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"AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR REVISIONS TO THE EDUCATION STATUTES."

1 In line 329, insert brackets around "2010" and after the closing
2 bracket insert "2012"

3 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
4 internal references accordingly:

5 "Sec. 501. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 10-283 of the
6 2012 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following
7 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2012*):

8 (a) (1) Each town or regional school district shall be eligible to apply
9 for and accept grants for a school building project as provided in this
10 chapter. Any town desiring a grant for a public school building project
11 may, by vote of its legislative body, authorize the board of education of
12 such town to apply to the Commissioner of Education and to accept or
13 reject such grant for the town. Any regional school board may vote to

14 authorize the supervising agent of the regional school district to apply
15 to the Commissioner of Education for and to accept or reject such grant
16 for the district. Applications for such grants under this chapter shall be
17 made by the superintendent of schools of such town or regional school
18 district on the form provided and in the manner prescribed by the
19 Commissioner of Construction Services. The application form shall
20 require the superintendent of schools to affirm that the school district
21 considered the maximization of natural light and the use and
22 feasibility of wireless connectivity technology in projects for new
23 construction and alteration or renovation of a school building. The
24 Commissioner of Education shall review each grant application for a
25 school building project for compliance with educational requirements
26 and on the basis of categories for building projects established by the
27 State Board of Education in accordance with this section, and shall
28 evaluate, if appropriate, whether the project will assist the state in
29 meeting the goals of the 2008 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al.
30 v. William A. O'Neill, et al., provided grant applications submitted for
31 purposes of subsection (a) of section 10-65 or section 10-76e shall be
32 reviewed annually by the commissioner on the basis of the educational
33 needs of the applicant. The Commissioner of Education shall forward
34 each application and the category that the Commissioner of Education
35 has assigned to each such project in accordance with subdivision (2) of
36 this subsection to the Commissioner of Construction Services not later
37 than August thirty-first of each fiscal year. The Commissioner of
38 Construction Services shall review all grant applications for school
39 building projects on the basis of standards for school construction,
40 established in regulation in accordance with section 10-287c.
41 Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, the Board of Trustees
42 of the Community-Technical Colleges on behalf of Quinebaug Valley
43 Community College and Three Rivers Community College and the
44 following entities that will operate an interdistrict magnet school that
45 will assist the state in meeting the goals of the 2008 stipulation and
46 order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as determined
47 by the Commissioner of Education, may apply for and shall be eligible
48 to receive grants for school building projects pursuant to section 10-

49 264h for such a school: (A) The Board of Trustees of the Community-
50 Technical Colleges on behalf of a regional community-technical
51 college, (B) the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University
52 System on behalf of a state university, (C) the Board of Trustees for The
53 University of Connecticut on behalf of the university, (D) the board of
54 governors for an independent college or university, as defined in
55 section 10a-37, or the equivalent of such a board, on behalf of the
56 independent college or university, (E) cooperative arrangements
57 pursuant to section 10-158a, and (F) any other third-party not-for-
58 profit corporation approved by the Commissioner of Education.

59 Sec. 502. Subsection (a) of section 10-264l of the 2012 supplement to
60 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
61 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2012*):

62 (a) The Department of Education shall, within available
63 appropriations, establish a grant program (1) to assist (A) local and
64 regional boards of education, (B) regional educational service centers,
65 (C) the Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges on
66 behalf of Quinebaug Valley Community College and Three Rivers
67 Community College, and (D) cooperative arrangements pursuant to
68 section 10-158a, and (2) in assisting the state in meeting the goals of the
69 2008 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et
70 al., as determined by the Commissioner of Education, to assist (A) the
71 Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges on behalf of a
72 regional community-technical college, (B) the Board of Trustees of the
73 Connecticut State University System on behalf of a state university, (C)
74 the Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut on behalf of the
75 university, (D) the board of governors for an independent college or
76 university, as defined in section 10a-37, or the equivalent of such a
77 board, on behalf of the independent college or university, and (E) any
78 other third-party not-for-profit corporation approved by the
79 commissioner with the operation of interdistrict magnet school
80 programs. All interdistrict magnet schools shall be operated in
81 conformance with the same laws and regulations applicable to public
82 schools. For the purposes of this section "an interdistrict magnet school

83 program" means a program which (i) supports racial, ethnic and
84 economic diversity, (ii) offers a special and high quality curriculum,
85 and (iii) requires students who are enrolled to attend at least half-time.
86 An interdistrict magnet school program does not include a regional
87 agricultural science and technology school, a regional vocational-
88 technical school or a regional special education center. On and after
89 July 1, 2000, the governing authority for each interdistrict magnet
90 school program that is in operation prior to July 1, 2005, shall restrict
91 the number of students that may enroll in the program from a
92 participating district to eighty per cent of the total enrollment of the
93 program. The governing authority for each interdistrict magnet school
94 program that begins operations on or after July 1, 2005, shall restrict
95 the number of students that may enroll in the program from a
96 participating district to seventy-five per cent of the total enrollment of
97 the program, and maintain such a school enrollment that at least
98 twenty-five per cent but not more than seventy-five per cent of the
99 students enrolled are pupils of racial minorities, as defined in section
100 10-226a.

