount of grants payable to regional educational service centers shall

76 be reduced proportionately if the total of such grants in such year
77 exceeds the amount appropriated for such grants for such year.

78 Sec. 7. Subdivisions (2) and (3) of subsection (e) of section 10-76d of
79 the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in
80 lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

81 (2) For purposes of this subdivision, "public agency" includes the
82 offices of a government of a federally recognized Native American
83 tribe. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the general statutes, for
84 the fiscal year ending June 30, 1987, and each fiscal year thereafter,
85 whenever a public agency, other than a local or regional board of
86 education, the State Board of Education or the Superior Court acting
87 pursuant to section 10-76h, places a child in a foster home, group
88 home, hospital, state institution, receiving home, custodial institution
89 or any other residential or day treatment facility, and such child
90 requires special education, the local or regional board of education
91 under whose jurisdiction the child would otherwise be attending
92 school or, if no such board can be identified, the local or regional board
93 of education of the town where the child is placed, shall provide the
94 requisite special education and related services to such child in
95 accordance with the provisions of this section. Within one business day
96 of such a placement by the Department of Children and Families or
97 offices of a government of a federally recognized Native American
98 tribe, said department or offices shall orally notify the local or regional
99 board of education responsible for providing special education and
100 related services to such child of such placement. The department or
101 offices shall provide written notification to such board of such
102 placement within two business days of the placement. Such local or
103 regional board of education shall convene a planning and placement
104 team meeting for such child within thirty days of the placement and
105 shall invite a representative of the Department of Children and
106 Families or offices of a government of a federally recognized Native
107 American tribe to participate in such meeting. (A) The local or regional
108 board of education under whose jurisdiction such child would

109 otherwise be attending school shall be financially responsible for the
110 reasonable costs of such special education and related services in an
111 amount equal to the lesser of one hundred per cent of the costs of such
112 education or the average per pupil educational costs of such board of
113 education for the prior fiscal year, determined in accordance with the
114 provisions of subsection (a) of section 10-76f. The State Board of
115 Education shall pay on a current basis, except as provided in
116 subdivision (3) of this subsection, any costs in excess of such local or
117 regional board's basic contributions paid by such board of education in
118 accordance with the provisions of this subdivision. (B) Whenever a
119 child is placed pursuant to this subdivision, on or after July 1, 1995, by
120 the Department of Children and Families and the local or regional
121 board of education under whose jurisdiction such child would
122 otherwise be attending school cannot be identified, the local or
123 regional board of education under whose jurisdiction the child
124 attended school or in whose district the child resided at the time of
125 removal from the home by said department shall be responsible for the
126 reasonable costs of special education and related services provided to
127 such child, for one calendar year or until the child is committed to the
128 state pursuant to section 46b-129 or 46b-140 or is returned to the child's
129 parent or guardian, whichever is earlier. If the child remains in such
130 placement beyond one calendar year the Department of Children and
131 Families shall be responsible for such costs. During the period the local
132 or regional board of education is responsible for the reasonable cost of
133 special education and related services pursuant to this subparagraph,
134 the board shall be responsible for such costs in an amount equal to the
135 lesser of one hundred per cent of the costs of such education and
136 related services or the average per pupil educational costs of such
137 board of education for the prior fiscal year, determined in accordance
138 with the provisions of subsection (a) of section 10-76f. The State Board
139 of Education shall pay on a current basis, except as provided in
140 subdivision (3) of this subsection, any costs in excess of such local or
141 regional board's basic contributions paid by such board of education in
142 accordance with the provisions of this subdivision. The costs for

143 services other than educational shall be paid by the state agency which
144 placed the child. The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to
145 the school districts established within the Department of Children and
146 Families, pursuant to section 17a-37, the Department of Correction,
147 pursuant to section 18-99a, or the Department of Developmental
148 Services, pursuant to section 17a-240, provided in any case in which
149 special education is being provided at a private residential institution,
150 including the residential components of regional educational service
151 centers, to a child for whom no local or regional board of education
152 can be found responsible under subsection (b) of this section, Unified
153 School District #2 shall provide the special education and related
154 services and be financially responsible for the reasonable costs of such
155 special education instruction for such children. Notwithstanding the
156 provisions of this subdivision, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2004,
157 to June 30, 2007, inclusive, and for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2010,
158 [and] to June 30, [2011] 2013, inclusive, the amount of the grants
159 payable to local or regional boards of education in accordance with
160 this subdivision shall be reduced proportionately if the total of such
161 grants in such year exceeds the amount appropriated for the purposes
162 of this subdivision for such year.

163 (3) Payment for children who require special education and who
164 reside on state-owned or leased property or in permanent family
165 residences as defined in section 17a-154, and who are not the
166 educational responsibility of the unified school districts established
167 pursuant to section 17a-37, section 17a-240 or section 18-99a, shall be
168 made in the following manner: The State Board of Education shall pay
169 to the school district which is responsible for providing instruction for
170 each such child pursuant to the provisions of this subsection one
171 hundred per cent of the reasonable costs of such instruction. In the
172 fiscal year following such payment, the State Board of Education shall
173 deduct from the special education grant due the local or regional board
174 of education under whose jurisdiction the child would otherwise be
175 attending school, where such board has been identified, the amount
176 for which such board would otherwise have been financially

177 responsible pursuant to the provisions of subdivision (2) of this
178 subsection. No such deduction shall be made for any school district
179 which is responsible for providing special education instruction for
180 children whose parents or legal guardians do not reside within such
181 district. The amount deducted shall be included as a net cost of special
182 education by the Department of Education for purposes of the state's
183 special education grant calculated pursuant to section 10-76g, as
184 amended by this act. A school district otherwise eligible for
185 reimbursement under the provisions of this subdivision for the costs of
186 education of a child residing in a permanent family residence shall
187 continue to be so eligible in the event that a person providing foster
188 care in such residence adopts the child. Notwithstanding the
189 provisions of this subdivision, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2004,
190 and June 30, 2005, and for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2012, and
191 June 30, 2013, the amount of the grants payable to local or regional
192 boards of education in accordance with this subdivision shall be
193 reduced proportionately if the total of such grants in such year exceeds
194 the amount appropriated for the purposes of this subdivision for such
195 year.

196 Sec. 8. Subsection (d) of section 10-76g of the general statutes is
197 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
198 *1, 2011*):

199 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the fiscal
200 years ending June 30, 2004, to June 30, 2007, inclusive, and for the fiscal
201 years ending June 30, 2010, [and] to June 30, [2011] 2013, inclusive, the
202 amount of the grants payable to local or regional boards of education
203 in accordance with this section, except grants paid in accordance with
204 subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section, for the fiscal years
205 ending June 30, 2006, and June 30, 2007, and for the fiscal years ending
206 June 30, 2010, [and] to June 30, [2011] 2013, inclusive, shall be reduced
207 proportionately if the total of such grants in such year exceeds the
208 amount appropriated for the purposes of this section for such year.

209 Sec. 9. Subsection (b) of section 10-253 of the general statutes is
210 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
211 *1, 2011*):

212 (b) The board of education of the school district under whose
213 jurisdiction a child would otherwise be attending school shall be
214 financially responsible for the reasonable costs of education for a child
215 placed out by the Commissioner of Children and Families or by other
216 agencies, including, but not limited to, offices of a government of a
217 federally recognized Native American tribe, in a private residential
218 facility when such child requires educational services other than
219 special education services. Such financial responsibility shall be the
220 lesser of one hundred per cent of the costs of such education or the
221 average per pupil educational costs of such board of education for the
222 prior fiscal year, determined in accordance with subsection (a) of
223 section 10-76f. Any costs in excess of the boards' basic contribution
224 shall be paid by the State Board of Education on a current basis. The
225 costs for services other than educational shall be paid by the state
226 agency which placed the child. Application for the grant to be paid by
227 the state for costs in excess of the local or regional board of education's
228 basic contribution shall be made in accordance with the provisions of
229 subdivision (5) of subsection (e) of section 10-76d. Notwithstanding the
230 provisions of this subsection, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2004,
231 to June 30, 2007, inclusive, and for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2010,
232 [and] to June 30, [2011] 2013, inclusive, the amount of the grants
233 payable to local or regional boards of education in accordance with
234 this subsection shall be reduced proportionately if the total of such
235 grants in such year exceeds the amount appropriated for the purposes
236 of this subsection for such year.

237 Sec. 10. (*Effective July 1, 2011*) The RESC Alliance shall study issues
238 relating to the feasibility and implementation of regional school
239 transportation services and a uniform school calendar. Not later than
240 October 15, 2011, the RESC Alliance shall submit a report of its
241 findings and recommendations to the Governor in accordance with the

242 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

243 Sec. 11. (*Effective July 1, 2011*) The Commissioner of Education, in
244 consultation with the Commissioner of Social Services, shall develop a
245 plan to integrate child day care services administered by the
246 Department of Social Services offered as part of a school readiness
247 program into the school readiness programs administered by the
248 Department of Education. Such plan shall address program eligibility,
249 slot rates and program requirements. Not later than July 1, 2012, the
250 Commissioner of Education shall submit such plan, with any findings
251 and recommendations, to the Governor.

252 Sec. 12. Subsection (g) of section 10-266aa of the general statutes is
253 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
254 *1, 2011*):

255 (g) [The] (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection,
256 the Department of Education shall provide, within available
257 appropriations, an annual grant to the local or regional board of
258 education for each receiving district in an amount not to exceed two
259 thousand five hundred dollars for each out-of-district student who
260 attends school in the receiving district under the program.

261 (2) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2012, and June 30, 2013, the
262 Department of Education shall provide, within available
263 appropriations, an annual grant to the local and regional board of
264 education for each receiving district in an amount determined by the
265 Commissioner of Education based on the percentage of out-of-district
266 students relative to the total student population of such receiving
267 district.

268 (3) Each town which receives funds pursuant to this subsection shall
269 make such funds available to its local or regional board of education in
270 supplement to any other local appropriation, other state or federal
271 grant or other revenue to which the local or regional board of
272 education is entitled.

273 Sec. 13. Subsection (k) of section 10-266aa of the general statutes is
274 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
275 *1, 2011*):

276 (k) On or before October fifteenth of each year, the Commissioner of
277 Education shall determine if the enrollment in the program pursuant
278 to subsection (c) of this section for the fiscal year is below the number
279 of students for which funds were appropriated. If the commissioner
280 determines that the enrollment is below such number, the additional
281 funds shall not lapse but shall be used by the commissioner in
282 accordance with this subsection.

283 (1) Any amount up to five hundred thousand dollars of such
284 nonlapsing funds shall be used for supplemental grants to receiving
285 districts on a pro rata basis for each out-of-district student in the
286 program pursuant to subsection (c) of this section who attends the
287 same school in the receiving district as at least nine other such out-of-
288 district students, not to exceed one thousand dollars per student.

289 (2) Any amount equal to or greater than five hundred thousand
290 dollars, and in an amount determined by the commissioner, of such
291 nonlapsing funds shall be used for supplemental grants to receiving
292 districts on a pro rata basis that report to the commissioner on or
293 before March first of the current school year that the number of out-of-
294 district students enrolled in such receiving district is greater than the
295 number of out-of-district students enrolled in such receiving district
296 from the previous school year.

297 (3) Any remaining nonlapsing funds, in an amount to be
298 determined by the commissioner, shall be used by the commissioner to
299 increase enrollment in the interdistrict public school attendant
300 program described in this section.

301 ~~[(2)]~~ (4) Any remaining nonlapsing funds shall be used for
302 interdistrict cooperative grants pursuant to section 10-74d, as amended
303 by this act.

304 Sec. 14. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force to
305 study issues relating to the equalization aid grant formula set forth in
306 section 10-262h of the general statutes and other means of state
307 funding for education pursuant to chapter 172 of the general statutes.

