



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 815

January Session, 2013



**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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*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 or authority that receives such estimate shall, not later than
12 ten days after the date the board of education submits such estimate,
13 make spending recommendations and suggestions to such board of
14 education as to how such board of education may consolidate
15 noneducational services and realize financial efficiencies. Such board
16 of education may accept or reject the suggestions of the board of
17 finance, board of selectmen or appropriating authority and shall
18 provide the board of finance, board of selectmen or appropriating
19 authority with a written explanation of the reason for any rejection.

20 The money appropriated by any municipality for the maintenance of
21 public schools shall be expended by and in the discretion of the board
22 of education. Except as provided in this subsection, any such board
23 may transfer any unexpended or uncontracted-for portion of any
24 appropriation for school purposes to any other item of such itemized
25 estimate. Boards may, by adopting policies and procedures, authorize
26 designated personnel to make limited transfers under emergency
27 circumstances if the urgent need for the transfer prevents the board
28 from meeting in a timely fashion to consider such transfer. All
29 transfers made in such instances shall be announced at the next
30 regularly scheduled meeting of the board and a written explanation of
31 such transfer shall be provided to the legislative body of the
32 municipality or, in a municipality where the legislative body is a town
33 meeting, to the board of selectmen. Expenditures by the board of
34 education shall not exceed the appropriation made by the
35 municipality, with such money as may be received from other sources
36 for school purposes. If any occasion arises whereby additional funds
37 are needed by such board, the chairman of such board shall notify the
38 board of finance, board of selectmen or appropriating authority, as the
39 case may be, and shall submit a request for additional funds in the
40 same manner as is provided for departments, boards or agencies of the
41 municipality and no additional funds shall be expended unless such
42 supplemental appropriation shall be granted and no supplemental
43 expenditures shall be made in excess of those granted through the
44 appropriating authority. The annual report of the board of education
45 shall, in accordance with section 10-224, include a summary showing
46 (1) the total cost of the maintenance of schools, (2) the amount received
47 from the state and other sources for the maintenance of schools, and (3)
48 the net cost to the municipality of the maintenance of schools. For
49 purposes of this subsection, "meeting" means a meeting, as defined in
50 section 1-200, and "itemized estimate" means an estimate in which
51 broad budgetary categories including, but not limited to, salaries,
52 fringe benefits, utilities, supplies and grounds maintenance are
53 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)
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PD *Joint Favorable Subst.*

ED *Joint Favorable*