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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. Section 10-262f of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

3 Whenever used in this section and sections 10-262h to 10-262j,  
4 inclusive, as amended by this act:

5 (1) "Adjusted equalized net grand list" means the equalized net  
6 grand list of a town multiplied by its income adjustment factor.

7 (2) "Base aid ratio" means (A) for the fiscal years ending June 30,  
8 2008, to June 30, 2013, inclusive, one minus the ratio of a town's wealth  
9 to the state guaranteed wealth level, provided no town's aid ratio shall  
10 be less than nine one-hundredths, except for towns which rank from

11 one to twenty when all towns are ranked in descending order from one  
12 to one hundred sixty-nine based on the ratio of the number of children  
13 below poverty to the number of children age five to seventeen,  
14 inclusive, the town's aid ratio shall not be less than thirteen one-  
15 hundredths when based on data used to determine the grants  
16 pursuant to section 10-262h, as amended by this act, for the fiscal year  
17 ending June 30, 2008, and (B) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014,  
18 and each fiscal year thereafter, one minus the town's wealth  
19 adjustment factor, except that no town's aid ratio shall not be less than  
20 (i) ten one-hundredths for a town designated as an alliance district, as  
21 defined in section 10-262u, as amended by this act, and (ii) two one-  
22 hundredths for a town that is not designated as an alliance district.

23 (3) "Income adjustment factor" means the average of a town's per  
24 capita income divided by the per capita income of the town with the  
25 highest per capita income in the state and a town's median household  
26 income divided by the median household income of the town with the  
27 highest median household income in the state.

28 (4) "Median household income" for each town means that  
29 enumerated in the most recent federal decennial census of population  
30 or that enumerated in the current population report series issued by  
31 the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census,  
32 whichever is more recent and available on January first of the fiscal  
33 year two years prior to the fiscal year in which payment is to be made  
34 pursuant to section 10-262i, as amended by this act.

35 (5) "Supplemental aid factor" means for each town the average of its  
36 percentage of children eligible under the temporary family assistance  
37 program and its grant mastery percentage.

38 (6) "Percentage of children eligible under the temporary family  
39 assistance program" means the town's number of children under the  
40 temporary family assistance program divided by the number of  
41 children age five to seventeen, inclusive, in the town.

42 (7) "Average mastery percentage" means for each school year the  
43 average of the three most recent mastery percentages available on  
44 December first of the school year.

45 (8) "Equalized net grand list", for purposes of calculating the  
46 amount of grant to which any town is entitled in accordance with  
47 section 10-262h, as amended by this act, means the average of the net  
48 grand lists of the town upon which taxes were levied for the general  
49 expenses of the town two, three and four years prior to the fiscal year  
50 in which such grant is to be paid, provided such net grand lists are  
51 equalized in accordance with section 10-261a.

52 (9) "Foundation" means (A) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1990,  
53 three thousand nine hundred eighteen dollars, (B) for the fiscal year  
54 ending June 30, 1991, four thousand one hundred ninety-two dollars,  
55 (C) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1992, four thousand four  
56 hundred eighty-six dollars, (D) for the fiscal years ending June 30,  
57 1993, June 30, 1994, and June 30, 1995, four thousand eight hundred  
58 dollars, (E) for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1996, June 30, 1997, and  
59 June 30, 1998, five thousand seven hundred eleven dollars, (F) for the  
60 fiscal year ending June 30, 1999, five thousand seven hundred seventy-  
61 five dollars, (G) for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2000, to June 30,  
62 2007, inclusive, five thousand eight hundred ninety-one dollars, [and]  
63 (H) for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2008, to June 30, 2013, inclusive,  
64 nine thousand six hundred eighty-seven dollars, and (I) for the fiscal  
65 year ending June 30, 2014, and each fiscal year thereafter, eleven  
66 thousand seven hundred fifty-four dollars.

67 (10) "Number of children age five to seventeen, inclusive" means  
68 that enumerated in the most recent federal decennial census of  
69 population or enumerated in the current population report series  
70 issued by the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the  
71 Census, whichever is more recent and available on January first of the  
72 fiscal year two years prior to the fiscal year in which payment is to be  
73 made pursuant to section 10-262i, as amended by this act.

74 (11) "Supplemental aid ratio" means .04 times the supplemental aid  
75 factor of a town divided by the highest supplemental aid factor when  
76 all towns are ranked from low to high, provided any town whose  
77 percentage of children eligible under the temporary family assistance  
78 program exceeds twenty-five shall have a supplemental aid ratio of  
79 .04.

80 (12) "Grant mastery percentage" means (A) for the school year  
81 ending June 30, 1989, average mastery percentage, and (B) for the  
82 school years ending June 30, 1990, through the school year ending June  
83 30, 1995, the average mastery percentage plus the mastery  
84 improvement bonus, and (C) for each school year thereafter, the  
85 average mastery percentage.

86 (13) "Mastery count" of a town means for each school year the grant  
87 mastery percentage of the town multiplied by the number of resident  
88 students.

89 (14) "Mastery improvement bonus" means for each school year  
90 through the school year ending June 30, 1995, seventy-five per cent of  
91 the difference between (A) the grant mastery percentage for the  
92 previous school year, and (B) the average mastery percentage for the  
93 school year, but not less than zero.

94 (15) "Mastery percentage" of a town for any school year means,  
95 using the mastery test data of record for the examination administered  
96 in such year, the number obtained by dividing (A) the total number of  
97 valid tests with scores below the state-wide standard for remedial  
98 assistance as determined by the Department of Education in each  
99 subject of the examinations pursuant to subdivisions (1) and (2) of  
100 subsection (a) of section 10-14n taken by resident students, by (B) the  
101 total number of such valid tests taken by such students.

102 (16) "Mastery test data of record" means (A) for any examination  
103 administered prior to the 2005-2006 school year, the data of record on  
104 the April thirtieth subsequent to the administration of the

105 examinations pursuant to subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection (a) of  
106 section 10-14n, except that school districts may, not later than the  
107 March first following the administration of an examination, file a  
108 request with the Department of Education for an adjustment of the  
109 mastery test data from such examination, and (B) for examinations  
110 administered in the 2005-2006 school year and each school year  
111 thereafter, the data of record on the December thirty-first subsequent  
112 to the administration of the examinations pursuant to subdivisions (1)  
113 and (2) of subsection (c) of section 10-14n, or such data adjusted by the  
114 Department of Education pursuant to a request by a local or regional  
115 board of education for an adjustment of the mastery test data from  
116 such examination filed with the department not later than the  
117 November thirtieth following the administration of the examination.

118 (17) "Number of children under the temporary family assistance  
119 program" means the number obtained by adding together the  
120 unduplicated aggregate number of children five to eighteen years of  
121 age eligible to receive benefits under the temporary family assistance  
122 program or its predecessor federal program, as appropriate, in October  
123 and May of each fiscal year, and dividing by two, such number to be  
124 certified and submitted annually, no later than the first day of July of  
125 the succeeding fiscal year, to the Commissioner of Education by the  
126 Commissioner of Social Services.

127 (18) "Per capita income" for each town means that enumerated in the  
128 most recent federal decennial census of population or that enumerated  
129 in the current population report series issued by the United States  
130 Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, whichever is more  
131 recent and available on January first of the fiscal year two years prior  
132 to the fiscal year in which payment is to be made pursuant to section  
133 10-262i, as amended by this act.

134 (19) "Regional bonus" means, for any town which is a member of a  
135 regional school district and has students who attend such regional  
136 school district, an amount equal to one hundred dollars for each such

137 student enrolled in the regional school district on October first or the  
138 full school day immediately preceding such date for the school year  
139 prior to the fiscal year in which the grant is to be paid multiplied by  
140 the ratio of the number of grades, kindergarten to grade twelve,  
141 inclusive, in the regional school district to thirteen.

142 (20) "Regular program expenditures" means (A) total current  
143 educational expenditures less (B) expenditures for (i) special education  
144 programs pursuant to subsection (h) of section 10-76f, [(ii) pupil  
145 transportation eligible for reimbursement pursuant to section 10-266m,  
146 (iii)] (ii) land and capital building expenditures, and equipment  
147 otherwise supported by a state grant pursuant to chapter 173,  
148 including debt service, [(iv)] (iii) health services for nonpublic school  
149 children, [(v)] (iv) adult education, (C) expenditures directly  
150 attributable to (i) state grants received by or on behalf of school  
151 districts except grants for the categories of expenditures listed in  
152 subparagraphs (B)(i) to (B)(v), inclusive, of this subdivision and except  
153 grants received pursuant to section 10-262i, as amended by this act,  
154 and section 10-262c of the general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to  
155 January 1, 1987, and except grants received pursuant to chapter 173,  
156 (ii) federal grants received by or on behalf of school districts except for  
157 adult education and federal impact aid, and (iii) receipts from the  
158 operation of child nutrition services and student activities services, (D)  
159 expenditures of funds from private and other sources, and (E) tuition  
160 received on account of nonresident students. The town of Woodstock  
161 may include as part of the current expenses of its public schools for  
162 each school year the amount expended for current expenses in that  
163 year by Woodstock Academy from income from its endowment funds  
164 upon receipt from said academy of a certified statement of such  
165 current expenses. The town of Winchester may include as part of the  
166 current expenses of its public school for each school year the amount  
167 expended for current expenses in that year by the Gilbert School from  
168 income from its endowment funds upon receipt from said school of a  
169 certified statement of such current expenses.

170 (21) "Regular program expenditures per need student" means, in  
171 any year, the regular program expenditures of a town for such year  
172 divided by the number of total need students in the town for such  
173 school year, provided for towns which are members of a kindergarten  
174 to grade twelve, inclusive, regional school district and for such  
175 regional school district, "regular program expenditures per need  
176 student" means, in any year, the regular program expenditures of such  
177 regional school district divided by the sum of the number of total need  
178 students in all such member towns.

179 (22) "Resident students" means the number of pupils of the town  
180 enrolled in public schools at the expense of the town on October first  
181 or the full school day immediately preceding such date, provided the  
182 number shall be decreased by the Department of Education for failure  
183 to comply with the provisions of section 10-16 and shall be increased  
184 by one one-hundred-eightieth for each full-time equivalent school day  
185 in the school year immediately preceding such date of at least five  
186 hours of actual school work in excess of one hundred eighty days and  
187 nine hundred hours of actual school work and be increased by the full-  
188 time equivalent number of such pupils attending the summer sessions  
189 immediately preceding such date at the expense of the town; "enrolled"  
190 shall include pupils who are scheduled for vacation on the above date  
191 and who are expected to return to school as scheduled. Pupils  
192 participating in the program established pursuant to section 10-266aa  
193 shall be counted in accordance with the provisions of subsection (h) of  
194 section 10-266aa.

195 (23) "Schools" means nursery schools, kindergarten and grades one  
196 to twelve, inclusive.

197 (24) "State guaranteed wealth level" means (A) for the fiscal year  
198 ending June 30, 1990, 1.8335 times the town wealth of the town with  
199 the median wealth as calculated using the data of record on December  
200 first of the fiscal year prior to the year in which the grant is to be paid  
201 pursuant to section 10-262i, as amended by this act, (B) for the fiscal

202 years ending June 30, 1991, and 1992, 1.6651 times the town wealth of  
203 the town with such median wealth, (C) for the fiscal years ending June  
204 30, 1993, June 30, 1994, and June 30, 1995, 1.5361 times the town wealth  
205 of the town with the median wealth, (D) for the fiscal years ending  
206 June 30, 1996, to June 30, 2007, inclusive, 1.55 times the town wealth of  
207 the town with the median wealth, and (E) for the fiscal year ending  
208 June 30, 2008, and each fiscal year thereafter, 1.75 times the town  
209 wealth of the town with the median wealth.