308 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

309 (1) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the
310 secretary's designee;

311 (2) The Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee;
312 and

313 (3) Nine persons appointed by the Governor, (A) one of whom shall
314 be a representative of the Connecticut Association of Public School
315 Superintendents, (B) one of whom shall be a representative of the
316 Connecticut Association of Boards of Education, (C) one of whom shall
317 be a representative of the Connecticut Education Association, (D) one
318 of whom shall be a representative of the American Federation of
319 Teachers-Connecticut, (E) one of whom shall be the chief elected
320 official of a municipality with a population of less than thirty
321 thousand, (F) one of whom shall be the chief elected official of a
322 municipality with a population equal to or greater than thirty
323 thousand, but less than eighty thousand, (G) one of whom shall be the
324 chief elected official of a municipality with a population equal to or
325 greater than eighty thousand, and (H) two of whom shall be persons
326 with financial expertise and experience relating to grades kindergarten
327 to twelve, inclusive.

328 (c) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
329 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
330 filled by the appointing authority.

331 (d) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the
332 secretary's designee, shall serve as the chairperson of the task force,
333 from among the members of the task force. The chairperson shall

334 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not
335 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

336 (e) Not later than January 1, 2012, the task force shall submit a
337 report on its findings and recommendations to the Governor, in
338 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.
339 The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or
340 January 1, 2012, whichever is later.

341 Sec. 15. Section 10-262i of the general statutes is repealed and the
342 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

343 (a) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1990, and for each fiscal year
344 thereafter, each town shall be paid a grant equal to the amount the
345 town is entitled to receive under the provisions of section 10-262h, as
346 calculated using the data of record as of the December first prior to the
347 fiscal year such grant is to be paid, adjusted for the difference between
348 the final entitlement for the prior fiscal year and the preliminary
349 entitlement for such fiscal year as calculated using the data of record as
350 of the December first prior to the fiscal year when such grant was paid.

351 (b) The amount due each town pursuant to the provisions of
352 subsection (a) of this section shall be paid by the Comptroller, upon
353 certification of the Commissioner of Education, to the treasurer of each
354 town entitled to such aid in installments during the fiscal year as
355 follows: Twenty-five per cent of the grant in October, twenty-five per
356 cent of the grant in January and the balance of the grant in April. The
357 balance of the grant due towns under the provisions of this subsection
358 shall be paid in March rather than April to any town which has not
359 adopted the uniform fiscal year and which would not otherwise
360 receive such final payment within the fiscal year of such town.

361 (c) All aid distributed to a town pursuant to the provisions of this
362 section shall be expended for educational purposes only and shall be
363 expended upon the authorization of the local or regional board of
364 education. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999, and each fiscal year

365 thereafter, if a town receives an increase in funds pursuant to this
366 section over the amount it received for the prior fiscal year such
367 increase shall not be used to supplant local funding for educational
368 purposes. The budgeted appropriation for education in any town
369 receiving an increase in funds pursuant to this section shall be not less
370 than the amount appropriated for education for the prior year plus
371 such increase in funds.

372 [(d) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2010, and June 30, 2011, the
373 budgeted appropriation for education shall be no less than the
374 budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June
375 30, 2009, minus any reductions made pursuant to section 19 of public
376 act 09-1 of the June 19 special session, except that for the fiscal year
377 ending June 30, 2010, those districts whose number of resident
378 students for the school year commencing July 1, 2009, is lower than
379 such district's number of resident students for the school year
380 commencing July 1, 2008, may reduce such district's budgeted
381 appropriation for education by the difference in number of resident
382 students for such school years multiplied by three thousand.]

383 [(e)] (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (c) of this
384 section, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2008, and June 30, 2009, the
385 budgeted appropriation for education in any town receiving an
386 increase in funds pursuant to this section shall be not less than the
387 amount appropriated for education for the prior year plus the
388 percentage of such increase in funds as determined under subsection
389 (f) of this section.

390 (e) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2010, and June 30, 2011, the
391 budgeted appropriation for education shall be no less than the
392 budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June
393 30, 2009, minus any reductions made pursuant to section 19 of public
394 act 09-1 of the June 19 special session, except that for the fiscal year
395 ending June 30, 2010, those districts with a number of resident
396 students for the school year commencing July 1, 2009, that is lower

397 than such district's number of resident students for the school year
398 commencing July 1, 2008, may reduce such district's budgeted
399 appropriation for education by the difference in number of resident
400 students for such school years multiplied by three thousand.

401 (f) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2012, and June 30, 2013, the
402 budgeted appropriation for education shall be no less than the
403 budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June
404 30, 2009.

405 ~~[(f)]~~ (g) (1) Except as provided for in subdivisions (2), (3) and (4) of
406 this subsection, the percentage of the increase in aid pursuant to this
407 section applicable under subsection ~~[(e)]~~ (d) of this section shall be the
408 average of the results of (A) (i) a town's current program expenditures
409 per resident student pursuant to subdivision (36) of section 10-262f,
410 subtracted from the highest current program expenditures per resident
411 student in this state, (ii) divided by the difference between the highest
412 current program expenditures per resident student in this state and the
413 lowest current program expenditures per resident student in this state,
414 (iii) multiplied by thirty per cent, (iv) plus fifty percentage points, (B)
415 (i) a town's wealth pursuant to subdivision (26) of section 10-262f,
416 subtracted from the wealth of the town with the highest wealth of all
417 towns in this state, (ii) divided by the difference between the wealth of
418 the town with the highest wealth of all towns in this state and the
419 wealth of the town with the lowest wealth of all towns in this state, (iii)
420 multiplied by thirty per cent, (iv) plus fifty percentage points, and (C)
421 (i) a town's grant mastery percentage pursuant to subdivision (12) of
422 section 10-262f, subtracted from one, subtracted from one minus the
423 grant mastery percentage of the town with the highest grant mastery
424 percentage in this state, (ii) divided by the difference between one
425 minus the grant mastery percentage of the town with the highest grant
426 mastery percentage in this state and one minus the grant mastery
427 percentage of the town with the lowest grant mastery percentage in
428 this state, (iii) multiplied by thirty per cent, (iv) plus fifty percentage
429 points.

430 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, any town whose school
431 district is in its third year or more of being identified as in need of
432 improvement pursuant to section 10-223e, and has failed to make
433 adequate yearly progress in mathematics or reading at the whole
434 district level, the percentage determined pursuant to subdivision (1) of
435 this subsection for such town shall be increased by an additional
436 twenty percentage points.

437 (3) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, any town whose school
438 district is in its third year or more of being identified as in need of
439 improvement pursuant to section 10-223e, and has failed to make
440 adequate yearly progress in mathematics or reading at the whole
441 district level, the percentage of the increase in aid pursuant to this
442 section applicable under subsection [(e)] (d) of this section shall be the
443 percentage of the increase determined under subdivision (1) of this
444 section for such town, plus twenty percentage points, or eighty per
445 cent, whichever is greater.

446 (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the fiscal year
447 ending June 30, 2008, and each fiscal year thereafter, any town that (A)
448 is a member of a regional school district that serves only grades seven
449 to twelve, inclusive, or grades nine to twelve, inclusive, (B)
450 appropriates at least the minimum percentage of increase in aid
451 pursuant to the provisions of this section, and (C) has a reduced
452 assessment from the previous fiscal year for students enrolled in such
453 regional school district, excluding debt service for such students, shall
454 be considered to be in compliance with the provisions of this section.

455 (5) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, charter,
456 special act or home rule ordinance, on or before September 15, 2007,
457 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, a town may request the
458 Commissioner of Education to defer a portion of the town's increase in
459 aid over the prior fiscal year pursuant to this section to be expended in
460 the subsequent fiscal year. If the commissioner approves such request,
461 the deferred amount shall be credited to the increase in aid for the

462 fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, rather than the fiscal year ending June
463 30, 2008. Such funds shall be expended in the fiscal year ending June
464 30, 2009, in accordance with the provisions of this section. In no case
465 shall a town be allowed to defer increases in aid required to be spent
466 for education as a result of failure to make adequate yearly progress in
467 accordance with the provisions of subdivisions (2) and (3) of this
468 subsection.

469 ~~[(g)]~~ (h) Upon a determination by the State Board of Education that
470 a town or kindergarten to grade twelve, inclusive, regional school
471 district failed in any fiscal year to meet the requirements pursuant to
472 subsection (c), (d), ~~[or]~~ (e) or (f) of this section, the town or
473 kindergarten to grade twelve, inclusive, regional school district shall
474 forfeit an amount equal to two times the amount of the shortfall. The
475 amount so forfeited shall be withheld by the Department of Education
476 from the grant payable to the town in the second fiscal year
477 immediately following such failure by deducting such amount from
478 the town's equalization aid grant payment pursuant to this section,
479 except that in the case of a kindergarten to grade twelve, inclusive,
480 regional school district, the amount so forfeited shall be withheld by
481 the Department of Education from the grants payable pursuant to this
482 section to the towns which are members of such regional school
483 district. The amounts deducted from such grants to each member town
484 shall be proportional to the number of resident students in each
485 member town. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, the
486 State Board of Education may waive such forfeiture upon agreement
487 with the town or kindergarten to grade twelve, inclusive, regional
488 school district that the town or kindergarten to grade twelve, inclusive,
489 regional school district shall increase its budgeted appropriation for
490 education during the fiscal year in which the forfeiture would occur by
491 an amount not less than the amount of said forfeiture or for other good
492 cause shown. Any additional funds budgeted pursuant to such an
493 agreement shall not be included in a district's budgeted appropriation
494 for education for the purpose of establishing any future minimum
495 budget requirement.

496 Sec. 16. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2011*) The Commissioner of
497 Education, in consultation with the Secretary of the Office of Policy
498 and Management, or the secretary's designee, the local and regional
499 boards of education for the school districts in which a regional
500 vocational-technical school is located and the regional educational
501 service centers serving areas in which such schools are located, shall
502 develop a plan for the transfer of operations of the regional vocational-
503 technical schools to the local or regional boards of education for the
504 school district in which such schools are located or the regional
505 educational service centers serving areas in which such schools are
506 located. Such plan shall include, but not be limited to, (1) a
507 requirement that the transfer of operations of the regional vocational-
508 technical schools shall be completed on or before the school year
509 commencing July 1, 2015, (2) provisions outlining the procedure for the
510 four-year phase-in of the transfer of operations of the regional
511 vocational-technical schools, and (3) a provision allowing the local or
512 regional board of education for the school district in which the regional
513 vocational-technical school is located to vote to inherit the operations
514 of such school, and a provision requiring the regional educational
515 service center serving the school district in which such school is
516 located to inherit the operations of such school if such local or regional
517 board of education votes to not inherit the operations of such school.
518 On or before January 1, 2012, such plan shall be submitted to the
519 Governor.

520 Sec. 17. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2011*) (a) The Department of
521 Education shall, within available appropriations, establish a grant
522 program to provide grants to local and regional boards of education
523 and regional educational service centers for the implementation of the
524 transfer of operations of the regional vocational-technical schools
525 according to the plan developed pursuant to section 16 of this act and
526 for the operational costs of the regional vocational-technical schools.

527 (b) Applications for the grants pursuant to subsection (a) of this
528 section shall be filed with the Commissioner of Education at such time

529 and in such manner as the commissioner prescribes. As part of the
530 application, an applicant shall submit a plan for the expenditure of
531 grant funds.

532 (c) The Department of Education shall develop and apply
533 appropriate evaluation procedures to measure the effectiveness of the
534 grant program established pursuant to this section.

535 (d) For purposes of carrying out the provisions of this section, the
536 Department of Education may use federal funding or accept funds
537 from private sources.

538 (e) The Department of Education shall provide grant recipients with
539 technical assistance, evaluation, program monitoring, professional
540 development and accreditation support.

541 (f) Grant recipients shall file expenditure reports with the
542 Commissioner of Education at such time and in such manner as the
543 commissioner prescribes. Grant recipients shall refund (1) any
544 unexpended amounts at the close of the school year for which the
545 grant was awarded, and (2) any amounts not expended in accordance
546 with the approved grant application.