101 Sec. 503. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 10-264i of the
102 2012 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following
103 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2012*):

104 (a) (1) (A) A local or regional board of education, (B) regional
105 educational service center, (C) the Board of Trustees of the
106 Community-Technical Colleges on behalf of Quinebaug Valley
107 Community College and Three Rivers Community College, (D)
108 cooperative arrangement pursuant to section 10-158a, or (E) to assist
109 the state in meeting the goals of the 2008 stipulation and order for Milo
110 Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as determined by the
111 Commissioner of Education, (i) the Board of Trustees of the
112 Community-Technical Colleges on behalf of a regional community-
113 technical college, (ii) the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State
114 University System on behalf of a state university, (iii) the Board of
115 Trustees for The University of Connecticut on behalf of the university,
116 (iv) the board of governors for an independent college or university, as

117 defined in section 10a-37, or the equivalent of such a board, on behalf
118 of the independent college or university, and (v) any other third-party
119 not-for-profit corporation approved by the commissioner which
120 transports a child to an interdistrict magnet school program, as defined
121 in section 10-264l, in a town other than the town in which the child
122 resides shall be eligible pursuant to section 10-264e to receive a grant
123 for the cost of transporting such child in accordance with this section.

124 Sec. 504. Subsection (a) of section 10-207 of the general statutes is
125 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
126 *1, 2012*):

127 (a) Each school medical advisor shall [make a prompt examination
128 of all pupils referred to such medical advisor by the school nurse,
129 teacher, principal or superintendent, and shall interpret to such nurse,
130 teacher, principal or superintendent, and to the parents of each such
131 pupil, such medical advisor's findings, with recommendations as to
132 how the pupil should be cared for and what provisions, if any, should
133 be made at the school for the care and welfare of such pupil. Each such
134 school medical advisor shall also make examinations of teachers,
135 janitors and others in the employment of the board of education when
136 requested to do so by the board of education or when, in such medical
137 advisor's opinion, such examinations are necessary for the protection
138 of health, provided such medical advisor shall accept the report of an
139 equivalent physical examination by any reputable physician chosen by
140 such teacher, janitor or other employee in lieu thereof. Such medical
141 advisor shall make such sanitary inspection of school buildings as, in
142 such medical advisor's opinion, is necessary for the protection of the
143 health of pupils. The school medical advisor shall take steps to
144 preserve and improve the health of pupils in accordance with the
145 requirements of the Public Health Code of this state established by the
146 Commissioner of Public Health under the provisions of section 19a-36
147 or the sanitary regulations in force in such town or district in excluding
148 and readmitting pupils or teachers or other school employees
149 suspected of being ill, or ill, with any communicable disease. In
150 cooperation with the director of health, the school medical advisor

151 shall interpret to teachers and nurses factors dealing with
152 communicable disease control] work with the local or regional board
153 of education that appointed such school medical advisor and the board
154 of health or health department for the school district under the
155 jurisdiction of such board to (1) plan and administer the health
156 program for each school, (2) advise on the provision of school health
157 services, (3) provide consultation on the school health environment,
158 and (4) perform any other duties that may be agreed on by the school
159 medical advisor and the local or regional board of education that
160 appointed such school medical advisor.

161 Sec. 505. Subsection (a) of section 10-16b of the 2012 supplement to
162 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
163 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2012*):

164 (a) In the public schools the program of instruction offered shall
165 include at least the following subject matter, as taught by legally
166 qualified teachers, the arts; career education; consumer education;
167 health and safety, including, but not limited to, human growth and
168 development, nutrition, first aid, including training in
169 cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of automatic external
170 defibrillators, disease prevention, community and consumer health,
171 physical, mental and emotional health, including youth suicide
172 prevention, substance abuse prevention, safety, which may include the
173 dangers of gang membership, and accident prevention; language arts,
174 including reading, writing, grammar, speaking and spelling;
175 mathematics; physical education; science; social studies, including, but
176 not limited to, citizenship, economics, geography, government and
177 history; and in addition, on at least the secondary level, one or more
178 world languages and vocational education. For purposes of this
179 subsection, world languages shall include American Sign Language,
180 provided such subject matter is taught by a qualified instructor under
181 the supervision of a teacher who holds a certificate issued by the State
182 Board of Education. For purposes of this subsection, the "arts" means
183 any form of visual or performing arts, which may include, but not be
184 limited to, dance, music, art and theatre."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	10-283(a)(1)
Sec. 502	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	10-264l(a)
Sec. 503	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	10-264i(a)(1)
Sec. 504	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	10-207(a)
Sec. 505	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	10-16b(a)