210 (25) "Total need students" means the sum of (A) the number of  
211 resident students of the town for the school year, (B) (i) for any school  
212 year commencing prior to July 1, 1998, one-quarter the number of  
213 children under the temporary family assistance program for the prior  
214 fiscal year, and (ii) for the school years commencing July 1, 1998, to  
215 July 1, 2006, inclusive, one-quarter the number of children under the  
216 temporary family assistance program for the fiscal year ending June  
217 30, 1997, (C) for school years commencing July 1, 1995, to July 1, 2006,  
218 inclusive, one-quarter of the mastery count for the school year, (D) for  
219 school years commencing July 1, 1995, to July 1, 2006, inclusive, ten per  
220 cent of the number of eligible children, as defined in subdivision (1) of  
221 section 10-17e, for whom the board of education is not required to  
222 provide a program pursuant to section 10-17f, (E) for the school year  
223 commencing July 1, 2007, [and each school year thereafter] to July 1,  
224 2012, inclusive, fifteen per cent of the number of eligible students, as  
225 defined in subdivision (1) of section 10-17e, for whom the board of  
226 education is not required to provide a program pursuant to section 10-  
227 17f, [and] (F) for the school year commencing July 1, 2007, [and each  
228 school year thereafter] to July 1, 2012, inclusive, thirty-three per cent of  
229 the number of children below the level of poverty, and (G) for the  
230 school year commencing July 1, 2013, and each school year thereafter,  
231 thirty per cent of the number of children eligible for free or reduced  
232 price meals or free milk.

233 (26) "Town wealth" means the average of a town's adjusted  
234 equalized net grand list divided by its total need students for the fiscal

235 year prior to the year in which the grant is to be paid and its adjusted  
236 equalized net grand list divided by its population.

237 (27) "Population" of a town means that enumerated in the most  
238 recent federal decennial census of population or that enumerated in  
239 the current population report series issued by the United States  
240 Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census available on January  
241 first of the fiscal year two years prior to the fiscal year in which a grant  
242 is to be paid, whichever is most recent; except that any town whose  
243 enumerated population residing in state and federal institutions within  
244 such town and attributed to such town by the census exceeds forty per  
245 cent of such "population" shall have its population adjusted as follows:  
246 Persons who are incarcerated or in custodial situations, including, but  
247 not limited to jails, prisons, hospitals or training schools or persons  
248 who reside in dormitory facilities in schools, colleges, universities or  
249 on military bases shall not be counted in the "population" of a town.

250 (28) "Base revenue" for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1995, means  
251 the sum of the grant entitlements for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
252 1995, of a town pursuant to section 10-262h, as amended by this act,  
253 and subsection (a) of section 10-76g, including its proportional share,  
254 based on enrollment, of the revenue paid pursuant to section 10-76g, as  
255 amended by this act, to the regional district of which the town is a  
256 member, and for each fiscal year thereafter means the amount of each  
257 town's entitlement pursuant to section 10-262h, as amended by this act,  
258 minus its density supplement, as determined pursuant to subdivision  
259 (6) of subsection (a) of section 10-262h, as amended by this act, except  
260 that for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, each town's entitlement  
261 shall be determined without using the adjustments made to the  
262 previous year's grant pursuant to subparagraph (M) of subdivision (6)  
263 of subsection (a) of section 10-262h, as amended by this act, except that  
264 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, each town's entitlement shall  
265 be determined without using the adjustments made to the previous  
266 year's grant pursuant to subparagraph (N) of subdivision (6) of  
267 subsection (a) of section 10-262h, as amended by this act.

268 (29) "Density" means the population of a town divided by the  
269 square miles of a town.

270 (30) "Density aid ratio" means the product of (A) the density of a  
271 town divided by the density of the town in the state with the highest  
272 density, and (B) .006273.

273 (31) "Mastery goal improvement count" means the product of (A)  
274 the difference between the percentage of state-wide mastery  
275 examination scores, pursuant to subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection  
276 (a) of section 10-14n, at or above the mastery goal level for the most  
277 recently completed school year and the percentage of such scores for  
278 the prior school year, and (B) the resident students of the town, or  
279 zero, whichever is greater.

280 (32) "Target aid" means the sum of (A) the product of a town's base  
281 aid ratio, the foundation level and the town's total need students for  
282 the fiscal year prior to the year in which the grant is to be paid, (B) the  
283 product of a town's supplemental aid ratio, the foundation level and  
284 the sum of the portion of its total need students count described in  
285 subparagraphs (B) and (C) of subdivision (25) of this section for the  
286 fiscal year prior to the fiscal year in which the grant is to be paid, and  
287 the adjustments to its resident student count described in subdivision  
288 (22) of this section relative to length of school year and summer school  
289 sessions, and (C) the town's regional bonus.

290 (33) "Fully funded grant" means the sum of (A) the product of a  
291 town's base aid ratio, the foundation level and the town's total need  
292 students for the fiscal year prior to the year in which the grant is to be  
293 paid, and (B) the town's regional bonus.

294 (34) "Number of children below the level of poverty" means the  
295 number of children, ages five to seventeen, inclusive, in families in  
296 poverty, as determined under Part A of Title I of the No Child Left  
297 Behind Act, P.L. 107-110. The count for member towns of regional  
298 school districts shall be the sum of towns' initial determination under

299 Title I and the proportionate share of the regional districts  
300 determination based member enrollment in the regional district.

301 (35) "Current program expenditures" means (A) total current  
302 educational expenditures less (B) expenditures for (i) land and capital  
303 building expenditures, and equipment otherwise supported by a state  
304 grant pursuant to chapter 173, including debt service, (ii) health  
305 services for nonpublic school children, and (iii) adult education, (C)  
306 expenditures directly attributable to (i) state grants received by or on  
307 behalf of school districts except grants for the categories of  
308 expenditures listed in subparagraphs (B)(i) to (B)(iii), inclusive, of this  
309 subdivision and except grants received pursuant to section 10-262i, as  
310 amended by this act, and section 10-262c of the general statutes,  
311 revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 1987, and except grants received  
312 pursuant to chapter 173, (ii) federal grants received by or on behalf of  
313 school districts except for adult education and federal impact aid, and  
314 (iii) receipts from the operation of child nutrition services and student  
315 activities services, (D) expenditures of funds from private and other  
316 sources, and (E) tuition received on account of nonresident students.  
317 The town of Woodstock may include as part of the current expenses of  
318 its public schools for each school year the amount expended for  
319 current expenses in that year by Woodstock Academy from income  
320 from its endowment funds upon receipt from said academy of a  
321 certified statement of such current expenses. The town of Winchester  
322 may include as part of the current expenses of its public school for  
323 each school year the amount expended for current expenses in that  
324 year by the Gilbert School from income from its endowment funds  
325 upon receipt from said school of a certified statement of such current  
326 expenses.

327 (36) "Current program expenditures per resident student" means, in  
328 any year, the current program expenditures of a town for such year  
329 divided by the number of resident students in the town for such school  
330 year.

331 (37) "Base aid" means the amount of the grant pursuant to section  
332 10-262h, as amended by this act, that a town was eligible to receive for  
333 the fiscal year ending June 30, [2007] 2013.

334 (38) "Local funding percentage" means that for the fiscal year two  
335 years prior to the fiscal year in which the grant is to be paid pursuant  
336 to section 10-262i, as amended by this act, the number obtained by  
337 dividing (A) total current educational expenditures less (i)  
338 expenditures for (I) land and capital building expenditures, and  
339 equipment otherwise supported by a state grant pursuant to chapter  
340 173, including debt service, (II) health services for nonpublic school  
341 children, and (III) adult education, (ii) expenditures directly  
342 attributable to (I) state grants received by or on behalf of school  
343 districts, except those grants for the categories of expenditures  
344 described in subparagraphs (A)(i)(I) to (A)(i)(III), inclusive, of this  
345 subdivision, and except grants received pursuant to chapter 173, (II)  
346 federal grants received by or on behalf of local or regional boards of  
347 education, except those grants for adult education and federal impact  
348 aid, and (III) receipts from the operation of child nutrition services and  
349 student activities services, (iii) expenditures of funds from private and  
350 other sources, and (iv) tuition received by the district for the education  
351 of nonresident students, by (B) total current educational expenditures  
352 less expenditures for (i) land and capital building expenditures, and  
353 equipment otherwise supported by a state grant pursuant to chapter  
354 173, including debt service, (ii) health services for nonpublic school  
355 children, and (iii) adult education.

356 (39) "Minimum local funding percentage" means (A) for the fiscal  
357 year ending June 30, 2013, twenty per cent, (B) for the fiscal year  
358 ending June 30, 2014, twenty-one per cent, (C) for the fiscal year  
359 ending June 30, 2015, twenty-two per cent, (D) for the fiscal year  
360 ending June 30, 2016, twenty-three per cent, and (E) for the fiscal year  
361 ending June 30, 2017, twenty-four per cent.

362 (40) "Number of children eligible for free or reduced price meals or

363 free milk" means the number of pupils of the town enrolled in public  
364 schools at the expense of the town on October first or the full school  
365 day immediately preceding such date, in families that meet the income  
366 eligibility guidelines established by the federal Department of  
367 Agriculture for free or reduced price meals or free milk under the  
368 National School Lunch Program, established pursuant to P.L. 79-396.

369 (41) "Equalized net grand list per capita" means the equalized net  
370 grand list of a town divided by the population of such town.

371 (42) "Equalized net grand list adjustment factor" means the ratio of  
372 the town's equalized net grand list per capita to one and one-half times  
373 the town equalized net grand list per capita of the town with the  
374 median equalized net grand list per capita.

375 (43) "Median household income adjustment factor" means the ratio  
376 of the median household income of the town to one and one-half times  
377 the median household income of the town with the median household  
378 income.

379 (44) "Wealth adjustment factor" means the average of a town's  
380 equalized net grand list adjustment factor and a town's median  
381 household income adjustment factor.