547 Sec. 18. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2011*) (a) The transfer of the regional
548 vocational-technical schools' operations to the local or regional board
549 of education for the school district in which such school is located or
550 the regional educational service center serving the school district in
551 which such school is located, in accordance with the plan developed
552 pursuant to section 16 of this act, shall not affect the existing
553 agreement between the State Board of Education and the exclusive
554 bargaining representative, chosen pursuant to subsection (b) of section
555 10-153 of the general statutes, for persons employed in the regional
556 vocational-technical school system. Upon the termination of such
557 agreement, any person employed at a regional vocational-technical
558 school prior to the transfer of such regional vocational-technical
559 school's operations to the local or regional board of education for the

560 school district in which such school is located or the regional
561 educational service center serving the school district in which such
562 school is located shall remain a member of the unit for the exclusive
563 bargaining representative for the regional vocational-technical schools,
564 in accordance with section 5-275 of the general statutes, as amended by
565 this act.

566 (b) Any person hired to work at a regional vocational-technical
567 school after such school's operations have been transferred to a local or
568 regional board of education or a regional educational service center
569 shall become a member of the unit for the exclusive bargaining
570 representative, chosen pursuant to subsection (b) of section 10-153 of
571 the general statutes, for the local or regional board of education for the
572 school district in which such school is located or the regional
573 educational service center serving the school district in which such
574 school is located.

575 Sec. 19. Section 10-1 of the general statutes is repealed and the
576 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

577 [(a) (1) Prior to July 1, 1998, the State Board of Education shall
578 consist of nine members. On and after July 1, 1998, but prior to July 1,
579 2010, the State Board of Education shall consist of eleven members,
580 two of whom shall be nonvoting student members.

581 (2) On and after July 1, 2010, but prior to April 1, 2011, the State
582 Board of Education shall consist of thirteen members, at least two of
583 whom shall have experience in manufacturing or a trade offered at the
584 regional vocational-technical schools or be alumni of or have served as
585 educators at a regional vocational-technical school and two of whom
586 shall be nonvoting student members. Only those members with
587 experience in manufacturing or a trade offered at the regional
588 vocational-technical schools or are alumni of or have served as
589 educators at a regional vocational-technical school shall be eligible to
590 serve as the chairperson for the regional vocational-technical school
591 subcommittee of the board.

592 (3) On and after April 1, 2011, the State Board of Education shall
593 consist of thirteen members, (A) at least two of whom shall have
594 experience in manufacturing or a trade offered at the regional
595 vocational-technical schools or be alumni of or have served as
596 educators at a regional vocational-technical school, (B) at least one of
597 whom shall have experience in agriculture or be an alumni of or have
598 served as an educator at a regional agricultural science and technology
599 education center, and (C) two of whom shall be nonvoting student
600 members. Only those members described in subparagraph (A) of this
601 subdivision shall be eligible to serve as the chairperson for the regional
602 vocational-technical school subcommittee of the board.]

603 [(b)] Prior to July 1, 1998, the State Board of Education shall consist
604 of nine members. On and after July 1, 1998, the State Board of
605 Education shall consist of eleven members, two of whom shall be
606 nonvoting student members. The Governor shall appoint, with the
607 advice and consent of the General Assembly, the members of said
608 board, provided each student member (1) is on the list submitted to the
609 Governor pursuant to section 10-2a, (2) is enrolled in a public high
610 school in the state, (3) has completed eleventh grade prior to the
611 commencement of his term, (4) has at least a B plus average, and (5)
612 provides at least three references from teachers in the school he is
613 attending. The [nonstudent] nine voting members shall serve for terms
614 of four years commencing on March first in the year of their
615 appointment. The student members shall serve for terms of one year
616 commencing on July first in the year of their appointment. The
617 Commissioner of Higher Education shall serve as an ex-officio member
618 without a vote. Any vacancy in said State Board of Education shall be
619 filled in the manner provided in section 4-19.

620 Sec. 20. Section 10-95h of the general statutes is repealed and the
621 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

622 [(a)] Not later than November thirtieth each year, the joint standing
623 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters

624 relating to education, higher education and employment advancement
625 and labor shall meet with the superintendent of the regional
626 vocational-technical school system, the director of the Office of
627 Workforce Competitiveness, the Labor Commissioner and such other
628 persons as they deem appropriate to consider the items submitted
629 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

630 (b) On or before November fifteenth, annually:

631 (1) The director of the Office of Workforce Competitiveness and the
632 Labor Commissioner shall each submit the following to the joint
633 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
634 matters relating to education, higher education and employment
635 advancement and labor: (A) Information identifying general economic
636 trends in the state; (B) occupational information regarding the public
637 and private sectors, such as continuous data on occupational
638 movements; and (C) information identifying emerging regional, state
639 and national workforce needs over the next thirty years.

640 (2) The superintendent of the vocational-technical school system
641 shall submit the following to the joint standing committees of the
642 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education,
643 higher education and employment advancement and labor: (A)
644 Information ensuring that the curriculum of the regional vocational-
645 technical school system is incorporating those workforce skills that will
646 be needed for the next thirty years, as identified by the director of the
647 Office of Workforce Competitiveness and the Labor Commissioner in
648 subdivision (1) of this subsection, into the regional vocational-technical
649 schools; (B) information regarding the employment status of students
650 who graduate from the regional vocational-technical school system;
651 (C) an assessment of the adequacy of the resources available to the
652 regional vocational-technical school system as the system develops
653 and refines programs to meet existing and emerging workforce needs;
654 and (D) recommendations to the State Board of Education to carry out
655 the provisions of subparagraphs (A) to (C), inclusive, of this

656 subdivision.]

657 There is established a state-wide advisory committee, which shall
658 meet at least semiannually, to (1) identify emerging state and national
659 workforce needs and any trade technology programs that could be
660 offered at the regional vocational-technical schools to meet such
661 workforce needs, (2) identify the workforce skills that will be needed
662 for the next thirty years and incorporate the education and
663 development of such workforce skills into the curriculum of the
664 regional vocational-technical schools, (3) ensure that all students who
665 graduate from regional vocational-technical schools have
666 communication, leadership, teamwork and problem-solving skills, in
667 addition to expertise in a trade technology, (4) assess the adequacy of
668 the resources available to regional vocational-technical schools as such
669 schools develop and refine programs to meet existing and emerging
670 workforce needs, and (5) advise and make recommendations to the
671 State Board of Education to carry out the provisions of subdivisions (1)
672 to (4), inclusive, of this section. The committee shall consist of the
673 following members: (A) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of
674 Representatives, who shall be representatives of business, holding the
675 title of chief executive officer, president, chief operating officer or the
676 equivalents thereof, drawn from key industry, service and
677 manufacturing firms with five hundred or more full-time employees;
678 (B) two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of
679 whom shall be a representative of business, holding the title of chief
680 executive officer, president, chief operating officer or the equivalents
681 thereof, drawn from key industry, service and manufacturing firms
682 with five hundred or more full-time employees and one of whom shall
683 be a teacher at a regional vocational-technical school; (C) one
684 appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives who
685 shall be a representative of business, holding the title of chief executive
686 officer, president, chief operating officer or the equivalents thereof,
687 drawn from key industry, service and manufacturing firms with more
688 than fifty, but fewer than five hundred full-time employees; (D) one
689 appointed by the majority leader of the Senate who shall be a

690 representative of business, holding the title of chief executive officer,
691 president, chief operating officer or the equivalents thereof, drawn
692 from key industry, service and manufacturing firms with more than
693 fifty, but fewer than five hundred full-time employees; (E) one
694 appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives who
695 shall be a representative of business, holding the title of chief executive
696 officer, president, chief operating officer or the equivalents thereof,
697 drawn from key industry, service and manufacturing firms with more
698 than fifty, but fewer than five hundred full-time employees; (F) one
699 appointed by the minority leader of the Senate who shall be a
700 representative of business, holding the title of chief executive officer,
701 president, chief operating officer or the equivalents thereof, drawn
702 from key industry, service and manufacturing firms with fifty or fewer
703 full-time employees; (G) two persons appointed by the Governor who
704 shall be representatives of business, holding the title of chief executive
705 officer, president, chief operating officer or the equivalents thereof,
706 drawn from key industry, service and manufacturing firms with fifty
707 or fewer full-time employees; (H) the Commissioner of Education, or
708 the commissioner's designee; (I) the Labor Commissioner, or the
709 commissioner's designee; (J) the Commissioner of Economic and
710 Community Development, or the commissioner's designee; (K) a
711 representative from the Office of Workforce Competitiveness; (L) the
712 chairperson of the State Board of Education, or the chairperson's
713 designee; and (M) the cochairpersons and ranking members of the joint
714 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
715 matters relating to education. The committee membership shall reflect
716 the state's geographic, racial and ethnic diversity.

717 Sec. 21. Section 3-20f of the general statutes is repealed and the
718 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

719 [(a)] Notwithstanding section 3-20, to the extent there is a sufficient
720 balance of bonds approved by the General Assembly pursuant to any
721 bond act for the purposes of agricultural land preservation programs
722 established pursuant to section 22-26cc or 22-26jj, but not allocated by

723 the State Bond Commission, said commission shall vote on whether to
724 authorize the issuance of at least five million dollars of such bonds for
725 the purposes described in said sections at each of said commission's
726 regularly scheduled meetings occurring in August and February of
727 each year. If no meeting is held in said months, said commission shall
728 vote on whether to authorize the issuance of such bonds at its next
729 regularly scheduled meeting. To the extent there is a sufficient balance
730 of bonds so approved by the General Assembly and there are pending
731 agricultural land preservation transactions in excess of five million
732 dollars, the Commissioner of Agriculture may request, and the State
733 Bond Commission shall vote on whether to authorize the issuance of,
734 bonds in excess of five million dollars. To the extent the balance of
735 bonds so approved by the General Assembly is below five million
736 dollars at the time of said commission's August or February meetings,
737 said commission shall vote on whether to authorize the issuance of the
738 remaining balance of such bonds.

739 [(b) Notwithstanding section 3-20, to the extent there is a sufficient
740 balance of bonds approved by the General Assembly pursuant to any
741 bond act for the purposes of general maintenance and trade and
742 capital equipment for any school in the regional vocational-technical
743 school system, but not allocated by the State Bond Commission, said
744 commission shall vote on whether to authorize the issuance of at least
745 two million dollars of such bonds for such maintenance and
746 equipment at each of said commission's regularly scheduled meetings
747 occurring in August and February of each year. If no meeting is held in
748 said months, said commission shall vote on whether to authorize the
749 issuance of such bonds at its next regularly scheduled meeting. To the
750 extent there is a sufficient balance of bonds so approved by the General
751 Assembly and there are pending general maintenance and trade and
752 capital equipment transactions in excess of two million dollars, the
753 superintendent of the regional vocational-technical school system may
754 request, and the State Bond Commission shall vote on whether to
755 authorize the issuance of, bonds in excess of two million dollars. To the
756 extent the balance of bonds so approved by the General Assembly is

757 below two million dollars at the time of said commission's August or
758 February meetings, said commission shall vote on whether to
759 authorize the issuance of the remaining balance of such bonds.]

760 Sec. 22. Section 10-99g of the general statutes is repealed and the
761 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

762 [(a) The] Prior to the transfer of operations of the regional
763 vocational-technical schools to the local or regional boards of
764 education for the school district in which any such school is located or
765 the regional educational service center serving the school district in
766 which such school is located, pursuant to the plan described in section
767 16 of this act, the superintendent of the regional vocational-technical
768 school system shall biannually submit the operating budget and
769 expenses for each individual regional vocational-technical school, in
770 accordance with section 11-4a, to the Secretary of the Office of Policy
771 and Management, the director of the legislative Office of Fiscal
772 Analysis and to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
773 having cognizance of matters relating to education.

774 [(b) The superintendent of the regional vocational-technical school
775 system shall make available and update on the regional vocational-
776 technical school system web site and the web site of each regional
777 vocational-technical school the operating budget for the current school
778 year of each individual regional vocational-technical school.]

