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Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by:
(PD)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONSOLIDATION OF
NONEDUCATIONAL SERVICES.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10-222 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2013*):

4 (a) Each local board of education shall prepare an itemized estimate
5 of the cost of maintenance of public schools for the ensuing year and
6 shall submit such estimate to the board of finance in each town or city
7 having a board of finance, to the board of selectmen in each town
8 having no board of finance or otherwise to the authority making
9 appropriations for the school district, not later than two months
10 preceding the annual meeting at which appropriations are to be made.
11 The board of finance, board of selectmen or appropriating authority
12 shall, not later than ten days after the date the board of education
13 submits such estimate, make spending recommendations and
14 suggestions to such board of education as to how such board of
15 education may consolidate noneducational services and realize

16 financial efficiencies. Such board of education may accept or reject the
17 suggestions of the board of finance, board of selectmen or
18 appropriating authority and shall provide the board of finance, board
19 of selectmen or appropriating authority with a written explanation of
20 the reason for any rejection. The money appropriated by any
21 municipality for the maintenance of public schools shall be expended
22 by and in the discretion of the board of education. Except as provided
23 in this subsection, any such board may transfer any unexpended or
24 uncontracted-for portion of any appropriation for school purposes to
25 any other item of such itemized estimate. Boards may, by adopting
26 policies and procedures, authorize designated personnel to make
27 limited transfers under emergency circumstances if the urgent need for
28 the transfer prevents the board from meeting in a timely fashion to
29 consider such transfer. All transfers made in such instances shall be
30 announced at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the board and a
31 written explanation of such transfer shall be provided to the legislative
32 body of the municipality. Expenditures by the board of education shall
33 not exceed the appropriation made by the municipality, with such
34 money as may be received from other sources for school purposes. If
35 any occasion arises whereby additional funds are needed by such
36 board, the chairman of such board shall notify the board of finance,
37 board of selectmen or appropriating authority, as the case may be, and
38 shall submit a request for additional funds in the same manner as is
39 provided for departments, boards or agencies of the municipality and
40 no additional funds shall be expended unless such supplemental
41 appropriation shall be granted and no supplemental expenditures shall
42 be made in excess of those granted through the appropriating
43 authority. The annual report of the board of education shall, in
44 accordance with section 10-224, include a summary showing (1) the
45 total cost of the maintenance of schools, (2) the amount received from
46 the state and other sources for the maintenance of schools, and (3) the
47 net cost to the municipality of the maintenance of schools. For
48 purposes of this subsection, "meeting" means a meeting, as defined in
49 section 1-200, and "itemized estimate" means an estimate in which

50 broad budgetary categories including, but not limited to, salaries,
51 fringe benefits, utilities, supplies and grounds maintenance are
52 divided into one or more line items.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	10-222(a)

Statement of Purpose:

To encourage municipalities and boards of education to consider ways in which to realize financial efficiencies and to promote transparency in school budgets.

[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.]