382 Sec. 2. Subdivision (6) of subsection (a) of section 10-262h of the  
383 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
384 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

385 (6) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, and each fiscal year  
386 thereafter, a grant in an amount equal to the sum of any amounts paid  
387 to the town pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of section 10-  
388 66ee, as amended by this act, and the amount of its target aid as  
389 described in subdivision (32) of section 10-262f, as amended by this act,  
390 except that such amount of target aid shall be capped in accordance  
391 with the following: (A) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 1996, June  
392 30, 1997, June 30, 1998, and June 30, 1999, for each town, the maximum

393 percentage increase over its previous year's base revenue shall be the  
394 product of five per cent and the ratio of the wealth of the town ranked  
395 one hundred fifty-third when all towns are ranked in descending order  
396 to each town's wealth, provided no town shall receive an increase  
397 greater than five per cent. (B) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2000,  
398 June 30, 2001, June 30, 2002, June 30, 2003, and June 30, 2004, for each  
399 town, the maximum percentage increase over its previous year's base  
400 revenue shall be the product of six per cent and the ratio of the wealth  
401 of the town ranked one hundred fifty-third when all towns are ranked  
402 in descending order to each town's wealth, provided no town shall  
403 receive an increase greater than six per cent. (C) No such cap shall be  
404 used for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, or any fiscal year  
405 thereafter. (D) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, for each town,  
406 the maximum percentage reduction from its previous year's base  
407 revenue shall be equal to the product of three per cent and the ratio of  
408 each town's wealth to the wealth of the town ranked seventeenth when  
409 all towns are ranked in descending order, provided no town's grant  
410 shall be reduced by more than three per cent. (E) For the fiscal years  
411 ending June 30, 1997, June 30, 1998, and June 30, 1999, for each town,  
412 the maximum percentage reduction from its previous year's base  
413 revenue shall be equal to the product of five per cent and the ratio of  
414 each town's wealth to the wealth of the town ranked seventeenth when  
415 all towns are ranked in descending order, provided no town's grant  
416 shall be reduced by more than five per cent. (F) For the fiscal year  
417 ending June 30, 2000, and each fiscal year thereafter, no town's grant  
418 shall be less than the grant it received for the prior fiscal year. (G) For  
419 each fiscal year prior to the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, except for  
420 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, in addition to the amount  
421 determined pursuant to this subdivision, a town shall be eligible for a  
422 density supplement if the density of the town is greater than the  
423 average density of all towns in the state. The density supplement shall  
424 be determined by multiplying the density aid ratio of the town by the  
425 foundation level and the town's total need students for the prior fiscal  
426 year provided, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, and each fiscal

427 year thereafter, no town's density supplement shall be less than the  
428 density supplement such town received for the prior fiscal year. (H)  
429 For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997, the grant determined in  
430 accordance with this subdivision for a town ranked one to forty-two  
431 when all towns are ranked in descending order according to town  
432 wealth shall be further reduced by one and two-hundredths of a per  
433 cent and such grant for all other towns shall be further reduced by  
434 fifty-six-hundredths of a per cent. (I) For the fiscal year ending June 30,  
435 1998, and each fiscal year thereafter, no town whose school district is a  
436 priority school district shall receive a grant pursuant to this  
437 subdivision in an amount that is less than the amount received under  
438 such grant for the prior fiscal year. (J) For the fiscal year ending June  
439 30, 2000, and each fiscal year through the fiscal year ending June 30,  
440 2003, no town whose school district is a priority school district shall  
441 receive a grant pursuant to this subdivision that provides an amount of  
442 aid per resident student that is less than the amount of aid per resident  
443 student provided under the grant received for the prior fiscal year. (K)  
444 For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998, and each fiscal year thereafter,  
445 no town whose school district is a priority school district shall receive a  
446 grant pursuant to this subdivision in an amount that is less than  
447 seventy per cent of the sum of (i) the product of a town's base aid ratio,  
448 the foundation level and the town's total need students for the fiscal  
449 year prior to the year in which the grant is to be paid, (ii) the product  
450 of a town's supplemental aid ratio, the foundation level and the sum of  
451 the portion of its total need students count described in subparagraphs  
452 (B) and (C) of subdivision (25) of section 10-262f, as amended by this  
453 act, for the fiscal year prior to the fiscal year in which the grant is to be  
454 paid, and the adjustments to its resident student count described in  
455 subdivision (22) of said section 10-262f, as amended by this act, relative  
456 to length of school year and summer school sessions, and (iii) the  
457 town's regional bonus. (L) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, and  
458 each fiscal year thereafter, no town whose school district is a  
459 transitional school district shall receive a grant pursuant to this  
460 subdivision in an amount that is less than forty per cent of the sum of

461 (i) the product of a town's base aid ratio, the foundation level and the  
462 town's total need students for the fiscal year prior to the fiscal year in  
463 which the grant is to be paid, (ii) the product of a town's supplemental  
464 aid ratio, the foundation level and the sum of the portion of its total  
465 need students count described in subparagraphs (B) and (C) of  
466 subdivision (25) of section 10-262f, as amended by this act, for the fiscal  
467 year prior to the fiscal year in which the grant is to be paid, and the  
468 adjustments to its resident student count described in subdivision (22)  
469 of said section 10-262f, as amended by this act, relative to length of  
470 school year and summer school sessions, and (iii) the town's regional  
471 bonus. (M) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002, (i) each town  
472 whose target aid is capped pursuant to this subdivision shall receive a  
473 grant that includes a pro rata share of twenty-five million dollars based  
474 on the difference between its target aid and the amount of the grant  
475 determined with the cap, and (ii) all towns shall receive a grant that is  
476 at least 1.68 per cent greater than the grant they received for the fiscal  
477 year ending June 30, 2001. (N) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003,  
478 (i) each town whose target aid is capped pursuant to this subdivision  
479 shall receive a pro rata share of fifty million dollars based on the  
480 difference between its target aid and the amount of the grant  
481 determined with the cap, and (ii) each town shall receive a grant that is  
482 at least 1.2 per cent more than its base revenue, as defined in  
483 subdivision (28) of section 10-262f, as amended by this act. (O) For the  
484 fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, each town shall receive a grant that is  
485 at least equal to the grant it received for the prior fiscal year. (P) For  
486 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, (i) each town whose target aid is  
487 capped pursuant to this subdivision shall receive a grant that includes  
488 a pro rata share of fifty million dollars based on the difference between  
489 its target aid and the amount of the grant determined with the cap, (ii)  
490 each town's grant including the cap supplement shall be reduced by  
491 three per cent, (iii) the towns of Bridgeport, Hartford and New Haven  
492 shall each receive a grant that is equal to the grant such towns received  
493 for the prior fiscal year plus one million dollars, (iv) those towns  
494 described in clause (i) of this subparagraph shall receive a grant that

495 includes a pro rata share of three million dollars based on the same pro  
496 rata basis as used in said clause (i), (v) towns whose school districts are  
497 priority school districts pursuant to subsection (a) of section 10-266p or  
498 transitional school districts pursuant to section 10-263c or who are  
499 eligible for grants under section 10-276a or 10-263d for the fiscal years  
500 ending June 30, 2002, to June 30, 2004, inclusive, shall receive grants  
501 that are at least equal to the grants they received for the prior fiscal  
502 year, (vi) towns not receiving funds under clause (iii) of this  
503 subparagraph shall receive a pro rata share of any remaining funds  
504 based on their grant determined under this subparagraph. (Q) For the  
505 fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, (i) no town shall receive a grant  
506 pursuant to this subparagraph in an amount that is less than sixty per  
507 cent of the amount determined pursuant to the previous  
508 subparagraphs of this subdivision, (ii) notwithstanding the provisions  
509 of subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, each town shall receive a grant  
510 that is equal to the amount the town received for the prior fiscal year  
511 increased by twenty-three and twenty-seven hundredths per cent of  
512 the difference between the grant amount calculated pursuant to this  
513 subdivision and the amount the town received for the prior fiscal year,  
514 (iii) no town whose school district is a priority school district pursuant  
515 to subsection (a) of section 10-266p shall receive a grant pursuant to  
516 this subdivision that is less than three hundred seventy dollars per  
517 resident student, and (iv) each town shall receive a grant that is at least  
518 the greater of the amount of the grant it received for the fiscal year  
519 ending June 30, 2003, or the amount of the grant it received for the  
520 fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, increased by seven-tenths per cent,  
521 except that the town of Winchester shall not receive less than its fixed  
522 entitlement for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003. (R)  
523 Notwithstanding the provisions of this subdivision, for the fiscal years  
524 ending June 30, 2006, and June 30, 2007, each town shall receive a grant  
525 that is equal to the amount of the grant the town received for the fiscal  
526 year ending June 30, 2005, increased by two per cent plus the amount  
527 specified in section 33 of public act 05-245, provided for the fiscal year  
528 ending June 30, 2007, no town shall receive a grant in an amount that is

529 less than sixty per cent of the amount of its target aid as described in  
530 subdivision (32) of section 10-262f, as amended by this act. (S) For the  
531 fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, a grant in an amount equal to the sum  
532 of (i) the town's base aid, and (ii) seventeen and thirty-one one-  
533 hundredths per cent of the difference between the town's fully funded  
534 grant as described in subdivision (33) of section 10-262f, as amended  
535 by this act, and its base aid, except that such per cent shall be adjusted  
536 for all towns so that no town shall receive a grant that is less than the  
537 amount of the grant the town received for the fiscal year ending June  
538 30, 2007, increased by four and four-tenths per cent. (T) For the fiscal  
539 year ending June 30, 2009, a grant in an amount equal to the sum of (i)  
540 the town's base aid, and (ii) twenty-two and two one-hundredths per  
541 cent of the difference between the fully funded grant as described in  
542 said subdivision (33) of section 10-262f, as amended by this act, and its  
543 base aid, except that such per cent shall be adjusted for all towns so  
544 that no town shall receive a grant that is less than the amount of the  
545 grant the town received for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008,  
546 increased by four and four-tenths per cent. (U) For the fiscal year  
547 ending June 30, 2014, (i) for a town not designated as an alliance  
548 district, as defined in section 10-262u, as amended by this act, a grant  
549 in an amount equal to the sum of (I) the greater of (a) the grant the  
550 town received for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, or (b) the sum of  
551 the town's base aid and one one-hundredths per cent of the difference  
552 between the town's fully funded grant and the town's base aid, and (II)  
553 the amount the town received for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013,  
554 as part of the state grant in lieu of taxes under the provisions of  
555 subsections (a) to (c), inclusive, and (e) of section 12-19a, sections 12-  
556 19b, 12-19c, 4b-39 and 32-666, and (ii) for a town designated as an  
557 alliance district, a grant in an amount equal to the sum of (I) the greater  
558 of (a) the grant the town received for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
559 2013, or (b) the sum of the town's base aid and ten one-hundredths per  
560 cent of the difference between the town's fully funded grant and the  
561 town's base aid, and (II) the amount the town received for the fiscal  
562 year ending June 30, 2013, as part of the state grant in lieu of taxes

563 under the provisions of subsections (a) to (c), inclusive, and (e) of  
564 section 12-19a, sections 12-19b, 12-19c, 4b-39 and 32-666. (V) For the  
565 fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, (i) for a town not designated as an  
566 alliance district, as defined in section 10-262u, as amended by this act,  
567 a grant in an amount equal to the sum of (I) the greater of (a) the grant  
568 the town received for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, or (b) the  
569 sum of the town's base aid and two one-hundredths per cent of the  
570 difference between the town's fully funded grant and the town's base  
571 aid, and (II) the amount the town received for the fiscal year ending  
572 June 30, 2013, as part of the state grant in lieu of taxes under the  
573 provisions of subsections (a) to (c), inclusive, and (e) of section 12-19a,  
574 sections 12-19b, 12-19c, 4b-39 and 32-666, and (ii) for a town designated  
575 as an alliance district, a grant in an amount equal to the sum of (I) the  
576 greater of (a) the grant the town received for the fiscal year ending  
577 June 30, 2013, or (b) the sum of the town's base aid and twenty one-  
578 hundredths per cent of the difference between the town's fully funded  
579 grant and the town's base aid, and (II) the amount the town received  
580 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, as part of the state grant in lieu  
581 of taxes under the provisions of subsections (a) to (c), inclusive, and (e)  
582 of section 12-19a, sections 12-19b, 12-19c, 4b-39 and 32-666;

583       Sec. 3. Section 10-262i of the general statutes is repealed and the  
584 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

585       (a) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1990, and for each fiscal year  
586 thereafter, each town shall be paid a grant equal to the amount the  
587 town is entitled to receive under the provisions of section 10-262h, as  
588 amended by this act. Such grant, excluding any amounts paid to a  
589 town pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (c) and subdivision (1)  
590 of subsection (d) of section 10-66ee, as amended by this act,  
591 subsections (a) to (c), inclusive, and (e) of section 12-19a, sections 12-  
592 19b, 12-19c, 4b-39 and 32-666 shall be calculated using the data of  
593 record as of the December first prior to the fiscal year such grant is to  
594 be paid, adjusted for the difference between the final entitlement for  
595 the prior fiscal year and the preliminary entitlement for such fiscal

596 year as calculated using the data of record as of the December first  
597 prior to the fiscal year when such grant was paid.