779 Sec. 23. Subsection (t) of section 1-79 of the general statutes is
780 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
781 *1, 2011*):

782 (t) "State agency" means any office, department, board, council,
783 commission, institution, constituent unit of the state system of higher
784 education, regional vocational-technical school operated by the State
785 Board of Education or other agency in the executive, legislative or
786 judicial branch of state government.

787 Sec. 24. Section 1-84d of the general statutes is repealed and the
788 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

789 Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, for purposes
790 of this chapter, no foundation or alumni association established for the
791 benefit of a constituent unit of public higher education or regional
792 vocational-technical school shall be deemed to be doing business with
793 or seeking to do business with such constituent unit of public higher
794 education or regional vocational-technical school.

795 Sec. 25. Subsection (w) of section 1-91 of the general statutes is
796 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
797 *1, 2011*):

798 (w) "State agency" means any office, department, board, council,
799 commission, institution, constituent unit of the state system of higher
800 education, regional vocational-technical school operated by the State
801 Board of Education or other agency in the executive, legislative or
802 judicial branch of state government.

803 Sec. 26. Section 4-124z of the general statutes is repealed and the
804 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

805 (a) The Office of Workforce Competitiveness, the Labor
806 Commissioner, the Commissioners of Economic and Community
807 Development, Education and Social Services, the Secretary of the
808 Office of Policy and Management and the Chancellor of the regional
809 community-technical colleges, in consultation with the [superintendent
810 of the] principles of regional vocational-technical [school system]
811 schools and one member of industry representing each of the economic
812 clusters identified by the Commissioner of Economic and Community
813 Development pursuant to section 32-1m shall (1) review, evaluate and,
814 as necessary, recommend improvements for certification and degree
815 programs offered by [the] regional vocational-technical [school system]
816 schools and the community-technical college system to ensure that
817 such programs meet the employment needs of business and industry,

818 and (2) develop strategies to strengthen the linkage between skill
819 standards for education and training and the employment needs of
820 business and industry.

821 (b) Not later than January 1, 2002, and annually thereafter, the
822 Commissioner of Education shall report, in accordance with section 11-
823 4a, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
824 cognizance of matters relating to education, commerce, labor and
825 higher education and employment advancement on (1) the
826 implementation of any recommended programs or strategies [within
827 the] at regional vocational-technical [school system] schools or the
828 community-technical college system to strengthen the linkage between
829 vocational-technical and community-technical college certification and
830 degree programs and the employment needs of business and industry,
831 and (2) any certification or degree programs offered by regional
832 vocational-technical schools or community-technical colleges that do
833 not meet current industry standards.

834 Sec. 27. Section 4-124gg of the general statutes is repealed and the
835 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

836 Not later than October 1, 2005, the Office of Workforce
837 Competitiveness, in consultation with the [superintendent] principals
838 of the regional vocational-technical [school system] schools, shall
839 create an integrated system of state-wide industry advisory
840 committees for each career cluster offered [as part of] at the regional
841 vocational-technical [school] schools and regional community-
842 technical [college systems] colleges. Said committees shall include
843 industry representatives of the specific career cluster. Each committee
844 for a career cluster shall, with support from the Office of Workforce
845 Competitiveness, regional vocational-technical [and] schools, regional
846 community-technical college [systems] system and the Department of
847 Education, establish specific skills standards, corresponding
848 curriculum and a career ladder for the cluster which shall be
849 implemented as part of the schools' core curriculum.

850 Sec. 28. Subsection (a) of section 4-124hh of the general statutes is
851 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
852 *1, 2011*):

853 (a) The Office of Workforce Competitiveness shall, within available
854 appropriations, establish a grant program to provide a flexible source
855 of funding for the creation and generation of talent in institutions of
856 higher education and, with appropriate connections to regional
857 vocational-technical schools and other secondary schools, for student
858 outreach and development. Grants pursuant to this subsection shall be
859 awarded to institutions of higher education and may be used to:

860 (1) Upgrade instructional laboratories to meet specific industry-
861 standard laboratory and instrumentation skill requirements;

862 (2) Develop new curriculum and certificate and degree programs at
863 the associate, bachelor's, master's and doctorate levels, tied to industry
864 identified needs;

865 (3) Develop seamlessly articulated career development programs in
866 workforce shortage areas forecasted pursuant to subdivision (10) of
867 subsection (b) of section 4-124w in collaboration with regional
868 vocational-technical schools and other secondary schools and
869 institutions of higher education;

870 (4) Support undergraduate and graduate student research projects
871 and experimental learning activities; and

872 (5) Establish a nanotechnology post-secondary education program
873 and clearinghouse for curriculum development, scholarships and
874 student outreach.

875 Sec. 29. Subsection (b) of section 4a-11a of the general statutes is
876 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
877 *1, 2011*):

878 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the

879 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be deposited in the
880 Capital Equipment Purchase Fund created by section 4a-9. Any such
881 proceeds shall be allocated to the Department of Education for [state]
882 the grant program, established pursuant to section 17 of this act, for
883 the regional vocational-technical schools and satellites of such schools.

884 Sec. 30. Subsection (b) of section 5-275 of the general statutes is
885 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
886 *1, 2011*):

887 (b) The board shall determine the appropriateness of a unit which
888 shall be the public employer unit or a subdivision thereof. In
889 determining the appropriateness of the unit, the board shall: (1) Take
890 into consideration, but shall not limit consideration to, the following:
891 (A) Public employees must have an identifiable community of interest,
892 and (B) the effects of overfragmentation; (2) not decide that any unit is
893 appropriate if (A) such unit includes both professional and
894 nonprofessional employees, unless a majority of such professional
895 employees vote for inclusion in such unit, or (B) such unit includes
896 both Department of Correction employees at or above the level of
897 lieutenant and Department of Correction employees below the level of
898 lieutenant; (3) take into consideration that when the state is the
899 employer, it will be bargaining on a state-wide basis unless issues
900 involve working conditions peculiar to a given governmental
901 employment locale; (4) permit the faculties of (A) The University of
902 Connecticut, (B) the Connecticut State University System, and (C) the
903 [state] regional vocational-technical schools, in accordance with the
904 provisions of section 18 of this act, to each comprise a separate unit,
905 which in each case shall have the right to bargain collectively with
906 their respective boards of trustees or their designated representatives;
907 and (5) permit the community college faculty and the technical college
908 faculty as they existed prior to July 1, 1992, to continue to comprise
909 separate units, which in each case shall have the right to bargain
910 collectively with its board of trustees or its designated representative.
911 Nonfaculty professional staff of the above institutions may by mutual

912 agreement be included in such bargaining units, or they may form a
913 separate bargaining unit of their own. This section shall not be deemed
914 to prohibit multiunit bargaining.

915 Sec. 31. Section 8-265pp of the general statutes is repealed and the
916 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

917 The Connecticut Housing Finance Authority shall develop and
918 administer a program of mortgage assistance to certified teachers (1)
919 employed by priority school districts pursuant to section 10-266p, (2)
920 employed by transitional school districts pursuant to section 10-263c,
921 (3) employed [by] at regional vocational-technical schools located in
922 such priority or transitional school districts, or (4) who teach in a
923 subject matter shortage area pursuant to section 10-8b. Such assistance
924 shall be available to eligible teachers for the purchase of a house as
925 their principal residence, provided, in the case of a teacher employed
926 by a priority or a transitional school district, or [by] at a regional
927 vocational-technical school located in a priority or transitional school
928 district, the house is located in such district. In making mortgage
929 assistance available under the program, the authority shall utilize
930 down payment assistance or any other appropriate housing subsidies.
931 The terms of any mortgage assistance shall allow the mortgagee to
932 realize a reasonable portion of the equity gain upon sale of the
933 mortgaged property.

934 Sec. 32. Subsection (b) of section 10-9 of the general statutes is
935 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
936 *1, 2011*):

937 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,
938 the State Board of Education may receive in the name of the state any
939 money or property given or bequeathed to the State Board of
940 Education or to any of the regional vocational-technical schools
941 operated by the State Board of Education. Said board shall transfer any
942 such money to the State Treasurer who shall invest the money in
943 accordance with the provisions of section 3-31a. Said board may use

944 any such property for educational purposes.

945 Sec. 33. Section 10-15d of the general statutes is repealed and the
946 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

947 For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1987, and annually thereafter,
948 all provisions of the general statutes concerning education, except
949 those provisions relating to the eligibility for noncompetitive state aid
950 unless otherwise provided, shall apply to the operation of the State of
951 Connecticut-Unified School District #2 established pursuant to section
952 17a-37 within the Department of Children and Families, State of
953 Connecticut-Unified School District #1 established pursuant to section
954 18-99a within the Department of Correction and State of Connecticut-
955 Unified School District #3 established pursuant to section 17a-240
956 within the Department of Developmental Services. All provisions of
957 the general statutes concerning education, except those provisions
958 relating to the eligibility for state aid unless otherwise provided, shall
959 apply to the operation of the regional vocational-technical schools
960 operated by the State Board of Education established pursuant to the
961 provisions of section 10-95, as amended by this act. Notwithstanding
962 the provisions of this section, where such a school or school district
963 shows that a particular statutory provision should not apply, the
964 commissioner may grant an exception.

965 Sec. 34. Section 10-19d of the general statutes is repealed and the
966 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

967 The Department of Education shall establish, within available
968 appropriations, a high school mathematics and science challenge pilot
969 program, which uses student performance results for mathematics and
970 science on the state-wide tenth grade mastery examination given in
971 accordance with the provisions of section 10-14n, to design and
972 implement mathematics and science curricula for students in the
973 eleventh grade in the public high schools, including regional
974 vocational-technical schools. For purposes of the program, the
975 Commissioner of Education may award grants to local and regional

976 boards of education and regional vocational-technical schools operated
977 by the State Board of Education or a regional educational service center
978 for demonstration projects. Local and regional boards of education and
979 regional vocational-technical schools operated by the State Board of
980 Education or a regional educational service center seeking to
981 participate in the pilot program shall apply to the department at such
982 time and in such manner as the commissioner prescribes. The
983 commissioner shall select a diverse group of participants based on the
984 population, geographic location and economic characteristics of the
985 local or regional school district or regional vocational-technical school
986 operated by the State Board of Education or a regional educational
987 service center. Local and regional boards of education and regional
988 vocational-technical schools operated by the State Board of Education
989 or a regional educational service center awarded grants under the
990 program shall use grant funds for expenses for developing and
991 implementing an instructional program in the mathematics and
992 science subject areas targeting students who did not meet or exceed the
993 level of proficiency in mathematics or science on such state-wide tenth
994 grade mastery examination, and conduct an evaluation of the
995 program, including an analysis of student testing performance before
996 and after participation in the program.

997 Sec. 35. Section 10-19e of the general statutes is repealed and the
998 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

999 The Department of Education shall establish, within available
1000 appropriations, a "Future Scholars" pilot matching grant program for
1001 public schools participating in externally funded programs that
1002 provide supplemental mathematics and science programming and
1003 instruction to students in grades eight to ten, inclusive, who scored
1004 above the level of basic and below the level of proficiency on the
1005 mastery examinations given during the previous year in accordance
1006 with the provisions of section 10-14n. The Commissioner of Education,
1007 for purposes of the program, may award grants to local and regional
1008 boards of education and regional vocational-technical schools operated

1009 by the State Board of Education or a regional educational service center
1010 for demonstration projects. Boards of education and regional
1011 vocational-technical schools seeking to participate in the pilot program
1012 shall apply to the department at such time and in such form as the
1013 commissioner prescribes. The commissioner shall select participants
1014 based on the quality of proposed programs and evidence of
1015 commitment by businesses supporting the project. Local and regional
1016 boards of education and regional vocational-technical schools operated
1017 by the State Board of Education or a regional educational service center
1018 awarded grants under the program shall use grant funds for
1019 development and implementation of an interdisciplinary mathematics,
1020 science and technology curriculum, including the establishment and
1021 staffing of mathematics and science laboratories, in middle and high
1022 schools that have demonstrated support and involvement by local or
1023 state-wide mathematics, science or technology intensive businesses in
1024 the state.

