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AN ACT CONCERNING VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOLS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 10-95 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2012*):

3 (a) The State Board of Education may establish and maintain a state-
4 wide system of [regional vocational-technical schools offering]
5 technical high schools to be known as the technical high school system.
6 The technical high school system shall be governed by a board of
7 education. Such board shall consist of eleven members as follows: (1)
8 Four executives of Connecticut-based employers who shall be
9 nominated by the state-wide industry advisory committees described
10 in section 4-124gg, as amended by this act, and appointed by the
11 Governor, (2) five members appointed by the State Board of Education,
12 (3) the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, and
13 (4) the Labor Commissioner. The Governor shall appoint the
14 chairperson. The chairperson of the technical high school system board
15 shall serve as a nonvoting ex-officio member of the State Board of
16 Education.

17 (b) The technical high school system board shall offer full-time, part-
18 time and evening programs in vocational, technical and technological
19 education and training. The board may make regulations controlling
20 the admission of students to any such school. The Commissioner of
21 Education, in accordance with policies established by the board, may
22 appoint and remove members of the staffs of such schools and make
23 rules for the management of and expend the funds provided for the
24 support of such schools. The board may enter into cooperative
25 arrangements with local and regional boards of education, private
26 occupational schools, institutions of higher education, job training
27 agencies and employers in order to provide general education,
28 vocational, technical or technological education or work experience.

29 (c) The board shall recommend a superintendent of the technical
30 high school system who shall be appointed by the State Board of
31 Education. Such superintendent shall be responsible for the operation
32 and administration of the technical high school system.

33 [(b)] (d) If the New England Association of Schools and Colleges
34 places a [regional vocational-technical] technical high school on
35 probation or otherwise notifies the superintendent of the [vocational-
36 technical] technical high school system that a regional vocational-
37 technical school is at risk of losing its accreditation, the Commissioner
38 of Education, on behalf of the technical high school system board, shall
39 notify the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
40 cognizance of matters relating to education of such placement or
41 problems relating to accreditation.

42 [(c)] (e) The [State Board of Education] technical high school system
43 board shall establish specific achievement goals for students at the
44 [vocational-technical] technical high schools at each grade level. The
45 board shall measure the performance of each vocational-technical
46 school and shall identify a set of quantifiable measures to be used. The
47 measures shall include factors such as performance on the state-wide
48 tenth grade mastery examination under section 10-14n, trade-related

49 assessment tests, dropout rates and graduation rates.

50 Sec. 2. Section 10-99g of the general statutes is repealed and the
51 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2012*):

52 (a) (1) Each technical high school shall prepare a proposed operating
53 budget for the next succeeding school year beginning July first and
54 submit such proposed operating budget to the superintendent of the
55 technical high school system. The superintendent shall collect, review
56 and use the proposed operating budgets for each technical high school
57 to prepare a proposed operating budget for the technical high school
58 system.

59 (2) The superintendent of the technical high school system shall
60 submit a proposed operating budget for the technical high school
61 system to the technical high school system board. The board shall
62 review such proposed operating budget and approve or disapprove
63 such proposed operating budget. If the board disapproves such
64 proposed operating budget, the board shall adopt an interim budget
65 and such interim budget shall take effect at the commencement of the
66 fiscal year and shall remain in effect until the superintendent submits
67 and the board approves a modified operating budget. The
68 superintendent shall submit a copy of the approved operating budget
69 to the Office of Policy and Management.

70 [(a)] (b) The superintendent of the [regional vocational-technical]
71 technical high school system shall biannually submit the operating
72 budget and expenses for each individual [regional vocational-
73 technical] technical high school, in accordance with section 11-4a, to
74 the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, the director of
75 the legislative Office of Fiscal Analysis and to the joint standing
76 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
77 relating to education.

78 [(b)] (c) The superintendent of the [regional vocational-technical]
79 technical high school system shall make available and update on the

80 [regional vocational-technical] technical high school system web site
81 and the web site of each [regional vocational-technical] technical high
82 school the operating budget for the current school year of each
83 individual [regional vocational-technical] technical high school.