598 (b) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, the  
599 amount due each town pursuant to the provisions of subsection (a) of  
600 this section shall be paid by the Comptroller, upon certification of the  
601 Commissioner of Education, to the treasurer of each town entitled to  
602 such aid in installments during the fiscal year as follows: Twenty-five  
603 per cent of the grant in October, twenty-five per cent of the grant in  
604 January and the balance of the grant in April. The balance of the grant  
605 due towns under the provisions of this subsection shall be paid in  
606 March rather than April to any town which has not adopted the  
607 uniform fiscal year and which would not otherwise receive such final  
608 payment within the fiscal year of such town.

609 (2) Any amount due to a town pursuant to subdivision (1) of  
610 subsection (c) and subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of section 10-66ee,  
611 as amended by this act, shall be paid by the Comptroller, upon  
612 certification of the Commissioner of Education, to the treasurer of each  
613 town entitled to such amount pursuant to the schedule established in  
614 section 10-66ee, as amended by this act.

615 (c) All aid distributed to a town pursuant to the provisions of this  
616 section shall be expended for educational purposes only and shall be  
617 expended upon the authorization of the local or regional board of  
618 education. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999, and each fiscal year  
619 thereafter, if a town receives an increase in funds pursuant to this  
620 section over the amount it received for the prior fiscal year such  
621 increase shall not be used to supplant local funding for educational  
622 purposes. The budgeted appropriation for education in any town  
623 receiving an increase in funds pursuant to this section shall be not less  
624 than the amount appropriated for education for the prior year plus  
625 such increase in funds.

626 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (c) of this section,

627 for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2008, and June 30, 2009, the  
628 budgeted appropriation for education in any town receiving an  
629 increase in funds pursuant to this section shall be not less than the  
630 amount appropriated for education for the prior year plus the  
631 percentage of such increase in funds as determined under subsection  
632 (f) of this section.

633 (e) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2010, and June 30, 2011, the  
634 budgeted appropriation for education shall be not less than the  
635 budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June  
636 30, 2009, minus any reductions made pursuant to section 19 of public  
637 act 09-1 of the June 19 special session, except that for the fiscal year  
638 ending June 30, 2010, those districts with a number of resident  
639 students for the school year commencing July 1, 2009, that is lower  
640 than such district's number of resident students for the school year  
641 commencing July 1, 2008, may reduce such district's budgeted  
642 appropriation for education by the difference in number of resident  
643 students for such school years multiplied by three thousand.

644 (f) (1) Except as otherwise provided under the provisions of  
645 subdivisions (3) and (4) of this subsection, for the fiscal year ending  
646 June 30, 2012, the budgeted appropriation for education shall be not  
647 less than the budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year  
648 ending June 30, 2011, plus any reductions made pursuant to section 19  
649 of public act 09-1 of the June 19 special session, except that (A) for the  
650 fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, any district with a number of resident  
651 students for the school year commencing July 1, 2011, that is lower  
652 than such district's number of resident students for the school year  
653 commencing July 1, 2010, may reduce such district's budgeted  
654 appropriation for education by the difference in number of resident  
655 students for such school years multiplied by three thousand, provided  
656 such reduction shall not exceed one-half of one per cent of the district's  
657 budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June  
658 30, 2011, and (B) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, any district  
659 that (i) does not maintain a high school and pays tuition to another

660 school district pursuant to section 10-33 for resident students to attend  
661 high school in another district, and (ii) the number of resident students  
662 attending high school for such district for the school year commencing  
663 July 1, 2011, is lower than such district's number of resident students  
664 attending high school for the school year commencing July 1, 2010,  
665 may reduce such district's budgeted appropriation for education by  
666 the difference in number of resident students attending high school for  
667 such school years multiplied by the tuition paid per student pursuant  
668 to section 10-33.

669 (2) Except as otherwise provided under the provisions of  
670 subdivisions (3) to (5), inclusive, of this subsection, for the fiscal year  
671 ending June 30, 2013, the budgeted appropriation for education shall  
672 be not less than the budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal  
673 year ending June 30, 2012, except that a town may reduce its budgeted  
674 appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, by  
675 one of the following: (A) Any district with a number of resident  
676 students for the school year commencing July 1, 2012, that is lower  
677 than such district's number of resident students for the school year  
678 commencing July 1, 2011, may reduce such district's budgeted  
679 appropriation for education by the difference in number of resident  
680 students for such school years multiplied by three thousand, provided  
681 such reduction shall not exceed one-half of one per cent of the district's  
682 budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June  
683 30, 2012, (B) any district that (i) does not maintain a high school and  
684 pays tuition to another school district pursuant to section 10-33 for  
685 resident students to attend high school in another district, and (ii) the  
686 number of resident students attending high school for such district for  
687 the school year commencing July 1, 2012, is lower than such district's  
688 number of resident students attending high school for the school year  
689 commencing July 1, 2011, may reduce such district's budgeted  
690 appropriation for education by the difference in number of resident  
691 students attending high school for such school years multiplied by the  
692 tuition paid per student pursuant to section 10-33, or (C) any district

693 that realizes new and documentable savings through increased  
694 intradistrict efficiencies approved by the Commissioner of Education  
695 or through regional collaboration or cooperative arrangements  
696 pursuant to section 10-158a may reduce such district's budgeted  
697 appropriation for education in an amount equal to half of the savings  
698 experienced as a result of such intradistrict efficiencies, regional  
699 collaboration or cooperative arrangement, provided such reduction  
700 shall not exceed one-half of one per cent of the district's budgeted  
701 appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012.

702 (3) The Commissioner of Education may permit a district to reduce  
703 its budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending  
704 June 30, 2012, or June 30, 2013, in an amount determined by the  
705 commissioner if such district has permanently ceased operations and  
706 closed one or more schools in the district due to declining enrollment  
707 at such closed school or schools in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011,  
708 June 30, 2012, or June 30, 2013.

709 (4) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (5) of this  
710 subsection, no town shall be eligible to reduce its budgeted  
711 appropriation for education for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2012,  
712 and June 30, 2013, pursuant to this subsection if (A) the school district  
713 for the town is in its third year or more of being identified as in need of  
714 improvement pursuant to section 10-223e, and (i) has failed to make  
715 adequate yearly progress in mathematics or reading at the whole  
716 district level, or (ii) has satisfied the requirements for adequate yearly  
717 progress in mathematics or reading pursuant to Section 1111(b)(2)(I) of  
718 Subpart 1 of Part A of Title I of the No Child Left Behind Act, P.L. 107-  
719 110, as amended from time to time, or (B) the school district for the  
720 town (i) has been identified as in need of improvement pursuant to  
721 section 10-223e, and (ii) has a poverty rate greater than ten per cent.  
722 For purposes of this subparagraph, "poverty rate" means the quotient  
723 of the number of related children ages five to seventeen, inclusive, in  
724 families in poverty in a school district, divided by the total school age  
725 population of such school district based on the 2009 population

726 estimate produced by the Bureau of Census of the United States  
727 Department of Commerce.

728 (5) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, the budgeted  
729 appropriation for a town designated as an alliance district, as defined  
730 in section 10-262u, as amended by this act, shall be not less than the  
731 sum of (A) the budgeted appropriation for the fiscal year ending June  
732 30, 2012, and (B) the amount necessary to meet the minimum local  
733 funding percentage, as defined in subdivision (39) of section 10-262f, as  
734 amended by this act, except the commissioner may permit a town  
735 designated as an alliance district to reduce its budgeted appropriation  
736 for education if such town can demonstrate that its local contribution  
737 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, has increased when compared  
738 to the local contribution used in determining its local funding  
739 percentage, as defined in subdivision (38) of section 10-262f, as  
740 amended by this act.

741 (g) (1) Except as otherwise provided under the provisions of  
742 subdivisions (3) and (4) of this subsection, for the fiscal year ending  
743 June 30, 2014, the budgeted appropriation for education shall be not  
744 less than the budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year  
745 ending June 30, 2013, plus any aid increase received pursuant to  
746 subsection (h) of this section, except that a town may reduce its  
747 budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June  
748 30, 2014, by one of the following: (A) Any district with a resident  
749 student count for October 1, 2012, using the data of record as of  
750 January 31, 2013, that is lower than such district's resident student  
751 count for October 1, 2011, using the data of record as of January 31,  
752 2013, may reduce such district's budgeted appropriation for education  
753 by the difference in number of resident students for such years  
754 multiplied by three thousand, provided such reduction shall not  
755 exceed one-half of one per cent of the district's budgeted appropriation  
756 for education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, (B) any district  
757 that (i) does not maintain a high school and pays tuition to another  
758 school district pursuant to section 10-33 for resident students to attend

759 high school in another district, and (ii) the number of resident students  
760 attending high school for such district for October 1, 2012, using the  
761 data of record as of January 31, 2013, is lower than such district's  
762 number of resident students attending high school for October 1, 2011,  
763 using the data of record as of January 31, 2013, may reduce such  
764 district's budgeted appropriation for education by the difference in  
765 number of resident students attending high school for such years  
766 multiplied by the tuition paid per student pursuant to section 10-33, or  
767 (C) any district that realizes new and documentable savings through  
768 increased intradistrict efficiencies approved by the Commissioner of  
769 Education or through regional collaboration or cooperative  
770 arrangements pursuant to section 10-158a may reduce such district's  
771 budgeted appropriation for education in an amount equal to half of the  
772 savings experienced as a result of such intradistrict efficiencies,  
773 regional collaboration or cooperative arrangement, provided such  
774 reduction shall not exceed one-half of one per cent of the district's  
775 budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June  
776 30, 2013.

777 (2) Except as otherwise provided under the provisions of  
778 subdivisions (3) and (5) of this subsection, for the fiscal year ending  
779 June 30, 2015, the budgeted appropriation for education shall be not  
780 less than the budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year  
781 ending June 30, 2014, plus any aid increase received pursuant to  
782 subsection (h) of this section, except that a town may reduce its  
783 budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June  
784 30, 2015, by one of the following: (A) Any district with a resident  
785 student count for October 1, 2013, using the data of record as of  
786 January 31, 2014, that is lower than such district's resident student  
787 count for October 1, 2012, using the data of record as of January 31,  
788 2014, may reduce such district's budgeted appropriation for education  
789 by the difference in number of resident students for such years  
790 multiplied by three thousand, provided such reduction shall not  
791 exceed one-half of one per cent of the district's budgeted appropriation

792 for education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, (B) any district  
793 that (i) does not maintain a high school and pays tuition to another  
794 school district pursuant to section 10-33 for resident students to attend  
795 high school in another district, and (ii) the number of resident students  
796 attending high school for such district for October 1, 2013, using the  
797 data of record as of January 31, 2014, is lower than such district's  
798 number of resident students attending high school for October 1, 2012,  
799 using the data of record as of January 31, 2014, may reduce such  
800 district's budgeted appropriation for education by the difference in  
801 number of resident students attending high school for such years  
802 multiplied by the tuition paid per student pursuant to section 10-33, or  
803 (C) any district that realizes new and documentable savings through  
804 increased intradistrict efficiencies approved by the Commissioner of  
805 Education or through regional collaboration or cooperative  
806 arrangements pursuant to section 10-158a may reduce such district's  
807 budgeted appropriation for education in an amount equal to half of the  
808 savings experienced as a result of such intradistrict efficiencies,  
809 regional collaboration or cooperative arrangement, provided such  
810 reduction shall not exceed one-half of one per cent of the district's  
811 budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June  
812 30, 2013.

