



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 301

LCO No. 1554

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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:
(ED)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE OPEN CHOICE PROGRAM.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (f) of section 10-266aa of the 2012 supplement
2 to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in
3 lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2012*):

4 (f) The Department of Education shall provide grants to regional
5 educational service centers or local or regional boards of education for
6 the reasonable cost of transportation for students participating in the
7 program. For the fiscal year ending June 30, [2003] 2013, and each fiscal
8 year thereafter, the department shall provide such grants [within
9 available appropriations, provided the state-wide average of such
10 grants does not exceed an amount equal to three thousand two
11 hundred fifty dollars for each student transported, except that the
12 Commissioner of Education may grant to regional educational service
13 centers additional sums from funds remaining in the appropriation for
14 such transportation services if needed to offset transportation costs
15 that exceed such maximum amount] in an amount not to exceed two
16 thousand dollars for each student transported. The regional

17 educational service centers shall provide reasonable transportation
18 services to high school students who wish to participate in supervised
19 extracurricular activities. For purposes of this section, the number of
20 students transported shall be determined on September first of each
21 fiscal year.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	10-266aa(f)

Statement of Purpose:

To provide transportation funding to regional educational service centers for students participating in the open choice program.

[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.]