1025 Sec. 36. Subsection (a) of section 10-20a of the general statutes is
1026 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
1027 *1, 2011*):

1028 (a) Local and regional boards of education, [the] regional vocational-
1029 technical [school system] schools operated by the State Board of
1030 Education or a regional educational service center, postsecondary
1031 institutions and regional educational service centers, may (1) in
1032 consultation with regional workforce development boards established
1033 pursuant to section 31-3k, local employers, labor organizations and
1034 community-based organizations establish career pathway programs
1035 leading to a Connecticut career certificate in accordance with this
1036 section, and (2) enroll students in such programs based on entry
1037 criteria determined by the establishing agency. Such programs shall be
1038 approved by the Commissioner of Education and the Labor
1039 Commissioner. Applications for program approval shall be submitted
1040 to the Commissioner of Education in such form and at such time as the
1041 commissioner prescribes. All programs leading to a Connecticut career

1042 certificate shall provide equal access for all students and necessary
1043 accommodations and support for students with disabilities.

1044 Sec. 37. Section 10-21g of the general statutes is repealed and the
1045 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

1046 The Department of Education shall establish, within available
1047 appropriations, a "Generation Next" pilot program to provide
1048 industry-based job shadowing and internship experiences to high
1049 school students and externship experiences to teachers in the public
1050 schools, including the regional vocational-technical schools. The
1051 Commissioner of Education, for purposes of the program, may award
1052 grants to local and regional boards of education, regional vocational-
1053 technical schools operated by the State Board of Education or a
1054 regional educational service center or state-wide or local business
1055 associations, in partnership with such boards of education or schools,
1056 for demonstration projects. [Boards] Local and regional boards of
1057 education, regional vocational-technical schools operated by the State
1058 Board of Education or a regional educational service center or business
1059 associations seeking to participate in the pilot program shall apply to
1060 the department at such time and in such form as the commissioner
1061 prescribes. The commissioner shall select a diverse group of
1062 participants based on the population, geographic location and
1063 economic characteristics of the school district or school. Local and
1064 regional boards of education, regional vocational-technical schools
1065 operated by the State Board of Education or a regional educational
1066 service center or business associations awarded grants under the
1067 program shall use grant funds for developing and implementing a
1068 coordinated high school level teacher externship and student job
1069 shadowing and internship program with science or mathematics or
1070 with technology intensive businesses in the state.

1071 Sec. 38. Section 10-66p of the general statutes is repealed and the
1072 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

1073 Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 4-98, 4-212 to 4-219,

1074 inclusive, 4a-51 and 4a-57, the Commissioner of Education may
1075 allocate funds to allow regional educational service centers and state
1076 education organizations to provide professional development services,
1077 technical assistance and evaluation activities to local and regional
1078 boards of education, state charter schools, regional vocational-technical
1079 schools operated by the State Board of Education or a regional
1080 educational service center, school readiness providers and other
1081 educational entities, as determined by the commissioner. Regional
1082 educational service centers and state education organizations shall
1083 expend such funds in accordance with procedures and conditions
1084 prescribed by the commissioner. For purposes of this section, state
1085 education organizations may include, but not be limited to,
1086 organizations or associations representing superintendents, boards of
1087 education and elementary and secondary schools.

1088 Sec. 39. Subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of section 10-69 of the
1089 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1090 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

1091 (2) Credit for successful completion of courses taken for credit at
1092 state-accredited institutions, including public and private community
1093 colleges, technical colleges, community-technical colleges, four-year
1094 colleges and universities and approved public and private high schools
1095 and regional vocational-technical schools;

1096 Sec. 40. Subsection (c) of section 10-74d of the general statutes is
1097 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
1098 *1, 2011*):

1099 (c) The Department of Education may retain (1) up to one per cent
1100 of the amount appropriated for interdistrict cooperative grants
1101 pursuant to this section for state-wide technical assistance, program
1102 monitoring and evaluation, and administration, and (2) up to one per
1103 cent of such amount for use by the regional vocational-technical
1104 schools operated by the State Board of Education for interdistrict
1105 summer school, weekend and after-school programs.

1106 Sec. 41. Section 10-76q of the general statutes is repealed and the
1107 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

1108 (a) The State Board of Education, in accordance with regulations
1109 adopted by said board, shall: (1) Provide the professional services
1110 necessary to identify, in accordance with section 10-76a, children
1111 requiring special education who are enrolled at [state] regional
1112 vocational-technical schools operated by the State Board of Education,
1113 in accordance with section 10-95, as amended by this act; (2) identify
1114 each such child; (3) determine the appropriateness of the [state]
1115 regional vocational-technical school operated by the State Board of
1116 Education for the educational needs of each such child; (4) provide an
1117 appropriate educational program for each such child; (5) maintain a
1118 record thereof; and (6) annually evaluate the progress and
1119 accomplishments of special education programs at the [state] regional
1120 vocational-technical schools operated by the State Board of Education.

1121 (b) Where it is deemed appropriate that a child enrolled in a [state]
1122 regional vocational-technical school operated by the State Board of
1123 Education receive special education, the parents or guardian of such
1124 child shall have a right to the hearing and appeal process as provided
1125 for in section 10-76h.

1126 (c) If a planning and placement team determines that a student
1127 requires special education services which preclude such student's
1128 participation in the vocational education program offered by a regional
1129 vocational-technical school operated by the State Board of Education,
1130 the student shall be referred to the board of education in the town in
1131 which the student resides for the development of an individualized
1132 educational program and such board of education shall be responsible
1133 for the implementation and financing of such program.

1134 Sec. 42. Section 10-95 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1135 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

1136 (a) [The] Prior to July 1, 2015, the State Board of Education may

1137 establish and maintain a state-wide system of regional vocational-
1138 technical schools offering full-time, part-time and evening programs in
1139 vocational, technical and technological education and training. The
1140 board may make regulations controlling the admission of students to
1141 any such school. The Commissioner of Education, in accordance with
1142 policies established by the board, may appoint and remove members
1143 of the staffs of such schools and make rules for the management of and
1144 expend the funds provided for the support of such schools. The board
1145 may enter into cooperative arrangements with local and regional
1146 boards of education, private occupational schools, institutions of
1147 higher education, job training agencies and employers in order to
1148 provide general education, vocational, technical or technological
1149 education or work experience. On or before January 1, 2012, the board
1150 shall develop a plan, in accordance with the provisions of section 16 of
1151 this act, to transfer the operations of the regional vocational-technical
1152 schools to the local or regional boards of education for the school
1153 district in which any such school is located or the regional educational
1154 service center serving the school district in which such school is
1155 located.

1156 (b) [If] Prior to July 1, 2015, if the New England Association of
1157 Schools and Colleges places a regional vocational-technical school
1158 operated by the State Board of Education on probation or otherwise
1159 notifies the superintendent of the vocational-technical school system
1160 that [a] such regional vocational-technical school is at risk of losing its
1161 accreditation, the Commissioner of Education shall notify the joint
1162 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
1163 matters relating to education of such placement or problems relating to
1164 accreditation.

1165 (c) [The] Prior to July 1, 2012, the State Board of Education shall
1166 establish specific achievement goals for students at the vocational-
1167 technical schools operated by the board at each grade level. The board
1168 shall measure the performance of each such vocational-technical
1169 school and shall identify a set of quantifiable measures to be used. The

1170 measures shall include factors such as performance on the state-wide
1171 tenth grade mastery examination under section 10-14n, trade-related
1172 assessment tests, dropout rates and graduation rates.

1173 Sec. 43. Section 10-95a of the general statutes is repealed and the
1174 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

1175 [The] Prior to July 1, 2012, the State Board of Education shall
1176 establish a student activity program at each of the state regional
1177 vocational-technical schools operated by the board. Such programs
1178 shall consist of athletic and nonathletic activities. State funds may be
1179 expended for the purposes of this section.

1180 Sec. 44. Section 10-95i of the general statutes is repealed and the
1181 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

1182 (a) Not later than January 1, 1990, and every five years thereafter
1183 until January 1, 2015, the State Board of Education shall adopt a long-
1184 range plan of priorities and goals for the regional vocational-technical
1185 [school system] schools operated by the board. The plan shall address
1186 coordination with other providers of vocational, technical or
1187 technological education or training and shall include (1) an analysis of
1188 the activities described in subsections (b) and (c) of this section and
1189 how such activities relate to the long-range plan of priorities and goals,
1190 and (2) a summary of activities related to capital improvements and
1191 equipment pursuant to subsection (d) of this section. Upon adoption of
1192 the plan, the state board shall file the plan with the joint standing
1193 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
1194 relating to education, finance, revenue and bonding and
1195 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies. The state board shall
1196 use the plan in preparing its five-year comprehensive plan pursuant to
1197 subsection (c) of section 10-4.

1198 (b) During the five-year period beginning January 1, 1990, and
1199 during each five-year period thereafter until January 1, 2015, the State
1200 Board of Education shall evaluate each existing regional vocational-

1201 technical school trade program in those schools operated by the board
1202 in accordance with a schedule which the state board shall establish. A
1203 trade program may be reauthorized for a period of not more than five
1204 years following each evaluation on the basis of: The projected
1205 employment demand for students enrolled in the trade program,
1206 including consideration of the employment of graduates of the
1207 program during the preceding five years; anticipated technological
1208 changes; the availability of qualified instructors; the existence of
1209 similar programs at other educational institutions; and student interest
1210 in the trade program. As part of the evaluation, the state board shall
1211 consider geographic differences that may make a trade program
1212 feasible at one school and not another and whether certain
1213 combinations of program offerings shall be required. Prior to any final
1214 decision on the reauthorization of a trade program, the state board
1215 shall consult with the craft committees for the trade program being
1216 evaluated.

1217 (c) The state board shall consider the addition of new trade
1218 programs. Decisions by the state board to add such programs shall at a
1219 minimum be based on the projected employment demand for
1220 graduates of the program, the cost of establishing the program, the
1221 availability of qualified instructors, the existence of similar programs
1222 at other educational institutions and the interest of students in the
1223 trade. The state board shall authorize new trade programs for a
1224 maximum of five years. The state board shall provide a process for the
1225 public, including, but not limited to, employers, parents, students or
1226 teachers, to request consideration of the establishment of a new trade
1227 program.

1228 (d) The State Board of Education shall maintain a rolling five-year
1229 capital improvement and capital equipment plan that identifies: (1)
1230 Alterations, renovations and repairs that each vocational-technical
1231 school is expected to need, including, but not limited to, grounds and
1232 athletic fields, heating and ventilation systems, wiring, roofs, and
1233 windows, and the cost of such projects, (2) recommendations for

1234 energy efficiency improvements to each school and the cost of such
1235 improvements, and (3) the specific equipment each regional
1236 vocational-technical school operated by the board is expected to need,
1237 based on the useful life of existing equipment and projections of
1238 changing technology and the estimated cost of the equipment. The
1239 State Board of Education shall submit such plan, annually, to the joint
1240 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
1241 matters relating to education, finance, revenue and bonding and
1242 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies.

1243 Sec. 45. Section 10-95j of the general statutes is repealed and the
1244 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

1245 The State Board of Education shall include in the report required
1246 pursuant to section 10-95k, as amended by this act, a summary of the
1247 following:

1248 (1) Admissions policies for the regional vocational-technical schools
1249 operated by the board;

1250 (2) Recruitment and retention of faculty;

1251 (3) Efforts to strengthen consideration of the needs of and to
1252 develop greater public awareness of the regional vocational-technical
1253 schools operated by the board; and

1254 (4) Efforts to strengthen the role of school craft committees and
1255 increase employer participation.