813 (3) The Commissioner of Education may permit a district to reduce  
814 its budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending  
815 June 30, 2012, to June 30, 2015, inclusive, in an amount determined by  
816 the commissioner if such district has permanently ceased operations  
817 and closed one or more schools in the district due to declining  
818 enrollment at such closed school or schools in the fiscal year ending  
819 June 30, 2011, June 30, 2012, or June 30, 2013.

820 (4) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, the budgeted  
821 appropriation for a town designated as an alliance district, as defined  
822 in section 10-262u, as amended by this act, shall be not less than the  
823 sum of (A) the budgeted appropriation for the fiscal year ending June  
824 30, 2013, and (B) the amount necessary to meet the minimum local

825 funding percentage, as defined in subdivision (39) of section 10-262f, as  
826 amended by this act, except the commissioner may permit a town  
827 designated as an alliance district to reduce its budgeted appropriation  
828 for education if such town can demonstrate that its local contribution  
829 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, has increased when compared  
830 to the local contribution used in determining its local funding  
831 percentage, as defined in subdivision (38) of section 10-262f, as  
832 amended by this act.

833 (5) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, the budgeted  
834 appropriation for a town designated as an alliance district, as defined  
835 in section 10-262u, as amended by this act, shall be not less than the  
836 sum of (A) the budgeted appropriation for the fiscal year ending June  
837 30, 2014, and (B) the amount necessary to meet the minimum local  
838 funding percentage, as defined in subdivision (39) of section 10-262f, as  
839 amended by this act, except the commissioner may permit a town  
840 designated as an alliance district to reduce its budgeted appropriation  
841 for education if such town can demonstrate that its local contribution  
842 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, has increased when compared  
843 to the local contribution used in determining its local funding  
844 percentage, as defined in subdivision (38) of section 10-262f, as  
845 amended by this act.

846 (h) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, and each fiscal year  
847 thereafter, the amount paid to a town pursuant to subsection (a) of this  
848 section minus the amount paid to such town under said subsection for  
849 the prior fiscal year shall be included in the calculation of the aid  
850 increase for such town. The aid increase paid to the town may be used  
851 to cover costs incurred in the implementation of teacher evaluation  
852 and support programs, pursuant to section 10-151b, and the common  
853 core state standards.

854 [(g)] (i) (1) Except as provided for in subdivisions (2), (3) and (4) of  
855 this subsection, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2008, to June 30,  
856 2012, inclusive, the percentage of the increase in aid pursuant to this

857 section applicable under subsection (d) of this section shall be the  
858 average of the results of (A) (i) a town's current program expenditures  
859 per resident student pursuant to subdivision (36) of section 10-262f, as  
860 amended by this act, subtracted from the highest current program  
861 expenditures per resident student in this state, (ii) divided by the  
862 difference between the highest current program expenditures per  
863 resident student in this state and the lowest current program  
864 expenditures per resident student in this state, (iii) multiplied by thirty  
865 per cent, (iv) plus fifty percentage points, (B) (i) a town's wealth  
866 pursuant to subdivision (26) of section 10-262f, as amended by this act,  
867 subtracted from the wealth of the town with the highest wealth of all  
868 towns in this state, (ii) divided by the difference between the wealth of  
869 the town with the highest wealth of all towns in this state and the  
870 wealth of the town with the lowest wealth of all towns in this state, (iii)  
871 multiplied by thirty per cent, (iv) plus fifty percentage points, and (C)  
872 (i) a town's grant mastery percentage pursuant to subdivision (12) of  
873 section 10-262f, as amended by this act, subtracted from one,  
874 subtracted from one minus the grant mastery percentage of the town  
875 with the highest grant mastery percentage in this state, (ii) divided by  
876 the difference between one minus the grant mastery percentage of the  
877 town with the highest grant mastery percentage in this state and one  
878 minus the grant mastery percentage of the town with the lowest grant  
879 mastery percentage in this state, (iii) multiplied by thirty per cent, (iv)  
880 plus fifty percentage points.

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

888 (3) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, any town whose school  
889 district is in its third year or more of being identified as in need of

890 improvement pursuant to section 10-223e, and has failed to make  
891 adequate yearly progress in mathematics or reading at the whole  
892 district level, the percentage of the increase in aid pursuant to this  
893 section applicable under subsection (d) of this section shall be the  
894 percentage of the increase determined under subdivision (1) of this  
895 subsection for such town, plus twenty percentage points, or eighty per  
896 cent, whichever is greater.

897 (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the fiscal year  
898 ending June 30, 2008, and each fiscal year thereafter, any town that (A)  
899 is a member of a regional school district that serves only grades seven  
900 to twelve, inclusive, or grades nine to twelve, inclusive, (B)  
901 appropriates at least the minimum percentage of increase in aid  
902 pursuant to the provisions of this section, and (C) has a reduced  
903 assessment from the previous fiscal year for students enrolled in such  
904 regional school district, excluding debt service for such students, shall  
905 be considered to be in compliance with the provisions of this section.

906 (5) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, charter,  
907 special act or home rule ordinance, on or before September 15, 2007,  
908 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, a town may request the  
909 Commissioner of Education to defer a portion of the town's increase in  
910 aid over the prior fiscal year pursuant to this section to be expended in  
911 the subsequent fiscal year. If the commissioner approves such request,  
912 the deferred amount shall be credited to the increase in aid for the  
913 fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, rather than the fiscal year ending June  
914 30, 2008. Such funds shall be expended in the fiscal year ending June  
915 30, 2009, in accordance with the provisions of this section. In no case  
916 shall a town be allowed to defer increases in aid required to be spent  
917 for education as a result of failure to make adequate yearly progress in  
918 accordance with the provisions of subdivisions (2) and (3) of this  
919 subsection.

920 [(h)] (j) Upon a determination by the State Board of Education that a  
921 town or kindergarten to grade twelve, inclusive, regional school

922 district failed in any fiscal year to meet the requirements pursuant to  
923 subsection (c), (d), (e) or (f) of this section, the town or kindergarten to  
924 grade twelve, inclusive, regional school district shall forfeit an amount  
925 equal to two times the amount of the shortfall. The amount so forfeited  
926 shall be withheld by the Department of Education from the grant  
927 payable to the town in the second fiscal year immediately following  
928 such failure by deducting such amount from the town's equalization  
929 aid grant payment pursuant to this section, except that in the case of a  
930 kindergarten to grade twelve, inclusive, regional school district, the  
931 amount so forfeited shall be withheld by the Department of Education  
932 from the grants payable pursuant to this section to the towns which  
933 are members of such regional school district. The amounts deducted  
934 from such grants to each member town shall be proportional to the  
935 number of resident students in each member town. Notwithstanding  
936 the provisions of this subsection, the State Board of Education may  
937 waive such forfeiture upon agreement with the town or kindergarten  
938 to grade twelve, inclusive, regional school district that the town or  
939 kindergarten to grade twelve, inclusive, regional school district shall  
940 increase its budgeted appropriation for education during the fiscal  
941 year in which the forfeiture would occur by an amount not less than  
942 the amount of said forfeiture or for other good cause shown. Any  
943 additional funds budgeted pursuant to such an agreement shall not be  
944 included in a district's budgeted appropriation for education for the  
945 purpose of establishing any future minimum budget requirement.

946 Sec. 4. Subsections (c) and (d) of section 10-262u of the general  
947 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
948 (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

949 (c) (1) (A) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, [and each fiscal  
950 year thereafter,] the Comptroller shall withhold from a town  
951 designated as an alliance district any increase in funds received over  
952 the amount the town received for the prior fiscal year pursuant to  
953 section 10-262h, as amended by this act. The Comptroller shall transfer  
954 such funds to the Commissioner of Education. (B) For the fiscal year

955 ending June 30, 2014, and each fiscal year thereafter, the Comptroller  
956 shall withhold from a town designated as an alliance district any  
957 increase in funds received over the amount the town received for the  
958 prior fiscal year pursuant to subsection (a) of section 10-262i, as  
959 amended by this act. The Comptroller shall transfer such funds to the  
960 Commissioner of Education.

961 (2) Upon receipt of an application pursuant to subsection (d) of this  
962 section, the Commissioner of Education may pay such funds to the  
963 town designated as an alliance district and such town shall pay such  
964 funds to the local or regional board of education for such town on the  
965 condition that such funds shall be expended in accordance with the  
966 plan described in subsection (d) of this section and any guidelines  
967 developed by the State Board of Education for such funds. Such funds  
968 shall be used to improve student achievement in such alliance district  
969 and to offset any other local education costs approved by the  
970 commissioner.

971 (d) The local or regional board of education for a town designated  
972 as an alliance district may apply to the Commissioner of Education, at  
973 such time and in such manner as the commissioner prescribes, to  
974 receive any increase in funds received over the amount the town  
975 received for the prior fiscal year pursuant to [section 10-262h]  
976 subsection (a) of section 10-262i, as amended by this act. Applications  
977 pursuant to this subsection shall include objectives and performance  
978 targets and a plan that may include, but not be limited to, the  
979 following: (1) A tiered system of interventions for the schools under  
980 the jurisdiction of such board based on the needs of such schools, (2)  
981 ways to strengthen the foundational programs in reading to ensure  
982 reading mastery in kindergarten to grade three, inclusive, with a focus  
983 on standards and instruction, proper use of data, intervention  
984 strategies, current information for teachers, parental engagement, and  
985 teacher professional development, (3) additional learning time,  
986 including extended school day or school year programming  
987 administered by school personnel or external partners, (4) a talent

988 strategy that includes, but is not limited to, teacher and school leader  
989 recruitment and assignment, career ladder policies that draw upon  
990 guidelines for a model teacher evaluation program adopted by the  
991 State Board of Education, pursuant to section 10-151b, and adopted by  
992 each local or regional board of education. Such talent strategy may  
993 include provisions that demonstrate increased ability to attract, retain,  
994 promote and bolster the performance of staff in accordance with  
995 performance evaluation findings and, in the case of new personnel,  
996 other indicators of effectiveness, (5) training for school leaders and  
997 other staff on new teacher evaluation models, (6) provisions for the  
998 cooperation and coordination with early childhood education  
999 providers to ensure alignment with district expectations for student  
1000 entry into kindergarten, including funding for an existing local Head  
1001 Start program, (7) provisions for the cooperation and coordination  
1002 with other governmental and community programs to ensure that  
1003 students receive adequate support and wraparound services, including  
1004 community school models, (8) provisions for implementing and  
1005 furthering the common core state standards and all activities and  
1006 initiatives associated with the common core state standards, and [(8)]  
1007 (9) any additional categories or goals as determined by the  
1008 commissioner. Such plan shall demonstrate collaboration with key  
1009 stakeholders, as identified by the commissioner, with the goal of  
1010 achieving efficiencies and the alignment of intent and practice of  
1011 current programs with conditional programs identified in this  
1012 subsection. The commissioner may require changes in any plan  
1013 submitted by a local or regional board of education before the  
1014 commissioner approves an application under this subsection.