84 Sec. 3. Section 10-95h of the 2012 supplement to the general statutes
85 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
86 *1, 2012*):

87 (a) Not later than November thirtieth each year, the joint standing
88 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
89 relating to education, higher education and employment advancement
90 and labor shall meet with the chairperson of the technical high school
91 system board and the superintendent of the [regional vocational-
92 technical] technical high school system, the Labor Commissioner, the
93 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development and such
94 other persons as they deem appropriate to consider the items
95 submitted pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

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

97 (1) The Labor Commissioner shall submit the following to the joint
98 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
99 matters relating to education, higher education and employment
100 advancement and labor: (A) Information identifying general economic
101 trends in the state; (B) occupational information regarding the public
102 and private sectors, such as continuous data on occupational
103 movements; and (C) information identifying emerging regional, state
104 and national workforce needs over the next thirty years.

105 (2) The superintendent of the [vocational-technical] technical high
106 school system shall submit the following to the joint standing
107 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
108 relating to education, higher education and employment advancement
109 and labor: (A) Information ensuring that the curriculum of the
110 [regional vocational-technical] technical high school system is

111 incorporating those workforce skills that will be needed for the next
112 thirty years, as identified by the Labor Commissioner in subdivision
113 (1) of this subsection, into the [regional vocational-technical] technical
114 high schools; (B) information regarding the employment status of
115 students who graduate from the [regional vocational-technical]
116 technical high school system; (C) an assessment of the adequacy of the
117 resources available to the [regional vocational-technical] technical high
118 school system as the system develops and refines programs to meet
119 existing and emerging workforce needs; and (D) recommendations to
120 the State Board of Education to carry out the provisions of
121 subparagraphs (A) to (C), inclusive, of this subdivision.

122 (3) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development
123 shall submit the following to the joint standing committees of the
124 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education,
125 higher education and employment advancement and labor: (A)
126 Information regarding the relationship between the Department of
127 Economic and Community Development and the [regional vocational-
128 technical] technical high school system, (B) information regarding
129 coordinated efforts of the department and the [regional vocational-
130 technical] technical high school system to collaborate with the business
131 community, (C) information on workforce training needs identified by
132 the department through its contact with businesses, (D)
133 recommendations regarding how the department and the [regional
134 vocational-technical] technical high school system can coordinate or
135 improve efforts to address the workforce training needs identified in
136 subparagraph (C) of this subdivision, (E) information regarding the
137 efforts of the department to utilize the [regional vocational-technical]
138 technical high school system in business assistance and economic
139 development programs offered by the department, and (F) any
140 additional information the commissioner deems relevant.

141 Sec. 4. Section 10-97b of the general statutes is repealed and the
142 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2012*):

143 (a) On and after July 1, 2010, the State Board of Education shall
144 replace any school bus that (1) is twelve years or older and is in service
145 at any [regional vocational-technical] technical high school, or (2) has
146 been subject to an out-of-service order, as defined in section 14-1, for
147 two consecutive years for the same reason.

148 (b) On or before July 1, 2011, and annually thereafter, the
149 superintendent of the [regional vocational-technical] technical high
150 school system shall submit, in accordance with the provisions of
151 section 11-4a, to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management
152 and to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
153 cognizance of matters relating to education and finance, revenue and
154 bonding a report on the replacement of school buses in service in the
155 [regional vocational-technical] technical high school system, pursuant
156 to subsection (a) of this section. Such report shall include the number
157 of school buses replaced in the previous school year and a projection of
158 the number of school buses anticipated to be replaced in the upcoming
159 school year.

160 Sec. 5. Section 4-124gg of the 2012 supplement to the general
161 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
162 (*Effective July 1, 2012*):

163 Not later than October 1, 2012, the Labor Commissioner, with the
164 assistance of the Office of Workforce Competitiveness and in
165 consultation with the chairperson of the technical high school system
166 board and the superintendent of the [regional vocational-technical]
167 technical high school system, shall create an integrated system of state-
168 wide industry advisory committees for each career cluster offered as
169 part of the [regional vocational-technical] technical high school and
170 regional community-technical college systems. Said committees shall
171 include industry representatives of the specific career cluster. Each
172 committee for a career cluster shall, with support from the Labor
173 Department, [regional vocational-technical] technical high school and
174 regional community-technical college systems and the Department of

175 Education, establish specific skills standards, corresponding
176 curriculum and a career ladder for the cluster which shall be
177 implemented as part of the schools' core curriculum.

