



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 473***

LCO No. 2352



Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:  
(ED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING MAGNET SCHOOLS.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (m) of section 10-264l of the 2014 supplement  
2 to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in  
3 lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

4 (m) (1) On or before May 15, 2010, and annually thereafter, each  
5 interdistrict magnet school operator shall provide written notification  
6 to any school district that is otherwise responsible for educating a  
7 student who resides in such school district and will be enrolled in an  
8 interdistrict magnet school under the operator's control for the  
9 following school year. Such notification shall include the number of  
10 any such students, by grade, who will be enrolled in an interdistrict  
11 magnet school under the control of such operator, the name of the  
12 school in which such student has been placed and the amount of  
13 tuition to be charged to the local or regional board of education for  
14 such student. Such notification shall represent an estimate of the  
15 number of students expected to attend such interdistrict magnet  
16 schools in the following school year, but shall not be deemed to limit

17 the number of students who may enroll in such interdistrict magnet  
18 schools for such year.

19 (2) Not later than two weeks following an enrollment lottery for an  
20 interdistrict magnet school conducted by a magnet school operator, the  
21 parent or guardian of a student (A) who will enroll in such interdistrict  
22 magnet school in the following school year, or (B) whose name has  
23 been placed on a waiting list for enrollment in such interdistrict  
24 magnet school for the following school year, shall provide written  
25 notification of such enrollment or waiting list placement to the school  
26 district that such student resides and is otherwise responsible for  
27 educating such student.

28 Sec. 2. Section 197 of public act 11-48 is repealed and the following is  
29 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

30 (a) An interdistrict magnet school program that is not in compliance  
31 with the racial minorities enrollment requirements of section 10-264l of  
32 the general statutes, as amended by [this act] public act 11-48,  
33 following the submission of student information data of such program  
34 to the state-wide public school information system, pursuant to section  
35 10-10a of the general statutes, on or before October 1, 2011, and  
36 October 1, 2012, due to changes in the 2010 federal racial reporting  
37 requirements relating to the collection of racial and ethnic data, as  
38 described in the Federal Register of October 19, 2007, shall maintain  
39 such program's status as an interdistrict magnet school program and  
40 remain eligible for an interdistrict magnet school operating grant  
41 pursuant to section 10-264l of the general statutes, as amended by [this  
42 act] public act 11-48, if such program submits a compliance plan to the  
43 Commissioner of Education and the commissioner approves such plan.

44 (b) On or before January 1, [2013] 2015, the Department of  
45 Education shall submit to the joint standing committee of the General  
46 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education, in  
47 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,

48 recommendations for legislation to amend the racial minority  
49 enrollments requirements for interdistrict magnet school programs  
50 pursuant to section 10-264l of the general statutes, as amended by [this  
51 act] public act 11-48, to conform with changes in the federal law. Such  
52 plan shall reflect the regional demographics of the interdistrict magnet  
53 school programs and the diverse racial, ethnic and socio-economic  
54 needs of the student populations attending interdistrict magnet school  
55 programs.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10-264l(m)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	PA 11-48, Sec. 197

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require the parent or guardian of a student who will be enrolled in a magnet school or whose name has been placed on a waiting list for a magnet school to notify the school district in which such student resides of such enrollment or placement and to push back the date that the Department of Education is to submit recommendations for legislation regarding racial minority enrollment requirements for magnet schools.

*[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.]*