1015 Sec. 5. Subsection (i) of section 10-217a of the general statutes is  
1016 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
1017 *1, 2013*):

1018 (i) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the fiscal years  
1019 ending June 30, 2008, to June 30, [2013] 2015, inclusive, the amount of  
1020 the grants payable to local or regional boards of education in

1021 accordance with this section shall be reduced proportionately if the  
1022 total of such grants in such year exceeds the amount appropriated for  
1023 purposes of this section.

1024 Sec. 6. Subsection (b) of section 10-281 of the general statutes is  
1025 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
1026 *1, 2013*):

1027 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the fiscal  
1028 years ending June 30, 2004, to June 30, [2013] 2015, inclusive, the  
1029 amount of the grants payable to local or regional boards of education  
1030 in accordance with this section shall be reduced proportionately if the  
1031 total of such grants in such year exceeds the amount appropriated for  
1032 purposes of this section.

1033 Sec. 7. Subsection (d) of section 10-71 of the general statutes is  
1034 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
1035 *1, 2013*):

1036 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the fiscal  
1037 years ending June 30, 2004, to June 30, [2013] 2015, inclusive, the  
1038 amount of the grants payable to towns, regional boards of education or  
1039 regional educational service centers in accordance with this section  
1040 shall be reduced proportionately if the total of such grants in such year  
1041 exceeds the amount appropriated for the purposes of this section for  
1042 such year.

1043 Sec. 8. Section 10-17g of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1044 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

1045 Annually, the board of education for each local and regional school  
1046 district that is required to provide a program of bilingual education,  
1047 pursuant to section 10-17f, may make application to the State Board of  
1048 Education and shall thereafter receive a grant in an amount equal to  
1049 the product obtained by multiplying the total appropriation available  
1050 for such purpose by the ratio which the number of eligible children in

1051 the school district bears to the total number of such eligible children  
1052 state-wide. The board of education for each local and regional school  
1053 district receiving funds pursuant to this section shall annually, on or  
1054 before September first, submit to the State Board of Education a  
1055 progress report which shall include (1) measures of increased  
1056 educational opportunities for eligible students, including language  
1057 support services and language transition support services provided to  
1058 such students, (2) program evaluation and measures of the  
1059 effectiveness of its bilingual education and English as a second  
1060 language programs, including data on students in bilingual education  
1061 programs and students educated exclusively in English as a second  
1062 language programs, and (3) certification by the board of education  
1063 submitting the report that any funds received pursuant to this section  
1064 have been used for the purposes specified. The State Board of  
1065 Education shall annually evaluate programs conducted pursuant to  
1066 section 10-17f. For purposes of this section, measures of the  
1067 effectiveness of bilingual education and English as a second language  
1068 programs include state-wide mastery examination results and  
1069 graduation and school dropout rates. Notwithstanding the provisions  
1070 of this section, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2009, to June 30,  
1071 [2013] 2015, inclusive, the amount of grants payable to local or regional  
1072 boards of education under this section shall be reduced  
1073 proportionately if the total of such grants in such year exceeds the  
1074 amount appropriated for such grants for such year.

1075 Sec. 9. Subsection (e) of section 10-66j of the general statutes is  
1076 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
1077 *1, 2013*):

1078 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the fiscal  
1079 years ending June 30, 2004, to June 30, [2013] 2015, inclusive, the  
1080 amount of grants payable to regional educational service centers shall  
1081 be reduced proportionately if the total of such grants in such year  
1082 exceeds the amount appropriated for such grants for such year.

1083 Sec. 10. Subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of section 10-76d of the  
1084 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
1085 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

1086 (2) For purposes of this subdivision, "public agency" includes the  
1087 offices of a government of a federally recognized Native American  
1088 tribe. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the general statutes, for  
1089 the fiscal year ending June 30, 1987, and each fiscal year thereafter,  
1090 whenever a public agency, other than a local or regional board of  
1091 education, the State Board of Education or the Superior Court acting  
1092 pursuant to section 10-76h, places a child in a foster home, group  
1093 home, hospital, state institution, receiving home, custodial institution  
1094 or any other residential or day treatment facility, and such child  
1095 requires special education, the local or regional board of education  
1096 under whose jurisdiction the child would otherwise be attending  
1097 school or, if no such board can be identified, the local or regional board  
1098 of education of the town where the child is placed, shall provide the  
1099 requisite special education and related services to such child in  
1100 accordance with the provisions of this section. Within one business day  
1101 of such a placement by the Department of Children and Families or  
1102 offices of a government of a federally recognized Native American  
1103 tribe, said department or offices shall orally notify the local or regional  
1104 board of education responsible for providing special education and  
1105 related services to such child of such placement. The department or  
1106 offices shall provide written notification to such board of such  
1107 placement within two business days of the placement. Such local or  
1108 regional board of education shall convene a planning and placement  
1109 team meeting for such child within thirty days of the placement and  
1110 shall invite a representative of the Department of Children and  
1111 Families or offices of a government of a federally recognized Native  
1112 American tribe to participate in such meeting. (A) The local or regional  
1113 board of education under whose jurisdiction such child would  
1114 otherwise be attending school shall be financially responsible for the  
1115 reasonable costs of such special education and related services in an

1116 amount equal to the lesser of one hundred per cent of the costs of such  
1117 education or the average per pupil educational costs of such board of  
1118 education for the prior fiscal year, determined in accordance with the  
1119 provisions of subsection (a) of section 10-76f. The State Board of  
1120 Education shall pay on a current basis, except as provided in  
1121 subdivision (3) of this subsection, any costs in excess of such local or  
1122 regional board's basic contributions paid by such board of education in  
1123 accordance with the provisions of this subdivision. (B) Whenever a  
1124 child is placed pursuant to this subdivision, on or after July 1, 1995, by  
1125 the Department of Children and Families and the local or regional  
1126 board of education under whose jurisdiction such child would  
1127 otherwise be attending school cannot be identified, the local or  
1128 regional board of education under whose jurisdiction the child  
1129 attended school or in whose district the child resided at the time of  
1130 removal from the home by said department shall be responsible for the  
1131 reasonable costs of special education and related services provided to  
1132 such child, for one calendar year or until the child is committed to the  
1133 state pursuant to section 46b-129 or 46b-140 or is returned to the child's  
1134 parent or guardian, whichever is earlier. If the child remains in such  
1135 placement beyond one calendar year the Department of Children and  
1136 Families shall be responsible for such costs. During the period the local  
1137 or regional board of education is responsible for the reasonable cost of  
1138 special education and related services pursuant to this subparagraph,  
1139 the board shall be responsible for such costs in an amount equal to the  
1140 lesser of one hundred per cent of the costs of such education and  
1141 related services or the average per pupil educational costs of such  
1142 board of education for the prior fiscal year, determined in accordance  
1143 with the provisions of subsection (a) of section 10-76f. The State Board  
1144 of Education shall pay on a current basis, except as provided in  
1145 subdivision (3) of this subsection, any costs in excess of such local or  
1146 regional board's basic contributions paid by such board of education in  
1147 accordance with the provisions of this subdivision. The costs for  
1148 services other than educational shall be paid by the state agency which  
1149 placed the child. The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to

1150 the school districts established within the Department of Children and  
1151 Families, pursuant to section 17a-37, the Department of Correction,  
1152 pursuant to section 18-99a, or the Department of Developmental  
1153 Services, pursuant to section 17a-240, provided in any case in which  
1154 special education is being provided at a private residential institution,  
1155 including the residential components of regional educational service  
1156 centers, to a child for whom no local or regional board of education  
1157 can be found responsible under subsection (b) of this section, Unified  
1158 School District #2 shall provide the special education and related  
1159 services and be financially responsible for the reasonable costs of such  
1160 special education instruction for such children. Notwithstanding the  
1161 provisions of this subdivision, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2004,  
1162 to June 30, 2007, inclusive, and for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2010,  
1163 to June 30, [2013] 2015, inclusive, the amount of the grants payable to  
1164 local or regional boards of education in accordance with this  
1165 subdivision shall be reduced proportionately if the total of such grants  
1166 in such year exceeds the amount appropriated for the purposes of this  
1167 subdivision for such year.

1168 Sec. 11. Subsection (d) of section 10-76g of the general statutes is  
1169 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
1170 *1, 2013*):

1171 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the fiscal  
1172 years ending June 30, 2004, to June 30, 2007, inclusive, and for the fiscal  
1173 years ending June 30, 2010, to June 30, [2013] 2015, inclusive, the  
1174 amount of the grants payable to local or regional boards of education  
1175 in accordance with this section, except grants paid in accordance with  
1176 subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section, for the fiscal years  
1177 ending June 30, 2006, and June 30, 2007, and for the fiscal years ending  
1178 June 30, 2010, to June 30, [2013] 2015, inclusive, shall be reduced  
1179 proportionately if the total of such grants in such year exceeds the  
1180 amount appropriated for the purposes of this section for such year.

1181 Sec. 12. Subsection (b) of section 10-253 of the general statutes is

1182 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
1183 *1, 2013*):

1184 (b) The board of education of the school district under whose  
1185 jurisdiction a child would otherwise be attending school shall be  
1186 financially responsible for the reasonable costs of education for a child  
1187 placed out by the Commissioner of Children and Families or by other  
1188 agencies, including, but not limited to, offices of a government of a  
1189 federally recognized Native American tribe, in a private residential  
1190 facility when such child requires educational services other than  
1191 special education services. Such financial responsibility shall be the  
1192 lesser of one hundred per cent of the costs of such education or the  
1193 average per pupil educational costs of such board of education for the  
1194 prior fiscal year, determined in accordance with subsection (a) of  
1195 section 10-76f. Any costs in excess of the board's basic contribution  
1196 shall be paid by the State Board of Education on a current basis. The  
1197 costs for services other than educational shall be paid by the state  
1198 agency which placed the child. Application for the grant to be paid by  
1199 the state for costs in excess of the local or regional board of education's  
1200 basic contribution shall be made in accordance with the provisions of  
1201 subdivision (5) of subsection (e) of section 10-76d. Notwithstanding the  
1202 provisions of this subsection, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2004,  
1203 to June 30, 2007, inclusive, and for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2010,  
1204 to June 30, [2013] 2015, inclusive, the amount of the grants payable to  
1205 local or regional boards of education in accordance with this  
1206 subsection shall be reduced proportionately if the total of such grants  
1207 in such year exceeds the amount appropriated for the purposes of this  
1208 subsection for such year.

1209 Sec. 13. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2013*) The Commissioner of  
1210 Education shall, within available appropriations, establish a regional  
1211 transportation grant program that awards grants to local and regional  
1212 boards of education that coordinate and share the provision of public  
1213 school transportation services. The local or regional boards of  
1214 education that agree to coordinate and share public school

1215 transportation services may apply to the commissioner, at such time  
1216 and in such manner as the commissioner prescribes, for a grant under  
1217 this section.