178 Sec. 6. Section 10-1 of the general statutes is repealed and the
179 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2012*):

180 (a) (1) Prior to July 1, 1998, the State Board of Education shall consist
181 of nine members. On and after July 1, 1998, but prior to July 1, 2010,
182 the State Board of Education shall consist of eleven members, two of
183 whom shall be nonvoting student members.

184 (2) On and after July 1, 2010, but prior to April 1, 2011, the State
185 Board of Education shall consist of thirteen members, at least two of
186 whom shall have experience in manufacturing or a trade offered at the
187 regional vocational-technical schools or be alumni of or have served as
188 educators at a regional vocational-technical school and two of whom
189 shall be nonvoting student members. Only those members with
190 experience in manufacturing or a trade offered at the regional
191 vocational-technical schools or are alumni of or have served as
192 educators at a regional vocational-technical school shall be eligible to
193 serve as the chairperson for the regional vocational-technical school
194 subcommittee of the board.

195 (3) On and after April 1, 2011, but prior to July 1, 2012, the State
196 Board of Education shall consist of thirteen members, (A) at least two
197 of whom shall have experience in manufacturing or a trade offered at
198 the regional vocational-technical schools or be alumni of or have
199 served as educators at a regional vocational-technical school, (B) at
200 least one of whom shall have experience in agriculture or be an alumni
201 of or have served as an educator at a regional agricultural science and
202 technology education center, and (C) two of whom shall be nonvoting
203 student members. Only those members described in subparagraph (A)
204 of this subdivision shall be eligible to serve as the chairperson for the
205 regional vocational-technical school subcommittee of the board.

206 (4) On and after July 1, 2012, the State Board of Education shall
207 consist of fourteen members, (A) at least two of whom shall have
208 experience in manufacturing or a trade offered at the technical high
209 schools or be alumni of or have served as educators at a technical high
210 school, (B) at least one of whom shall have experience in agriculture or
211 be an alumni of or have served as an educator at a regional agricultural
212 science and technology education center, and (C) two of whom shall be
213 nonvoting student members.

214 (b) The Governor shall appoint, with the advice and consent of the
215 General Assembly, the members of said board, provided each student
216 member (1) is on the list submitted to the Governor pursuant to section
217 10-2a, (2) is enrolled in a public high school in the state, (3) has
218 completed eleventh grade prior to the commencement of his term, (4)
219 has at least a B plus average, and (5) provides at least three references
220 from teachers in the school he is attending. The nonstudent members
221 shall serve for terms of four years commencing on March first in the
222 year of their appointment. The student members shall serve for terms
223 of one year commencing on July first in the year of their appointment.
224 The president of the Board of Regents for Higher Education and the
225 chairperson of the technical high school system board shall serve as an
226 ex-officio [member] members without a vote. Any vacancy in said
227 State Board of Education shall be filled in the manner provided in
228 section 4-19.

229 Sec. 7. Subsection (b) of section 3-20f of the 2012 supplement to the
230 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
231 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2012*):

232 (b) Notwithstanding section 3-20, to the extent there is a sufficient
233 balance of bonds approved by the General Assembly pursuant to any
234 bond act for the purposes of general maintenance and trade and
235 capital equipment for any school in the [regional vocational-technical]
236 technical high school system, but not allocated by the State Bond
237 Commission, said commission shall vote on whether to authorize the

238 issuance of at least two million dollars of such bonds for such
239 maintenance and equipment at each of said commission's regularly
240 scheduled meetings occurring in August and February of each year. If
241 no meeting is held in said months, said commission shall vote on
242 whether to authorize the issuance of such bonds at its next regularly
243 scheduled meeting. To the extent there is a sufficient balance of bonds
244 so approved by the General Assembly and there are pending general
245 maintenance and trade and capital equipment transactions in excess of
246 two million dollars, the [superintendent] chairperson of the [regional
247 vocational-technical] technical high school system may request, and
248 the State Bond Commission shall vote on whether to authorize the
249 issuance of, bonds in excess of two million dollars. To the extent the
250 balance of bonds so approved by the General Assembly is below two
251 million dollars at the time of said commission's August or February
252 meeting, said commission shall vote on whether to authorize the
253 issuance of the remaining balance of such bonds.

