



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 6504**

January Session, 2013



**AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL PROGRAMS IN THE STATE.**

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Department of Education  
2 shall conduct a study of alternative school programs offered by local  
3 and regional boards of education. Such study shall include (1) an  
4 examination of alternative school programs, including, but not limited  
5 to, enrollment criteria, the curriculum offered, the length of the school  
6 day and school year, attendance rates, truancy rates, graduation rates  
7 and student academic performance, (2) an evaluation of each such  
8 alternative school programs, and (3) a statement on the degree to  
9 which each such alternative school program complies with sections 10-  
10 15, 10-16 and 10-16b of the general statutes. Each local or regional  
11 board of education that offers an alternative school program shall  
12 provide the department all information relating to such alternative  
13 school program for purposes of such study. For purposes of this  
14 section, "alternative school program" includes (A) alternative school  
15 programs, pursuant to section 10-220 of the general statutes, (B)  
16 alternative educational opportunities, pursuant to sections 10-19m, 10-  
17 69 and 10-233d of the general statutes, (C) alternative programs,  
18 pursuant to sections 10-4p, 10-263c and 10-266q of the general statutes,  
19 (D) alternative schools, pursuant to section 10-94e of the general  
20 statutes, and (E) alternative high schools, pursuant to sections 10-220d

21 and 10-223h of the general statutes.

22 (b) Not later than February 1, 2014, the Department of Education  
23 shall submit a report on the study of alternative school programs,  
24 conducted pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, to the joint  
25 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
26 matters relating to education, in accordance with the provisions of  
27 section 11-4a of the general statutes. Such report shall include the  
28 findings of such study and any recommendations for legislation,  
29 including, but not limited to (1) a definition of alternative school  
30 programs, (2) enrollment requirements, (3) length of school day and  
31 school year, (4) curriculum requirements, and (5) graduation  
32 requirements.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**ED**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*