1218 Sec. 14. Section 10-97 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1219 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

1220 (a) The board of education of any town or, where the boards of  
1221 education of constituent towns have so agreed, any regional school  
1222 district shall provide the reasonable and necessary transportation,  
1223 except as provided in section 10-233c, for any student under twenty-  
1224 one years of age who is not a graduate of a high school or technical  
1225 high school and who resides with a parent or guardian in such town or  
1226 regional school district or who belongs to such town, and who attends  
1227 a state or state-approved technical high school within such local or  
1228 regional school district as a regular all-day student or as a high school  
1229 cooperative student, and for any such student who attends any such  
1230 school in a town other than the town of his residence. [When the cost  
1231 of such transportation out-of-town would exceed the sum of two  
1232 hundred dollars per year, said board of education may elect to  
1233 maintain such student in the town where he or she attends such  
1234 technical high school and for the cost of such maintenance the local or  
1235 regional school district shall be reimbursed in the same manner and to  
1236 the same extent as in the case of payment for transportation. Each such  
1237 board's reimbursement percentage pursuant to section 10-266m for  
1238 expenditures in excess of eight hundred dollars per pupil incurred in  
1239 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1987, and in each fiscal year thereafter,  
1240 shall be increased by an additional twenty percentage points.]

1241 (b) Any local or regional board of education which does not furnish  
1242 agricultural science and technology education approved by the State  
1243 Board of Education shall designate a school or schools having such a  
1244 course approved by the State Board of Education as the school which  
1245 any person may attend who has completed an elementary school  
1246 course through the eighth grade. The board of education shall pay the

1247 tuition and reasonable and necessary cost of transportation of any  
1248 person under twenty-one years of age who is not a graduate of a high  
1249 school or technical high school and who attends the designated school,  
1250 provided transportation services may be suspended in accordance  
1251 with the provisions of section 10-233c. [Each such board's  
1252 reimbursement percentage pursuant to section 10-266m for  
1253 expenditures in excess of eight hundred dollars per pupil incurred in  
1254 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1987, and in each fiscal year thereafter,  
1255 shall be increased by an additional twenty percentage points.]

1256 [(c) Any local or regional board of education which transports  
1257 students to a state or state-approved technical high school, or school  
1258 furnishing agricultural science and technology education shall be  
1259 reimbursed for a portion of such pupil transportation annually in  
1260 accordance with the provisions of section 10-266m, and the provisions  
1261 of subsections (a) and (b) of this section relating to reimbursement  
1262 percentages, provided the reimbursement for transportation costs to a  
1263 school furnishing vocational agricultural training shall not exceed an  
1264 amount equal to such reimbursement of the costs of transporting such  
1265 pupils to the school furnishing a full program of vocational  
1266 agricultural training nearest to the sending school district at the time of  
1267 the pupil's initial enrollment in the program. Application for such  
1268 reimbursement shall be made by the board of education to the State  
1269 Board of Education at such time and in such manner as said state  
1270 board prescribes. The provisions of this section shall apply to a veteran  
1271 who served in time of war, as defined by section 27-103, without  
1272 regard to age or whether or not such veteran resides with a parent or  
1273 guardian provided such veteran is attending a state or state-approved  
1274 vocational secondary school.]

1275 [(d)] (c) The parents or guardian of any student or any veteran over  
1276 twenty-one who is denied the reasonable and necessary transportation  
1277 required in this section may appeal such lack of transportation in the  
1278 same manner as is provided in sections 10-186 and 10-187.

1279 [(e)] (d) For purposes of this section, a local or regional board of  
1280 education shall not be required to expend for transporting a student to  
1281 a technical high school or an agricultural science and technology  
1282 education center an amount greater than six thousand dollars, except  
1283 that a board of education shall continue to pay the reasonable and  
1284 necessary costs of transporting a student who is enrolled in such a  
1285 school or center on July 1, 1996, until such student completes the  
1286 program at such school or center.

1287 Sec. 15. Section 10-277 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1288 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

1289 (a) For the purposes of this section, "high school" means any public  
1290 high school or public junior high school approved by the State Board  
1291 of Education.

1292 (b) Any town or regional school district which does not maintain a  
1293 high school shall pay the reasonable and necessary cost of  
1294 transportation of any pupil under twenty-one years of age who resides  
1295 with such pupil's parents or guardian in such school district and who,  
1296 with the written consent of the board of education, attends any high  
1297 school approved by the State Board of Education. The town or regional  
1298 board of education may, upon request, enter into a written agreement  
1299 with the parents of any high school pupil permitting such pupil to  
1300 attend an approved public high school other than that to which  
1301 transportation is furnished by the school district and each may pay  
1302 such costs of transportation as may be agreed upon. Such necessary  
1303 and reasonable cost of transportation shall be paid by the town  
1304 treasurer or the regional school district treasurer upon order of the  
1305 superintendent of schools, as authorized by the board of education.  
1306 The board of education may also, at its discretion, provide additional  
1307 transportation for any pupil attending such high school to and from  
1308 the point of embarkation in the town in which the pupil resides.  
1309 [Annually, on or before September first, the superintendent of schools  
1310 of each school district so transporting pupils to high school shall

1311 certify under oath to the State Board of Education the names of the  
1312 towns to which such pupils were transported together with the total  
1313 cost to the town of such transportation. Upon application to the State  
1314 Board of Education, any town or regional school district which so  
1315 provides transportation for high school pupils enrolled in a school not  
1316 maintained by such district pursuant to this section shall, annually, be  
1317 reimbursed by the state for such transportation in accordance with the  
1318 provisions of sections 10-97 and 10-266m.]

1319 (c) Any town or regional school district which is transporting  
1320 students to a high school, shall have the authority, at its discretion, to  
1321 furnish similar transportation to nonpublic high schools or junior high  
1322 schools located within the same town to which the town or regional  
1323 school district is transporting students in accordance with subsection  
1324 (b) of this section, or to nonpublic high schools or junior high schools  
1325 located in a town adjacent to the transporting town or regional school  
1326 district, or to a town adjacent to the town in which is located the public  
1327 high school or junior high school to which the students are  
1328 transported. [If such town or regional school district does provide such  
1329 transportation, it shall be reimbursed in the same manner and amounts  
1330 as provided in subsection (b) of this section.]

1331 (d) Any town or regional school district which provides  
1332 transportation services pursuant to the provisions of this section may  
1333 suspend such services in accordance with the provisions of section 10-  
1334 233c.

1335 Sec. 16. Subsection (f) of section 10-66ee of the general statutes is  
1336 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
1337 *1, 2013*):

1338 (f) The local or regional board of education of the school district in  
1339 which the charter school is located shall provide transportation  
1340 services for students of the charter school who reside in such school  
1341 district pursuant to section 10-273a unless the charter school makes

1342 other arrangements for such transportation. Any local or regional  
1343 board of education may provide transportation services to a student  
1344 attending a charter school outside of the district in which [the] such  
1345 student resides. [and, if it elects to provide such transportation, shall  
1346 be reimbursed pursuant to section 10-266m for the reasonable costs of  
1347 such transportation.] Any local or regional board of education  
1348 providing transportation services under this subsection may suspend  
1349 such services in accordance with the provisions of section 10-233c. The  
1350 parent or guardian of any student denied the transportation services  
1351 required to be provided pursuant to this subsection may appeal such  
1352 denial in the manner provided in sections 10-186 and 10-187.

1353 Sec. 17. Section 10-158a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1354 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

1355 (a) Any two or more boards of education may, in writing, agree to  
1356 establish cooperative arrangements to provide school accommodations  
1357 services, programs or activities, special education services or health  
1358 care services to enable such boards to carry out the duties specified in  
1359 the general statutes. Such arrangements may include the establishment  
1360 of a committee to supervise such programs, the membership of the  
1361 committee to be determined by the agreement of the cooperating  
1362 boards. Such committee shall have the power, in accordance with the  
1363 terms of the agreement, to (1) apply for, receive directly and expend on  
1364 behalf of the school districts which have designated the committee an  
1365 agent for such purpose any state or federal grants which may be  
1366 allocated to school districts for specified programs, the supervision of  
1367 which has been delegated to such committee, provided such grants are  
1368 payable before implementation of any such program or are to  
1369 reimburse the committee pursuant to subsection (d) of this section for  
1370 transportation provided to a school operated by a cooperative  
1371 arrangement; (2) receive and disburse funds appropriated to the use of  
1372 such committee by the cooperating school districts, the state or the  
1373 United States, or given to the committee by individuals or private  
1374 corporations; (3) hold title to real or personal property in trust, or as

1375 otherwise agreed to by the parties, for the appointing boards; (4)  
1376 employ personnel; (5) enter into contracts; and (6) otherwise provide  
1377 the specified programs, services and activities. Teachers employed by  
1378 any such committee shall be subject to the provisions of the general  
1379 statutes applicable to teachers employed by the board of education of  
1380 any town or regional school district. For purposes of this section, the  
1381 term "teacher" shall include each professional employee of a committee  
1382 below the rank of superintendent who holds a regular certificate  
1383 issued by the State Board of Education and who is in a position  
1384 requiring such certification.

1385 (b) Subject to the provisions of subsection (c) of this section, any  
1386 board of education may withdraw from any agreement entered into  
1387 under subsection (a) of this section if, at least one year prior to the date  
1388 of the proposed withdrawal, it gives written notice of its intent to do so  
1389 to each of the other boards. Upon withdrawal by one or more boards  
1390 of education, two or more boards of education may continue their  
1391 commitment to the agreement. If two or more boards of education  
1392 continue the arrangement, then such committee established within the  
1393 arrangement may continue to hold title to any real or personal  
1394 property given to or purchased by the committee in trust for all the  
1395 boards of education which entered the agreement, unless otherwise  
1396 provided in the agreement or by law or by the grantor or donor of  
1397 such property. Upon dissolution of the committee, any property held  
1398 in trust shall be distributed in accordance with the agreement, if such  
1399 distribution is not contrary to law.

1400 (c) If a cooperative arrangement receives a grant for a school  
1401 building project pursuant to chapter 173, the cooperative arrangement  
1402 shall use the building for which the grant was provided for a period of  
1403 not less than twenty years after completion of such project. If the  
1404 cooperative arrangement ceases to use the building for the purpose for  
1405 which the grant was provided, the Commissioner of Education shall  
1406 determine whether (1) title to the building and any legal interest in  
1407 appurtenant land reverts to the state or (2) the cooperative

1408 arrangement reimburses the state an amount equal to ten per cent of  
1409 the eligible school building project costs of the project.

1410 [(d) Any cooperative arrangement established pursuant to this  
1411 section, or any local or regional board of education which is a member  
1412 of such a cooperative arrangement which transports students to a  
1413 school operated by such cooperative arrangement shall be reimbursed  
1414 in accordance with the provisions of section 10-266m. At the end of  
1415 each school year, any such cooperative arrangement or local or  
1416 regional board of education which provides such transportation shall  
1417 file an application for reimbursement on a form provided by the  
1418 Department of Education.]

1419 Sec. 18. Section 10-53 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1420 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

1421 All provisions of the general statutes relating to public education,  
1422 including those providing state grants-in-aid, shall apply to each town  
1423 belonging to a regional school district. [ provided, if the board of  
1424 education of any regional school district provides transportation to a  
1425 regional school, such district shall be reimbursed by the state as  
1426 provided in section 10-54.]