254 Sec. 8. Section 10-4r of the general statutes is repealed and the
255 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2012*):

256 On or before July 1, 2011, the State Board of Education shall develop
257 recommendations regarding the definition of region for purposes of
258 attendance in the [regional vocational-technical] technical high school
259 system. The board shall submit such recommendations, in accordance
260 with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committee of
261 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
262 education.

263 Sec. 9. Subsection (a) of section 10-20a of the 2012 supplement to the
264 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
265 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2012*):

266 (a) Local and regional boards of education, the [regional vocational-
267 technical] technical high school system, postsecondary institutions and
268 regional educational service centers, may (1) in consultation with
269 regional workforce development boards established pursuant to

270 section 31-3k, local employers, labor organizations and community-
271 based organizations establish career pathway programs leading to a
272 Connecticut career certificate in accordance with this section, and (2)
273 enroll students in such programs based on entry criteria determined by
274 the establishing agency. Such programs shall be approved by the
275 Commissioner of Education and the Labor Commissioner.
276 Applications for program approval shall be submitted to the
277 Commissioner of Education in such form and at such time as the
278 commissioner prescribes. All programs leading to a Connecticut career
279 certificate shall provide equal access for all students and necessary
280 accommodations and support for students with disabilities.

281 Sec. 10. Section 10-95i of the general statutes is repealed and the
282 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2012*):

283 (a) Not later than January 1, 1990, and every five years thereafter,
284 the State Board of Education shall adopt a long-range plan of priorities
285 and goals for the [regional vocational-technical] technical high school
286 system. The plan shall address coordination with other providers of
287 vocational, technical or technological education or training and shall
288 include (1) an analysis of the activities described in subsections (b) and
289 (c) of this section and how such activities relate to the long-range plan
290 of priorities and goals, and (2) a summary of activities related to
291 capital improvements and equipment pursuant to subsection (d) of
292 this section. Upon adoption of the plan, the state board shall file the
293 plan with the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
294 having cognizance of matters relating to education, finance, revenue
295 and bonding and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies. The
296 state board shall use the plan in preparing its five-year comprehensive
297 plan pursuant to subsection (c) of section 10-4.

298 (b) During the five-year period beginning January 1, 1990, and
299 during each five-year period thereafter, the State Board of Education
300 shall evaluate each existing [regional vocational-technical] technical
301 high school trade program in accordance with a schedule which the

302 state board shall establish. A trade program may be reauthorized for a
303 period of not more than five years following each evaluation on the
304 basis of: The projected employment demand for students enrolled in
305 the trade program, including consideration of the employment of
306 graduates of the program during the preceding five years; anticipated
307 technological changes; the availability of qualified instructors; the
308 existence of similar programs at other educational institutions; and
309 student interest in the trade program. As part of the evaluation, the
310 state board shall consider geographic differences that may make a
311 trade program feasible at one school and not another and whether
312 certain combinations of program offerings shall be required. Prior to
313 any final decision on the reauthorization of a trade program, the state
314 board shall consult with the craft committees for the trade program
315 being evaluated.

316 (c) The state board shall consider the addition of new trade
317 programs. Decisions by the state board to add such programs shall at a
318 minimum be based on the projected employment demand for
319 graduates of the program, the cost of establishing the program, the
320 availability of qualified instructors, the existence of similar programs
321 at other educational institutions and the interest of students in the
322 trade. The state board shall authorize new trade programs for a
323 maximum of five years. The state board shall provide a process for the
324 public, including, but not limited to, employers, parents, students or
325 teachers, to request consideration of the establishment of a new trade
326 program.

327 (d) The State Board of Education shall maintain a rolling five-year
328 capital improvement and capital equipment plan that identifies: (1)
329 Alterations, renovations and repairs that each [vocational-technical]
330 technical high school is expected to need, including, but not limited to,
331 grounds and athletic fields, heating and ventilation systems, wiring,
332 roofs, and windows, and the cost of such projects, (2)
333 recommendations for energy efficiency improvements to each school
334 and the cost of such improvements, and (3) the specific equipment

335 each [regional vocational-technical] technical high school is expected to
336 need, based on the useful life of existing equipment and projections of
337 changing technology and the estimated cost of the equipment. The
338 State Board of Education shall submit such plan, annually, to the joint
339 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
340 matters relating to education, finance, revenue and bonding and
341 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies.