1256 Sec. 46. Section 10-95k of the general statutes is repealed and the
1257 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

1258 (a) Not later than January 1, 1995, and biennially thereafter until
1259 January 1, 2015, the State Board of Education shall prepare a summary
1260 report concerning the regional vocational-technical [school system]
1261 schools operated by the board and shall submit the report to the joint
1262 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of

1263 matters relating to education. The report shall include demographic
1264 information for the preceding two school years on applicants for
1265 admission, students enrolled and graduates, and a summary of the
1266 capital and operating expenditures. Such information shall be
1267 provided for [the] each regional vocational-technical school [system
1268 and for each regional vocational-technical school and satellite facility]
1269 and satellite facility operated by the board. Enrollment information
1270 shall be reported by race and sex and by specific trade programs.
1271 Applicant information shall include the number of applicants, the
1272 number accepted and the number enrolled reported by race and sex.
1273 Enrollment capacity for each such school and projected enrollment
1274 capacity for the subsequent school year shall be developed on the basis
1275 of a standardized format and shall be reported for each such school
1276 and satellite facility. The report shall also include assessment of
1277 student outcomes including, but not limited to, mastery examination
1278 results pursuant to section 10-14n, retention and completion rates, and
1279 postsecondary education or employment based on graduate follow-up
1280 and, for purposes of employment placement, state unemployment
1281 insurance wage records.

1282 (b) Reports prepared and submitted pursuant to subsection (a) of
1283 this section on and after January 1, 1995, shall identify each regional
1284 vocational-technical school operated by the board for which
1285 enrollment on the preceding October first was less than seventy per
1286 cent of the enrollment capacity identified in the report pursuant to this
1287 section for the prior year. For each such school the report shall include
1288 an analysis of: (1) The reasons for such enrollment, including, but not
1289 limited to, the interest in the specific trade programs offered, the
1290 resources needed to serve special education students, demographic
1291 changes and the existence of alternative vocational, technical and
1292 technological educational training programs in the region in which the
1293 school is located; (2) the likelihood that enrollment will increase or
1294 decrease in the future; (3) any alternative uses for unused space in the
1295 facility; and (4) a recommendation on the steps to be taken to improve
1296 enrollment or a timetable for closing the school. In preparing the

1297 analysis, the State Board of Education shall provide an opportunity for
1298 public comment.

1299 Sec. 47. Section 10-95l of the general statutes is repealed and the
1300 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

1301 The Department of Education shall provide in-service training
1302 programs, in accordance with subsection (a) of section 10-220a, for the
1303 teachers, administrators and pupil personnel employed in the regional
1304 vocational-technical schools operated by the State Board of Education
1305 who hold the initial educator, provisional educator or professional
1306 educator certificate. In addition, the department shall provide
1307 programs to enhance the knowledge and skill level of such teachers in
1308 their vocational or technical field.

1309 Sec. 48. Section 10-95n of the general statutes is repealed and the
1310 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

1311 [Each] Prior to July 1, 2015, each regional vocational-technical school
1312 operated by the board shall provide access to directory information
1313 and on-campus recruiting opportunities to representatives of the
1314 armed forces of the United States of America and state armed services
1315 to the extent necessary under federal law to prevent the loss of federal
1316 funds to such school or to the state of Connecticut. The disclosure of
1317 information pursuant to this section shall otherwise be subject to the
1318 provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, as defined in section 1-
1319 200.

1320 Sec. 49. Subsection (e) of section 10-97 of the general statutes is
1321 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
1322 *1, 2011*):

1323 (e) For purposes of this section, a local or regional board of
1324 education shall not be required to expend for transporting a student to
1325 a regional vocational-technical school operated by the board or an
1326 agricultural science and technology education center an amount

1327 greater than six thousand dollars, except that a board of education
1328 shall continue to pay the reasonable and necessary costs of
1329 transporting a student who is enrolled in such a school or center on
1330 July 1, 1996, until such student completes the program at such school
1331 or center.

1332 Sec. 50. Section 10-98a of the general statutes is repealed and the
1333 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

1334 The [director] principal of each regional vocational-technical school
1335 shall meet with members of the business community within the
1336 geographic area served by the regional vocational-technical school to
1337 develop a plan to assess workforce needs and implement curriculum
1338 modifications to address those needs.

1339 Sec. 51. Section 10-99f of the general statutes is repealed and the
1340 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

1341 For the fiscal [year] years ending June 30, 2011, [and each fiscal year
1342 thereafter] to June 30, 2015, inclusive, the budget for [the] regional
1343 vocational-technical [school system] schools operated by the State
1344 Board of Education shall be a separate budgeted agency from the
1345 Department of Education.

1346 Sec. 52. Section 10-215b of the general statutes is repealed and the
1347 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

1348 (a) The State Board of Education is authorized to expend in each
1349 fiscal year an amount equal to (1) the money required pursuant to the
1350 matching requirements of said federal laws and shall disburse the
1351 same in accordance with said laws, and (2) ten cents per lunch served
1352 in the prior school year in accordance with said laws by any local or
1353 regional board of education, [the] regional vocational-technical school
1354 [system] operated by the State Board of Education or a regional
1355 educational service center or governing authority of a state charter
1356 school, interdistrict magnet school or endowed academy approved

1357 pursuant to section 10-34 that participates in the National School
1358 Lunch Program and certifies pursuant to section 10-215f, as amended
1359 by this act, that the nutrition standards established by the Department
1360 of Education pursuant to section 10-215e shall be met.

1361 (b) The State Board of Education shall prescribe the manner and
1362 time of application by such board of education, [the] regional
1363 vocational-technical school [system] operated by the board or a
1364 regional educational service center, such governing authority or
1365 controlling authority of the nonpublic schools for such funds, provided
1366 such application shall include the certification that any funds received
1367 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall be used for the program
1368 approved. The State Board of Education shall determine the eligibility
1369 of the applicant to receive such grants pursuant to regulations
1370 provided in subsection (c) of this section and shall certify to the
1371 Comptroller the amount of the grant for which the board of education,
1372 [the] regional vocational-technical school [system] operated by the
1373 board or a regional educational service center, the governing authority
1374 or the controlling authority of a nonpublic school is eligible. Upon
1375 receipt of such certification, the Comptroller shall draw an order on the
1376 Treasurer in the amount, at the time and to the payee so certified.

1377 (c) The State Board of Education may adopt such regulations as may
1378 be necessary in implementing sections 10-215 to 10-215b, inclusive, as
1379 amended by this act.

1380 (d) The Commissioner of Education shall establish a procedure for
1381 monitoring compliance by boards of education, [the] regional
1382 vocational-technical [school system] schools operated by the board or a
1383 regional educational service center, or governing authorities with
1384 certifications submitted in accordance with section 10-215f, as
1385 amended by this act, and may adjust grant amounts pursuant to
1386 subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section based on failure to
1387 comply with said certification.

1388 Sec. 53. Section 10-215f of the general statutes is repealed and the

1389 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

1390 (a) Each local and regional board of education, [the] regional
1391 vocational-technical school [system] operated by the State Board of
1392 Education or a regional educational service center, and the governing
1393 authority for each state charter school, interdistrict magnet school and
1394 endowed academy approved pursuant to section 10-34 that
1395 participates in the National School Lunch Program shall certify in its
1396 annual application to the Department of Education for school lunch
1397 funding whether, during the school year for which such application is
1398 submitted, all food items made available for sale to students in schools
1399 under its jurisdiction and not exempted from the nutrition standards
1400 published by the Department of Education pursuant to section 10-215e
1401 will meet said standards. Except as otherwise provided in subsection
1402 (b) of this section, such certification shall include food not exempted
1403 from said nutrition standards and offered for sale to students at all
1404 times, and from all sources, including, but not limited to, school stores,
1405 vending machines, school cafeterias, and any fundraising activities on
1406 school premises, whether or not school sponsored.

1407 (b) Each local or regional board of education, [the] regional
1408 vocational-technical school [system] operated by the State Board of
1409 Education or a regional educational service center and each governing
1410 authority that certifies pursuant to this section compliance with the
1411 department's nutrition standards for food may exclude from such
1412 certification the sale to students of food items that do not meet such
1413 standards, provided (1) such sale is in connection with an event
1414 occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend, (2)
1415 such sale is at the location of such event, and (3) such food is not sold
1416 from a vending machine or school store.

1417 Sec. 54. Section 10-220d of the general statutes is repealed and the
1418 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

1419 Each local and regional board of education shall provide full access
1420 to regional vocational-technical schools operated by the State Board of

1421 Education or a regional educational service center, regional
1422 agricultural science and technology education centers, interdistrict
1423 magnet schools, charter schools and interdistrict student attendance
1424 programs for the recruitment of students attending the schools under
1425 the board's jurisdiction, provided such recruitment is not for the
1426 purpose of interscholastic athletic competition.

1427 Sec. 55. Subsection (e) of section 10-233d of the general statutes is
1428 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
1429 *1, 2011*):

1430 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (d) of this section
1431 concerning the provision of an alternative educational opportunity for
1432 pupils between the ages of sixteen and eighteen, local and regional
1433 boards of education shall not be required to offer such alternative to
1434 any pupil between the ages of sixteen and eighteen who is expelled
1435 because of conduct which endangers persons if it is determined at the
1436 expulsion hearing that the conduct for which the pupil is expelled
1437 involved (1) possession of a firearm, as defined in 18 USC 921, as
1438 amended from time to time, or deadly weapon, dangerous instrument
1439 or martial arts weapon, as defined in section 53a-3, on school property
1440 or at a school-sponsored activity, or (2) offering for sale or distribution
1441 on school property or at a school-sponsored activity a controlled
1442 substance, as defined in subdivision (9) of section 21a-240, whose
1443 manufacture, distribution, sale, prescription, dispensing, transporting
1444 or possessing with the intent to sell or dispense, offering, or
1445 administration is subject to criminal penalties under sections 21a-277
1446 and 21a-278. If a pupil is expelled pursuant to this section for
1447 possession of a firearm or deadly weapon the board of education shall
1448 report the violation to the local police department or in the case of a
1449 student enrolled in a regional vocational-technical school operated by
1450 the State Board of Education or a regional educational service center to
1451 the state police. If a pupil is expelled pursuant to this section for the
1452 sale or distribution of such a controlled substance, the board of
1453 education shall refer the pupil to an appropriate state or local agency

1454 for rehabilitation, intervention or job training, or any combination
1455 thereof, and inform the agency of its action. Whenever a local or
1456 regional board of education notifies a pupil between the ages of sixteen
1457 and eighteen or the parents or guardian of such pupil that an
1458 expulsion hearing will be held, the notification shall include a
1459 statement that the board of education is not required to offer an
1460 alternative educational opportunity to any pupil who is found to have
1461 engaged in the conduct described in this subsection.