1427 Sec. 19. Subsection (d) of section 10-64 of the general statutes is  
1428 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
1429 *1, 2013*):

1430 (d) Any local or regional board of education which does not furnish  
1431 agricultural science and technology education approved by the State  
1432 Board of Education shall designate a school or schools having such a  
1433 course approved by the State Board of Education as the school which  
1434 any person may attend who has completed an elementary school  
1435 course through the eighth grade. The board of education shall pay the  
1436 tuition and reasonable and necessary cost of transportation of any  
1437 person under twenty-one years of age who is not a graduate of a high  
1438 school or technical high school or an agricultural science and

1439 technology education center and who attends the designated school,  
1440 provided transportation services may be suspended in accordance  
1441 with the provisions of section 10-233c. [Each such board's  
1442 reimbursement percentage pursuant to section 10-266m for  
1443 expenditures in excess of eight hundred dollars per pupil incurred in  
1444 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004, and in each fiscal year thereafter,  
1445 shall be increased by an additional twenty percentage points.]

1446 Sec. 20. Subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of section 10-264i of the  
1447 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
1448 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

1449 (5) The Department of Education shall provide such grants within  
1450 available appropriations. [Nothing in this subsection shall be  
1451 construed to prevent a local or regional board of education, regional  
1452 educational service center or cooperative arrangement from receiving  
1453 reimbursement under section 10-266m for reasonable transportation  
1454 expenses for which such board, service center or cooperative  
1455 arrangement is not reimbursed pursuant to this section.]

1456 Sec. 21. Subsection (a) of section 10-215b of the general statutes is  
1457 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
1458 *1, 2013*):

1459 (a) The State Board of Education is authorized to expend in each  
1460 fiscal year an amount equal to (1) the money required pursuant to the  
1461 matching requirements of said federal laws and shall disburse the  
1462 same in accordance with said laws, and (2) ten cents per lunch served  
1463 in the prior school year in accordance with said laws by any local or  
1464 regional board of education, the technical high school system or  
1465 governing authority of a state charter school, interdistrict magnet  
1466 school or endowed academy, approved pursuant to section 10-34, that  
1467 participates in the National School Lunch Program and certifies  
1468 pursuant to section 10-215f that the nutrition standards established by  
1469 the Department of Education pursuant to section 10-215e shall be met.

1470 Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (2) of this subsection,  
1471 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, and each fiscal year thereafter,  
1472 the amount of the grants payable under said subdivision to any local  
1473 or regional board of education, the technical high school system or  
1474 governing authority of a state charter school, interdistrict magnet  
1475 school or endowed academy, approved pursuant to section 10-34, shall  
1476 be reduced proportionately if the total of such grants in such year  
1477 exceeds the amount appropriated for the purposes of this section for  
1478 such year.

1479 Sec. 22. Subsection (a) of section 4-66aa of the general statutes is  
1480 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
1481 *1, 2013*):

1482 (a) There is established, within the General Fund, a separate,  
1483 nonlapsing account to be known as the "community investment  
1484 account". The account shall contain any moneys required by law to be  
1485 deposited in the account. The funds in the account shall be distributed  
1486 every three months as follows: (1) Ten dollars of each fee credited to  
1487 said account shall be deposited into the agriculture sustainability  
1488 account established pursuant to section 4-66cc; (2) one million dollars  
1489 shall be credited to the Department of Education for the purpose of the  
1490 healthy foods initiative, pursuant to section 10-215b, as amended by  
1491 this act; and, then, of the remaining funds; [ (2) ] (3) twenty-five per  
1492 cent to the Department of Economic and Community Development to  
1493 use as follows: (A) Two hundred thousand dollars, annually, to  
1494 supplement the technical assistance and preservation activities of the  
1495 Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation, established pursuant to  
1496 special act 75-93, and (B) the remainder to supplement historic  
1497 preservation activities as provided in sections 10-409 to 10-415,  
1498 inclusive; [(3)] (4) twenty-five per cent to the Connecticut Housing  
1499 Finance Authority to supplement new or existing affordable housing  
1500 programs; [(4)] (5) twenty-five per cent to the Department of Energy  
1501 and Environmental Protection for municipal open space grants; and  
1502 [(5)] (6) twenty-five per cent to the Department of Agriculture to use as

1503 follows: (A) Five hundred thousand dollars annually for the  
1504 agricultural viability grant program established pursuant to section 22-  
1505 26j; (B) five hundred thousand dollars annually for the farm transition  
1506 program established pursuant to section 22-26k; (C) one hundred  
1507 thousand dollars annually to encourage the sale of Connecticut Grown  
1508 food to schools, restaurants, retailers and other institutions and  
1509 businesses in the state; (D) seventy-five thousand dollars annually for  
1510 the Connecticut farm link program established pursuant to section 22-  
1511 26l; (E) forty-seven thousand five hundred dollars annually for the  
1512 Seafood Advisory Council established pursuant to section 22-455; (F)  
1513 forty-seven thousand five hundred dollars annually for the  
1514 Connecticut Farm Wine Development Council established pursuant to  
1515 section 22-26c; (G) twenty-five thousand dollars annually to the  
1516 Connecticut Food Policy Council established pursuant to section 22-  
1517 456; and (H) the remainder for farmland preservation programs  
1518 pursuant to chapter 422. Each agency receiving funds under this  
1519 section may use not more than ten per cent of such funds for  
1520 administration of the programs for which the funds were provided.

1521 Sec. 23. Subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of section 10-66ee of the  
1522 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
1523 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

1524 (d) (1) For the purposes of equalization aid grants pursuant to  
1525 section 10-262h, as amended by this act, the state shall pay in  
1526 accordance with this subsection, to the town in which a state charter  
1527 school is located for each student enrolled in such school, for the fiscal  
1528 year ending June 30, 2013, ten thousand two hundred dollars, for the  
1529 fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, [eleven] ten thousand five hundred  
1530 dollars, and for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, and each fiscal  
1531 year thereafter, eleven thousand [five hundred] dollars. Such  
1532 payments shall be made as follows: Twenty-five per cent of the  
1533 amount not later than July fifteenth and September first based on  
1534 estimated student enrollment on May first, and twenty-five per cent of  
1535 the amount not later than January first and the remaining amount not

1536 later than April fifteenth, each based on student enrollment on October  
1537 first. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subdivision, the payment  
1538 of the remaining amount made not later than April 15, 2013, shall be  
1539 within available appropriations and may be adjusted for each student  
1540 on a pro rata basis.

1541 Sec. 24. Subsection (a) of section 10-74d of the general statutes is  
1542 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
1543 *1, 2013*):

1544 (a) The Department of Education shall, within available  
1545 appropriations and after payments made pursuant to section 10-266j  
1546 and for purposes of subsection (d) of section 10-266aa, maintain a  
1547 competitive grant program for the purpose of assisting local and  
1548 regional boards of education, regional educational service centers and  
1549 nonsectarian nonprofit organizations approved by the Commissioner  
1550 of Education with the establishment and operation of interdistrict  
1551 cooperative programs that will assist the state in meeting the goals of  
1552 the 2008 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A.  
1553 O'Neill, et al. Such programs may include programs pursuant to  
1554 section 10-266bb, lighthouse schools, as defined in section 10-266cc,  
1555 and programs conducted by interdistrict magnet schools, provided  
1556 such magnet school programs (1) are conducted at the magnet school,  
1557 (2) primarily serve children not enrolled in the magnet school, and (3)  
1558 are not programs for which a local or regional board of education or a  
1559 regional educational service center receives funds pursuant to section  
1560 10-264h or 10-264l.

1561 Sec. 25. Section 17b-261g of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1562 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

1563 To the extent permitted by federal law, the Commissioner of Social  
1564 Services shall provide reimbursement under the Medicaid program to  
1565 children for physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech  
1566 therapy services provided by a home health care agency, as defined in

1567 section 19a-490, in the child's home or a substantially equivalent  
1568 environment. For purposes of such reimbursement, a substantially  
1569 equivalent environment may include, but not be limited to, facilities  
1570 that provide child day care services, as defined in subsection (a) of  
1571 section 19a-77, and after school programs [, as defined in section 10-  
1572 16x] that take place when school is not in session, provides  
1573 educational, enrichment and recreational activities for children in  
1574 kindergarten to grade twelve, inclusive, and has a parent involvement  
1575 component.

1576 Sec. 26. Section 11-31b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1577 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1578 Any public library which is a participating library in Connecticard  
1579 and any library which was a participating library in Connecticard prior  
1580 to July 1, 1983, may [claim and be entitled to] receive state aid for  
1581 services rendered to nonresidents, provided such library files with the  
1582 State Library Board a record of the number of items loaned to  
1583 nonresidents of the town or towns which it normally serves not later  
1584 than seven days after March first and September first of each year.  
1585 Such reports shall be certified as accurate by the library filing with the  
1586 State Library Board. On the order of the board, the Comptroller shall,  
1587 within available appropriations, pay to each participating library an  
1588 amount which shall be determined as follows: The State Library Board  
1589 shall divide by two the total amount of funds appropriated for the  
1590 Connecticard program. One-half of such amount shall be used for all  
1591 Connecticard transactions and the remaining half shall be used for net  
1592 plus transactions. Each library shall receive a maximum grant of (1) ten  
1593 thousand dollars for Connecticard transactions, and (2) ten thousand  
1594 dollars for net plus transactions. The grant may be used for general  
1595 library purposes and no portion of the grant money shall revert to the  
1596 general fund of the town or towns normally served by such library.

1597 Sec. 27. Sections 10-54, 10-266m, 10-273a, 7-127d to 7-127g, inclusive,  
1598 10-265q, 10-262t and 10-16x of the general statutes are repealed.

1599 (Effective July 1, 2013)

1600 Sec. 28. Sections 231 and 233 of public act 12-1 of the June 12 special  
 1601 session are repealed. (Effective July 1, 2013)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2013	10-262f
Sec. 2	July 1, 2013	10-262h(a)(6)
Sec. 3	July 1, 2013	10-262i
Sec. 4	July 1, 2013	10-262u(c) and (d)
Sec. 5	July 1, 2013	10-217a(i)
Sec. 6	July 1, 2013	10-281(b)
Sec. 7	July 1, 2013	10-71(d)
Sec. 8	July 1, 2013	10-17g
Sec. 9	July 1, 2013	10-66j(e)
Sec. 10	July 1, 2013	10-76d(e)(2)
Sec. 11	July 1, 2013	10-76g(d)
Sec. 12	July 1, 2013	10-253(b)
Sec. 13	July 1, 2013	New section
Sec. 14	July 1, 2013	10-97
Sec. 15	July 1, 2013	10-277
Sec. 16	July 1, 2013	10-66ee(f)
Sec. 17	July 1, 2013	10-158a
Sec. 18	July 1, 2013	10-53
Sec. 19	July 1, 2013	10-64(d)
Sec. 20	July 1, 2013	10-264i(a)(5)
Sec. 21	July 1, 2013	10-215b(a)
Sec. 22	July 1, 2013	4-66aa(a)
Sec. 23	July 1, 2013	10-66ee(d)(1)
Sec. 24	July 1, 2013	10-74d(a)
Sec. 25	July 1, 2013	17b-261g
Sec. 26	from passage	11-31b
Sec. 27	July 1, 2013	Repealer section
Sec. 28	July 1, 2013	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.]*