342 Sec. 11. Section 10-95k of the general statutes is repealed and the
343 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2012*):

344 (a) Not later than January 1, 1995, and biennially thereafter, the State
345 Board of Education shall prepare a summary report concerning the
346 [regional vocational-technical] technical high school system and shall
347 submit the report to the joint standing committee of the General
348 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education. The
349 report shall include demographic information for the preceding two
350 school years on applicants for admission, students enrolled and
351 graduates, and a summary of the capital and operating expenditures.
352 Such information shall be provided for the [regional vocational-
353 technical] technical high school system and for each [regional
354 vocational-technical] technical high school and satellite facility.
355 Enrollment information shall be reported by race and sex and by
356 specific trade programs. Applicant information shall include the
357 number of applicants, the number accepted and the number enrolled
358 reported by race and sex. Enrollment capacity for each school and
359 projected enrollment capacity for the subsequent school year shall be
360 developed on the basis of a standardized format and shall be reported
361 for each school and satellite facility. The report shall also include
362 assessment of student outcomes including, but not limited to, mastery
363 examination results pursuant to section 10-14n, retention and
364 completion rates, and postsecondary education or employment based
365 on graduate follow-up and, for purposes of employment placement,
366 state unemployment insurance wage records.

367 (b) Reports prepared and submitted pursuant to subsection (a) of
368 this section on and after January 1, 1995, shall identify each [regional
369 vocational-technical] technical high school for which enrollment on the
370 preceding October first was less than seventy per cent of the
371 enrollment capacity identified in the report pursuant to this section for
372 the prior year. For each such school the report shall include an analysis
373 of: (1) The reasons for such enrollment, including, but not limited to,
374 the interest in the specific trade programs offered, the resources
375 needed to serve special education students, demographic changes and
376 the existence of alternative vocational, technical and technological
377 educational training programs in the region in which the school is
378 located; (2) the likelihood that enrollment will increase or decrease in
379 the future; (3) any alternative uses for unused space in the facility; and
380 (4) a recommendation on the steps to be taken to improve enrollment
381 or a timetable for closing the school. In preparing the analysis, the
382 State Board of Education shall provide an opportunity for public
383 comment.

384 Sec. 12. Section 10-95m of the general statutes is repealed and the
385 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2012*):

386 (a) The Department of Education shall conduct a study of the
387 relationship between admissions scores and performance within the
388 [regional vocational-technical] technical high school system using the
389 classes graduating in 2003, 2004 and 2005.

390 (b) The department shall report periodically, in accordance with this
391 subsection and section 11-4a, on the study to the joint standing
392 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
393 relating to education.

394 (1) On or before January 1, 2002, the department shall describe (A)
395 the number and distribution of students by class in each of the
396 [regional vocational-technical] technical high schools, (B) the format
397 and contents of the initial data base developed to carry out the study,
398 (C) the measures, such as the scores on the state-wide tenth grade

399 mastery examination under section 10-14n, grade point average, class
400 rank, dropout rates, or trade specific assessment tests, selected to
401 assess the ability of the individual components of the admissions score
402 to predict success in the [vocational-technical] technical high school,
403 and (D) any other factors the department deems relevant to conducting
404 the study or understanding the results of the study;

405 (2) On or before January 1, 2003, the department shall present
406 preliminary results of the study based on data analysis through the
407 first quarter of the school year commencing in 2002, including the
408 relevance of the individual components of the admissions score to the
409 assessment measures, and shall provide statistics on the number of
410 students from each class for the classes graduating in 2003, 2004 and
411 2005 who have withdrawn from a [vocational-technical] technical high
412 school;

413 (3) On or before January 1, 2004, the department shall (A) present
414 final results for the class of 2003, including graduation rates and the
415 results of the postgraduation survey, (B) using such results, predict the
416 probability of a [vocational-technical] technical high school student's
417 being successful based on the components of the student's admissions
418 score, and (C) evaluate the results and discuss whether it feels any
419 changes are needed in the admissions policies;

420 (4) On or before January 1, 2005, the department shall present the
421 final results for the class of 2004, and explain any differences between
422 said class and the class of 2003; and

423 (5) On or before January 1, 2006, the department shall submit its
424 final report, including (A) final results for the class of 2005, (B) using
425 such results, predict the probability of a [vocational-technical]
426 technical high school student being successful based on the elements of
427 the student's admissions score, and (C) describe any changes it intends
428 to make in the system's admissions policies.