1462 Sec. 56. Subsection (a) of section 10-235 of the general statutes is
1463 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
1464 *1, 2011*):

1465 (a) Each board of education shall protect and save harmless any
1466 member of such board or any teacher or other employee thereof or any
1467 member of its supervisory or administrative staff, and the State Board
1468 of Education, the Board of Governors of Higher Education, the board
1469 of trustees of each state institution and each state agency which
1470 employs any teacher, and the managing board of any public school, as
1471 defined in section 10-183b, including the governing council of any
1472 charter school, shall protect and save harmless any member of such
1473 boards, or any teacher or other employee thereof or any member of its
1474 supervisory or administrative staff employed by it, from financial loss
1475 and expense, including legal fees and costs, if any, arising out of any
1476 claim, demand, suit or judgment by reason of alleged negligence or
1477 other act resulting in accidental bodily injury to or death of any
1478 person, or in accidental damage to or destruction of property, within
1479 or without the school building, or any other acts, including but not
1480 limited to infringement of any person's civil rights, resulting in any
1481 injury, which acts are not wanton, reckless or malicious, provided such
1482 teacher, member or employee, at the time of the acts resulting in such
1483 injury, damage or destruction, was acting in the discharge of his or her
1484 duties or within the scope of employment or under the direction of
1485 such board of education, the Board of Governors of Higher Education,
1486 board of trustees, state agency, department or managing board;

1487 provided that the provisions of this section shall not limit or otherwise
1488 affect application of section 4-165 concerning immunity from personal
1489 liability. For the purposes of this section, the terms "teacher" and "other
1490 employee" shall include (1) any person who is a cooperating teacher,
1491 teacher mentor or assessor pursuant to section 10-220a, (2) any student
1492 teacher doing practice teaching under the direction of a teacher
1493 employed by a local or regional board of education or by the State
1494 Board of Education or Board of Governors of Higher Education, (3)
1495 any student enrolled in a regional vocational-technical [high] school
1496 operated by the State Board of Education or a regional educational
1497 service center who is engaged in a supervised health-related field
1498 placement program which constitutes all or part of a course of
1499 instruction for credit by [a] such regional vocational-technical school,
1500 provided such health-related field placement program is part of the
1501 curriculum of such regional vocational-technical school, and provided
1502 further such course is a requirement for graduation or professional
1503 licensure or certification, (4) any volunteer approved by a board of
1504 education to carry out a duty prescribed by said board and under the
1505 direction of a certificated staff member including any person,
1506 partnership, limited liability company or corporation providing
1507 students with community-based career education, (5) any volunteer
1508 approved by a board of education to carry out the duties of a school
1509 bus safety monitor as prescribed by said board, (6) any member of the
1510 faculty or staff or any student employed by The University of
1511 Connecticut Health Center or health services, (7) any student enrolled
1512 in a constituent unit of the state system of higher education who is
1513 engaged in a supervised program of field work or clinical practice
1514 which constitutes all or part of a course of instruction for credit by a
1515 constituent unit, provided such course of instruction is part of the
1516 curriculum of a constituent unit, and provided further such course (i)
1517 is a requirement for an academic degree or professional licensure, or
1518 (ii) is offered by the constituent unit in partial fulfillment of its
1519 accreditation obligations, and (8) any student enrolled in a constituent
1520 unit of the state system of higher education who is acting in the

1521 capacity of a member of a student discipline committee established
1522 pursuant to section 4-188a.

1523 Sec. 57. Subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of section 10-262n of the
1524 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1525 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

1526 (d) (1) Each school district shall be eligible to receive a minimum
1527 grant under the program as follows: (A) Each school district in towns
1528 ranked from one to one hundred thirteen, inclusive, when all towns
1529 are ranked in ascending order from one to one hundred sixty-nine
1530 based on town wealth, as defined in subdivision (26) of section 10-262f,
1531 shall be eligible to receive a minimum grant in the amount of thirty
1532 thousand dollars, and (B) each school district in towns ranked from
1533 one hundred fourteen to one hundred sixty-nine, inclusive, when all
1534 towns are ranked in ascending order from one to one hundred sixty-
1535 nine based on town wealth, as defined in subdivision (26) of section
1536 10-262f, shall be eligible to receive a minimum grant under the
1537 program in the amount of fifteen thousand dollars. Such minimum
1538 grant may be increased for certain school districts pursuant to
1539 subdivision (4) of this subsection. (2) The department shall use (A) one
1540 hundred thousand dollars of the amount appropriated for purposes of
1541 this section for the regional vocational-technical schools operated by
1542 the State Board of Education for wiring and other technology
1543 initiatives at such schools, and (B) fifty thousand dollars of the amount
1544 appropriated for purposes of this section for technology grants to state
1545 charter schools. The amount of the grant each state charter school
1546 receives shall be based on the number of students enrolled in the
1547 school. (3) The department may retain up to one per cent of the
1548 amount appropriated for purposes of this section for coordination,
1549 program evaluation and administration. (4) Any remaining
1550 appropriated funds shall be used to increase the grants to (A) priority
1551 school districts pursuant to section 10-266p, (B) transitional school
1552 districts pursuant to section 10-263c, and (C) school districts in towns
1553 ranked from one to eighty-five, inclusive, when all towns are ranked in

1554 ascending order from one to one hundred sixty-nine based on town
1555 wealth, as defined in section 10-262f. Each such school district shall
1556 receive an amount based on the ratio of the number of resident
1557 students, as defined in said section 10-262f, in such school district to
1558 the total number of resident students in all such school districts.

1559 Sec. 58. Subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 10-283 of the
1560 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1561 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

1562 (2) Each school building project shall be assigned to a category on
1563 the basis of whether such project is primarily required to: (A) Create
1564 new facilities or alter existing facilities to provide for mandatory
1565 instructional programs pursuant to this chapter, for physical education
1566 facilities in compliance with Title IX of the Elementary and Secondary
1567 Education Act of 1972 where such programs or such compliance
1568 cannot be provided within existing facilities or for the correction of
1569 code violations which cannot be reasonably addressed within existing
1570 program space; (B) create new facilities or alter existing facilities to
1571 enhance mandatory instructional programs pursuant to this chapter or
1572 provide comparable facilities among schools to all students at the same
1573 grade level or levels within the school district unless such project is
1574 otherwise explicitly included in another category pursuant to this
1575 section; and (C) create new facilities or alter existing facilities to
1576 provide supportive services, provided in no event shall such
1577 supportive services include swimming pools, auditoriums, outdoor
1578 athletic facilities, tennis courts, elementary school playgrounds, site
1579 improvement or garages or storage, parking or general recreation
1580 areas. All applications submitted prior to July first shall be reviewed
1581 promptly by the commissioner and the amount of the grant for which
1582 such project is eligible shall be estimated, provided an application for a
1583 school building project determined by the commissioner to be a project
1584 that will assist the state in meeting the goals of the 2008 stipulation and
1585 order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., shall have until
1586 September first to submit an application for such a project and may

1587 have until December first of the same year to secure and report all local
1588 and state approvals required to complete the grant application. The
1589 commissioner shall annually prepare a listing of all such eligible school
1590 building projects listed by category together with the amount of the
1591 estimated grants therefor and shall submit the same to the Governor
1592 and the General Assembly on or before the fifteenth day of December,
1593 except as provided in section 10-283a, with a request for authorization
1594 to enter into grant commitments. Each such listing submitted after
1595 December 1995 shall include a separate schedule of authorized projects
1596 which have changed in scope or cost to a degree determined by the
1597 commissioner. Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, no such
1598 project that has changed in scope or cost to the degree determined by
1599 the commissioner shall be eligible for reimbursement under this
1600 chapter unless it appears on such list. Each such listing submitted after
1601 December 2005 shall include a separate schedule of authorized projects
1602 which have changed in scope or cost to a degree determined by the
1603 commissioner once, and a separate schedule of authorized projects
1604 which have changed in scope or cost to a degree determined by the
1605 commissioner twice. On and after July 1, 2006, no project, other than a
1606 project for a regional vocational-technical school operated by the State
1607 Board of Education, may appear on the separate schedule of
1608 authorized projects which have changed in cost more than twice. The
1609 percentage determined pursuant to section 10-285a at the time a school
1610 building project on such schedule was originally authorized shall be
1611 used for purposes of the grant for such project. On and after July 1,
1612 2006, a project that was not previously authorized as an interdistrict
1613 magnet school shall not receive a higher percentage for reimbursement
1614 than that determined pursuant to section 10-285a at the time a school
1615 building project on such schedule was originally authorized. The
1616 General Assembly shall annually authorize the commissioner to enter
1617 into grant commitments on behalf of the state in accordance with the
1618 commissioner's categorized listing for such projects as the General
1619 Assembly shall determine. The commissioner may not enter into any
1620 such grant commitments except pursuant to such legislative

1621 authorization. Any regional school district which assumes the
1622 responsibility for completion of a public school building project shall
1623 be eligible for a grant pursuant to subdivision (5) or (6), as the case
1624 may be, of subsection (a) of section 10-286, when such project is
1625 completed and accepted by such regional school district.

1626 Sec. 59. Subsection (a) of section 10-283b of the general statutes is
1627 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
1628 *1, 2011*):

1629 (a) On and after July 1, 1999, the Commissioner of Education shall
1630 include school building projects for the regional vocational-technical
1631 schools operated by the State Board of Education on the list developed
1632 pursuant to section 10-283, as amended by this act. Prior to inclusion
1633 on the list, such projects shall be reviewed by the Department of Public
1634 Works. The adoption of the list by the General Assembly and
1635 authorization by the State Bond Commission of the issuance of bonds
1636 pursuant to section 10-287d shall fund the full cost of the projects. On
1637 [or] and after July 1, 2007, the commissioner may approve applications
1638 for grants to assist school building projects for [the] any regional
1639 vocational-technical school [system] operated by the State Board of
1640 Education to remedy damage from fire and catastrophe, to correct
1641 safety, health and other code violations, to replace roofs, to remedy a
1642 certified school indoor air quality emergency, or to purchase and
1643 install portable classroom buildings at any time within the limit of
1644 available grant authorization and to make payments on such a project
1645 within the limit of appropriated funds, provided portable classroom
1646 building projects do not create a new facility or cause an existing
1647 facility to be modified so that the portable buildings comprise a
1648 substantial percentage of the total facility area, as determined by the
1649 commissioner. Funds for the projects shall be transferred to the
1650 Department of Public Works and, upon such transfer, the projects shall
1651 be subject to the requirements of chapters 59 and 60.

1652 Sec. 60. Subsection (a) of section 10-284 of the general statutes is

1653 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
1654 *1, 2011*):

1655 (a) The Commissioner of Education shall have authority to receive,
1656 review and approve applications for state grants under this chapter, or
1657 to disapprove any such application if (1) it does not comply with the
1658 requirements of the State Fire Marshal or the Department of Public
1659 Health, (2) it is not accompanied by a life-cycle cost analysis approved
1660 by the Commissioner of Public Works pursuant to section 16a-38, (3) it
1661 does not comply with the provisions of sections 10-290d and 10-291, (4)
1662 it does not meet the standards or school building priorities established
1663 by the State Board of Education, or (5) the commissioner determines
1664 that the proposed educational specifications for or theme of the project
1665 for which the applicant requests a state grant duplicates a program
1666 offered by a regional vocational-technical school or an interdistrict
1667 magnet school in the same region.

1668 Sec. 61. Section 10a-12a of the general statutes is repealed and the
1669 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

1670 There shall be a Technical Education Coordinating Council. The
1671 council shall consist of the following members: The chairpersons and
1672 ranking members of the joint standing committees of the General
1673 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education and
1674 commerce, or their designees; the Commissioners of Higher Education
1675 and Economic and Community Development and the Labor
1676 Commissioner or their designees; the chief executive officers of each
1677 constituent unit of the state system of higher education, or their
1678 designees; the president of the Connecticut Conference of Independent
1679 Colleges; [the superintendent of the] one member who is the principal
1680 of a regional vocational-technical school; [system;] one member who is
1681 a teacher at a regional vocational-technical school; [designated by the
1682 exclusive representative of the vocational-technical school teachers'
1683 bargaining unit;] two members who are parents of students enrolled in
1684 a regional vocational-technical [schools] school designated by the

1685 regional vocational-technical schools parents' association; one member
1686 representing each of the economic clusters identified pursuant to
1687 section 32-1m designated by the Commissioner of Economic and
1688 Community Development; one member designated by the Connecticut
1689 Business and Industry Association; one member designated by the
1690 Manufacturing Assistance Council; and one member designated by the
1691 Connecticut Technology Council. The cochairpersons of the joint
1692 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
1693 matters relating to education, or their designees, shall jointly convene a
1694 meeting of the council not later than October 1, 1998. The council shall
1695 meet at least six times a year to review and evaluate the coordinated
1696 delivery of technical and technological education to meet the
1697 employment needs of business and industry. The council shall also
1698 explore ways to: (1) Encourage students to pursue technical careers,
1699 including the development or expansion of alternative training
1700 methods that may improve the delivery and accessibility of vocational-
1701 technical training; (2) ensure a successful transition for students from
1702 the regional vocational-technical schools to post secondary education;
1703 and (3) improve public awareness regarding manufacturing careers.
1704 On or before January 1, 1999, and annually thereafter, the
1705 Commissioner of Education shall report, in accordance with section 11-
1706 4a, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
1707 cognizance of matters relating to education and commerce on the
1708 activities of the council in the prior year.

