



# OLR RESEARCH REPORT

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## COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS UNDER § 10-158a

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You asked for examples of cooperative agreements between or among school districts under [CGS § 10-158a](#).

### SUMMARY

Section 10-158a of the Connecticut General Statutes allows school boards to form, by written agreement, cooperative arrangements to provide programs and services that they might not otherwise be able to afford acting individually. By law, purposes for which cooperative arrangements can be formed are those that enable individual school boards to carry out their duties to provide (1) school accommodations, services, programs, or activities; (2) special education; or (3) health care services. The law specifically sets out rules governing building construction and school transportation services.

At our request, the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) surveyed its membership of approximately 150 school districts, asking them for examples of cooperative arrangements they had established under the authority of CGS § 10-158a. Apparently, none of the respondents indicated that they were participating in this type of arrangement or had done so in the past. CABE has expressed its willingness to make a second attempt to gather this information; we will send their results to you when we receive them.

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