429 Sec. 13. Section 10-96c of the 2012 supplement to the general statutes

430 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
431 *1, 2012*):

432 The Commissioner of Education may indemnify and hold harmless
433 any person, as defined in section 1-79, who makes a gift of tangible
434 property or properties with a fair market value in excess of one
435 thousand dollars to the Department of Education or the [regional
436 vocational-technical] technical high school system for instructional
437 purposes. Any indemnification under this section shall be solely for
438 any damages caused as a result of the use of such tangible property,
439 provided there shall be no indemnification for any liability resulting
440 from (1) intentional or wilful misconduct by the person providing such
441 tangible property to the department or the [regional vocational-
442 technical] technical high school system, or (2) hidden defects in such
443 tangible property that are known to and not disclosed by the person
444 providing such tangible property to the department or the [regional
445 vocational-technical] technical high school system at the time the gift is
446 made.

447 Sec. 14. Section 10-97a of the general statutes is repealed and the
448 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2012*):

449 On or before July 15, 2010, and annually thereafter, the State Board
450 of Education shall arrange for the inspection, in accordance with the
451 provisions of section 14-282a, of those school buses, as defined in
452 section 14-275, in operation in the [regional vocational-technical]
453 technical high school system.

454 Sec. 15. Section 10-99f of the general statutes is repealed and the
455 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2012*):

456 For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, and each fiscal year
457 thereafter, the budget for the [regional vocational-technical] technical
458 high school system shall be a separate budgeted agency from the
459 Department of Education.

460 Sec. 16. Section 10-215b of the general statutes is repealed and the
461 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2012*):

462 (a) The State Board of Education is authorized to expend in each
463 fiscal year an amount equal to (1) the money required pursuant to the
464 matching requirements of said federal laws and shall disburse the
465 same in accordance with said laws, and (2) ten cents per lunch served
466 in the prior school year in accordance with said laws by any local or
467 regional board of education, the [regional vocational-technical]
468 technical high school system or governing authority of a state charter
469 school, interdistrict magnet school or endowed academy approved
470 pursuant to section 10-34 that participates in the National School
471 Lunch Program and certifies pursuant to section 10-215f, as amended
472 by this act, that the nutrition standards established by the Department
473 of Education pursuant to section 10-215e shall be met.

474 (b) The State Board of Education shall prescribe the manner and
475 time of application by such board of education, the [regional
476 vocational-technical] technical high school system, such governing
477 authority or controlling authority of the nonpublic schools for such
478 funds, provided such application shall include the certification that
479 any funds received pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall be
480 used for the program approved. The State Board of Education shall
481 determine the eligibility of the applicant to receive such grants
482 pursuant to regulations provided in subsection (c) of this section and
483 shall certify to the Comptroller the amount of the grant for which the
484 board of education, the [regional vocational-technical] technical high
485 school system, the governing authority or the controlling authority of a
486 nonpublic school is eligible. Upon receipt of such certification, the
487 Comptroller shall draw an order on the Treasurer in the amount, at the
488 time and to the payee so certified.

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

492 (d) The Commissioner of Education shall establish a procedure for
493 monitoring compliance by boards of education, the [regional
494 vocational-technical] technical high school system, or governing
495 authorities with certifications submitted in accordance with section 10-
496 215f, as amended by this act, and may adjust grant amounts pursuant
497 to subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section based on failure to
498 comply with said certification.

499 Sec. 17. Section 10-215f of the general statutes is repealed and the
500 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2012*):

501 (a) Each local and regional board of education, the [regional
502 vocational-technical] technical high school system, and the governing
503 authority for each state charter school, interdistrict magnet school and
504 endowed academy approved pursuant to section 10-34 that
505 participates in the National School Lunch Program shall certify in its
506 annual application to the Department of Education for school lunch
507 funding whether, during the school year for which such application is
508 submitted, all food items made available for sale to students in schools
509 under its jurisdiction and not exempted from the nutrition standards
510 published by the Department of Education pursuant to section 10-215e
511 will meet said standards. Except as otherwise provided in subsection
512 (b) of this section, such certification shall include food not exempted
513 from said nutrition standards and offered for sale to students at all
514 times, and from all sources, including, but not limited to, school stores,
515 vending machines, school cafeterias, and any fundraising activities on
516 school premises, whether or not school sponsored.