1709 Sec. 62. Subsection (b) of section 10a-25b of the general statutes is
1710 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
1711 *1, 2011*):

1712 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent hereinafter
1713 stated, shall be used to encourage, promote, develop and assist high
1714 technology products and programs within Connecticut by infusion of
1715 financial assistance in situations when such financial aid would not
1716 otherwise reasonably be available from other sources as hereinafter
1717 stated: (1) For the State Board of Education: High technology

1718 equipment for programs in the regional vocational-technical schools
1719 operated by the State Board of Education, not exceeding two million
1720 dollars; (2) for Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated: (A) Matching
1721 funds for cooperative high technology research and development
1722 projects and programs, not exceeding nine million dollars; (B) financial
1723 aid, as defined in subdivision (4) of section 32-34, to public institutions
1724 of higher education for high technology projects and programs, not
1725 exceeding eleven million five hundred thousand dollars.

1726 Sec. 63. Section 10a-55e of the general statutes is repealed and the
1727 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

1728 Each regional vocational-technical school operated by the State
1729 Board of Education, local or regional boards of education for the school
1730 district in which a regional vocational-technical school is located or the
1731 regional educational service center serving the school district in which
1732 a regional vocational-technical school is located and public institution
1733 of higher education shall develop, in such manner as the
1734 Commissioners of Education and Higher Education prescribe,
1735 agreements to share equipment required for students participating in
1736 green jobs certificate or degree programs or enrolled in a course of
1737 study concerning green jobs, including, but not limited to, solar
1738 photovoltaic installation.

1739 Sec. 64. Section 10a-72d of the general statutes is repealed and the
1740 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

1741 The Board of Trustees for the Community-Technical Colleges shall
1742 establish procedures for (1) the development of articulation
1743 agreements between the regional community-technical colleges and
1744 [the] regional vocational-technical schools operated by the State Board
1745 of Education, local or regional boards of education for the school
1746 district in which a regional vocational-technical school is located or the
1747 regional educational service center serving the school district in which
1748 a regional vocational-technical school is located in order to ensure a
1749 successful transition to higher education for students attending the

1750 regional vocational-technical schools and (2) the awarding of
1751 appropriate college credit for persons enrolled in and registered under
1752 the terms of a qualified apprenticeship training program, certified in
1753 accordance with regulations adopted by the Labor Commissioner and
1754 registered with the Connecticut State Apprenticeship Council
1755 established under section 31-22n.

1756 Sec. 65. Subsection (b) of section 17b-688i of the general statutes is
1757 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
1758 *1, 2011*):

1759 (b) To the extent permitted under section 17b-688c, the Labor
1760 Department shall be responsible for the administration of employment
1761 services to recipients of temporary family assistance under the
1762 employment services program administered by the Department of
1763 Social Services pursuant to section 17-688c. The employment services
1764 provided by the Labor Department shall include appropriate basic
1765 education and occupational skills training combined with subsidized
1766 or unsubsidized work experience and employment, as deemed
1767 appropriate by the Labor Department, and any other programs or
1768 services deemed appropriate by the Labor Department, to the extent
1769 permitted under state and federal law, including, but not limited to,
1770 the following: (1) Employment; (2) work-study, internship or
1771 apprenticeship opportunities; (3) adult skills training, including
1772 literacy, mathematics and language proficiency with curriculum
1773 related to job opportunities and job search skills; (4) occupational skills
1774 training; (5) case management and counseling in successful work skills;
1775 and (6) access to state-subsidized child care and transportation, where
1776 needed. Services may be provided by existing service providers,
1777 including, but not limited to, local or regional boards of education or
1778 regional educational service centers that offer adult education
1779 programs, community-technical colleges and regional vocational-
1780 technical schools operated by the State Board of Education.

1781 Sec. 66. Section 31-3c of the general statutes is repealed and the

1782 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

1783 The Labor Commissioner, with the approval of the Commissioners
1784 of Economic and Community Development and Education, shall
1785 establish a customized job training program for preemployment and
1786 postemployment job training for the purpose of meeting the labor
1787 requirements of manufacturing or economic base businesses, as
1788 defined in subsection (l) of section 32-222, and shall implement such
1789 job training program. Such job training program shall include training
1790 designed to increase the basic skills of employees, including, but not
1791 limited to, training in written and oral communication, mathematics or
1792 science, or training in technical and technological skills. The Labor
1793 Commissioner shall use funds appropriated to the Labor Department
1794 for vocational and manpower training in carrying out such job training
1795 program, except that not more than four per cent of such funds may be
1796 used to pay the cost of its administration. Upon receipt of a request for
1797 job training pursuant to this section, the Labor Commissioner shall
1798 notify the chancellor of the regional community-technical colleges, or
1799 his designee, of such request. The chancellor, or his designee, shall
1800 determine if a training program exists or can be designed at a regional
1801 community-technical college to meet such training need and shall
1802 notify the Labor Commissioner of such determination. The Labor
1803 Commissioner shall to the extent possible make arrangements for the
1804 participation of the regional community-technical colleges, the
1805 Connecticut State University System, other institutions of higher
1806 education, other postsecondary institutions, adult education programs,
1807 opportunities industrialization centers and [state] regional
1808 vocational-technical schools in implementing the program. Nothing in
1809 this section shall preclude the Labor Commissioner from considering
1810 or choosing other providers to meet such training need. Nothing in
1811 this section shall preclude an employer from considering or choosing
1812 other providers to meet the training needs of such employer, provided
1813 the Labor Commissioner approves such employer's use of such other
1814 providers. For the period from July 1, 1996, to June 30, 1999, the Labor
1815 Commissioner, or his designee, the chancellor of the

1816 community-technical colleges and the chairpersons of the joint
1817 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
1818 matters relating to education shall meet semiannually to review
1819 actions taken pursuant to this section and section 32-6j, as amended by
1820 this act.

1821 Sec. 67. Subsection (b) of section 31-11s of the general statutes is
1822 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
1823 *1, 2011*):

1824 (b) On or before February 9, 2000, and annually thereafter, the
1825 commission shall make recommendations to the Governor and the
1826 General Assembly concerning the appropriation of funds received
1827 under the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998, P.L. 105-220, as
1828 from time to time amended, for young adult programs for teenage
1829 parents, those at risk of dropping out of school and young adults who
1830 attend regional vocational-technical [high] schools, adult education
1831 programs or other programs to assist such persons in attaining a high
1832 school diploma or its equivalent.

1833 Sec. 68. Subdivision (8) of section 31-51ww of the general statutes is
1834 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
1835 *1, 2011*):

1836 (8) "Education" means (A) a postsecondary program of instruction
1837 provided by a college, university, community college, [area] regional
1838 vocational-technical school, professional institution or specialized
1839 college or school legally authorized to grant degrees, or (B) any related
1840 educational program approved by the community-based organization
1841 and the department;

1842 Sec. 69. Section 32-6j of the general statutes is repealed and the
1843 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

1844 In the assessment and provision of job training for employers, the
1845 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development and the

1846 executive director of the Connecticut Development Authority shall
 1847 request the assistance of the Labor Commissioner. Upon receipt of a
 1848 request for job training pursuant to this section, the Labor
 1849 Commissioner shall notify the chancellor of the regional community-
 1850 technical colleges, or his designee, of such request. The chancellor, or
 1851 his designee, shall determine if a training program exists or can be
 1852 designed at a regional community-technical college to meet such
 1853 training need and shall notify the Labor Commissioner of such
 1854 determination. The Labor Commissioner shall to the extent possible
 1855 make arrangements for the participation of the regional community-
 1856 technical colleges, the Connecticut State University System, other
 1857 institutions of higher education, other postsecondary institutions,
 1858 adult education programs and [state] regional vocational-technical
 1859 schools in implementing the program. Nothing in this section shall
 1860 preclude the Labor Commissioner from considering or choosing other
 1861 providers to meet such training need.

1862 Sec. 70. Subdivision (12) of section 32-475 of the general statutes is
 1863 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
 1864 *1, 2011*):

1865 (12) Participate in a Connecticut career certificate program
 1866 established by a local or regional board of education, regional
 1867 vocational-technical school operated by the State Board of Education
 1868 or regional education service center and approved by the
 1869 Commissioner of Education and the Labor Commissioner.

1870 Sec. 71. Sections 10-4r, 10-95m, 10-95o, 10-97a and 10-97b of the
 1871 general statutes are repealed. (*Effective from passage*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	10-217a(i)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	10-281(b)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	10-71(d)

Sec. 4	July 1, 2011	10-266m(a)(4)
Sec. 5	July 1, 2011	10-17g
Sec. 6	July 1, 2011	10-66j(f)
Sec. 7	July 1, 2011	10-76d(e)(2) and (3)
Sec. 8	July 1, 2011	10-76g(d)
Sec. 9	July 1, 2011	10-253(b)
Sec. 10	July 1, 2011	New section
Sec. 11	July 1, 2011	New section
Sec. 12	July 1, 2011	10-266aa(g)
Sec. 13	July 1, 2011	10-266aa(k)
Sec. 14	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 15	July 1, 2011	10-262i
Sec. 16	July 1, 2011	New section
Sec. 17	July 1, 2011	New section
Sec. 18	July 1, 2011	New section
Sec. 19	<i>from passage</i>	10-1
Sec. 20	July 1, 2011	10-95h
Sec. 21	July 1, 2011	3-20f
Sec. 22	July 1, 2011	10-99g
Sec. 23	July 1, 2011	1-79(t)
Sec. 24	July 1, 2011	1-84d
Sec. 25	July 1, 2011	1-91(w)
Sec. 26	July 1, 2011	4-124z
Sec. 27	July 1, 2011	4-124gg
Sec. 28	July 1, 2011	4-124hh(a)
Sec. 29	July 1, 2011	4a-11a(b)
Sec. 30	July 1, 2011	5-275(b)
Sec. 31	July 1, 2011	8-265pp
Sec. 32	July 1, 2011	10-9(b)
Sec. 33	July 1, 2011	10-15d
Sec. 34	July 1, 2011	10-19d
Sec. 35	July 1, 2011	10-19e
Sec. 36	July 1, 2011	10-20a(a)
Sec. 37	July 1, 2011	10-21g
Sec. 38	July 1, 2011	10-66p
Sec. 39	July 1, 2011	10-69(c)(2)
Sec. 40	July 1, 2011	10-74d(c)
Sec. 41	July 1, 2011	10-76q
Sec. 42	July 1, 2011	10-95
Sec. 43	July 1, 2011	10-95a

Sec. 44	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	10-95i
Sec. 45	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	10-95j
Sec. 46	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	10-95k
Sec. 47	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	10-95l
Sec. 48	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	10-95n
Sec. 49	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	10-97(e)
Sec. 50	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	10-98a
Sec. 51	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	10-99f
Sec. 52	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	10-215b
Sec. 53	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	10-215f
Sec. 54	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	10-220d
Sec. 55	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	10-233d(e)
Sec. 56	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	10-235(a)
Sec. 57	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	10-262n(d)(1)
Sec. 58	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	10-283(a)(2)
Sec. 59	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	10-283b(a)
Sec. 60	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	10-284(a)
Sec. 61	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	10a-12a
Sec. 62	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	10a-25b(b)
Sec. 63	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	10a-55e
Sec. 64	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	10a-72d
Sec. 65	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	17b-688i(b)
Sec. 66	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	31-3c
Sec. 67	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	31-11s(b)
Sec. 68	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	31-51ww(8)
Sec. 69	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	32-6j
Sec. 70	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	32-475(12)
Sec. 71	<i>from passage</i>	Repealer section

Statement of Purpose:

To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

[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.]