517 (b) Each board of education, the [regional vocational-technical]
518 technical high school system and each governing authority that
519 certifies pursuant to this section compliance with the department's
520 nutrition standards for food may exclude from such certification the
521 sale to students of food items that do not meet such standards,
522 provided (1) such sale is in connection with an event occurring after
523 the end of the regular school day or on the weekend, (2) such sale is at

524 the location of such event, and (3) such food is not sold from a vending
525 machine or school store.

526 Sec. 18. Subsection (a) of section 10-283b of the 2012 supplement to
527 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
528 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2012*):

529 (a) On and after July 1, 2011, the Commissioner of Construction
530 Services shall include school building projects for the [regional
531 vocational-technical] technical high schools on the list developed
532 pursuant to section 10-283. The adoption of the list by the General
533 Assembly and authorization by the State Bond Commission of the
534 issuance of bonds pursuant to section 10-287d shall fund the full cost
535 of the projects. On or after July 1, 2011, the Commissioner of
536 Construction Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of
537 Education, may approve applications for grants to assist school
538 building projects for the [regional vocational-technical] technical high
539 school system to remedy damage from fire and catastrophe, to correct
540 safety, health and other code violations, to replace roofs, to remedy a
541 certified school indoor air quality emergency, or to purchase and
542 install portable classroom buildings at any time within the limit of
543 available grant authorization and to make payments on such a project
544 within the limit of appropriated funds, provided portable classroom
545 building projects do not create a new facility or cause an existing
546 facility to be modified so that the portable buildings comprise a
547 substantial percentage of the total facility area, as determined by the
548 Commissioner of Construction Services. Such projects shall be subject
549 to the requirements of chapters 59 and 60.

550 Sec. 19. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2012*) (a) Whenever the term
551 "regional vocational-technical school" or "regional vocational-technical
552 schools" is used or referred to in the following sections of the general
553 statutes, the term "technical high school" or "technical high schools"
554 shall be substituted in lieu thereof: 4-124ff, 4a-11a, 4d-83, 5-275, 8-
555 265pp, 10-9, 10-19d, 10-19e, 10-21g, 10-66p, 10-67, 10-74d, 10-76q, 10-

556 95a, 10-95j, 10-95n, 10-95o, 10-97, 10-98a, 10-233d, 10-235, 10-264l, 10-
 557 283, 10-287d, 10a-55e, 10a-55g, 10a-72d, 17b-610, 31-3c, 31-3h, 31-3k, 31-
 558 11p, 32-4i, 32-6j and 32-475.

559 (b) Whenever the term "vocational-technical school" or "vocational-
 560 technical schools" is used or referred to in the following sections of the
 561 general statutes, the term "technical high school" or "technical high
 562 schools" shall be substituted in lieu thereof: 1-79, 1-84d, 1-91, 4-67g, 4-
 563 124z, 4-124hh, 4a-2, 10-15d, 10-19e, 10-21g, 10-69, 10-95a, 10-95l, 10-235,
 564 10-262n, 10-284, 10a-25b, 17b-688i, 31-3ee and 31-51ww.

565 (c) Whenever the term "vocational school" or "vocational schools" is
 566 used or referred to in the following sections of the general statutes, the
 567 term "technical high school" or "technical high schools" shall be
 568 substituted in lieu thereof: 4-29, 10-13, 10-55, 10-64, 10-97, 10-186, 10a-
 569 123, 10a-166, 14-36, 20-90, 31-23, 31-24, 38a-682 and 48-9.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	10-95
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	10-99g
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	10-95h
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	10-97b
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	4-124gg
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	10-1
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	3-20f(b)
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	10-4r
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	10-20a(a)
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	10-95i
Sec. 11	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	10-95k
Sec. 12	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	10-95m
Sec. 13	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	10-96c
Sec. 14	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	10-97a
Sec. 15	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	10-99f
Sec. 16	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	10-215b
Sec. 17	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	10-215f
Sec. 18	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	10-283b(a)

Sec. 19	July 1, 2012	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To rename the regional vocational-technical high school system to the technical high school system, to establish a technical high school system board, to amend the budget adoption process for the technical high school system, to clarify the responsibilities of the superintendent of the technical high school system and to make conforming changes.

[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.]