



Senate

General Assembly

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Senate Resolution No. 7

Senate, April 7, 2014

The Senate Committee on Education reported through SEN. STILLMAN of the 20th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the resolution ought to be adopted.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN SHEFF V. O'NEILL.

Resolved by the Senate:

- 1 That the provisions of the settlement agreement dated December 13,
- 2 2013, in the action Sheff v. O'Neill, Superior Court Complex Litigation
- 3 Docket at Hartford, HHD-X07-CV89-4026240-S, requiring an
- 4 expenditure from the General Fund budget in excess of two million
- 5 five hundred thousand dollars and submitted by the Attorney General
- 6 to this Assembly for approval in accordance with section 3-125a of the
- 7 general statutes, are approved.

ED *Senate Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 15 \$	FY 16 \$
Education, Dept.	GF - Cost	3.6 million	up to 4.6 million

Municipal Impact: See Below

Explanation

The resolution implements Phase III of the Sheff v. O’Neill agreement. This will result in a cost of \$3.6 million in FY 15 to the State Department of Education and a cost of up to \$4.6 million in FY 16. The costs are associated with both magnet school and non-magnet programmatic expansions, which will assist the state in meeting the benchmarks associated with the agreement. A detailed breakdown of the programs and costs appear in the table below:

Sheff Expansions

Program Development/Expansion	Additional Cost FY 15 \$
New Magnets and Expansions - Additional Operating Grant:	
Goodwin Senior Academy (PT)	543,040
High School Incorporated	522,160
College Academy	391,620
Annie Fisher Montessori	195,810
Reggio	125,316
New Magnet/Expansion Transportation	524,000
Subtotal New Magnets/Magnet Expansion	2,301,946
Non-Magnet Expansions:	
Lighthouse School Model	790,000

Program Development/Expansion	Additional Cost FY 15 \$
Lighthouse School Model - Transportation	40,000
Renzulli Academy	290,000
Renzulli Academy - Transportation	40,000
Summer Immersion Montessori Program	140,000
Subtotal Non-Magnet	1,300,000
Total Phase III Cost	3,601,946

The cost for FY 16 is anticipated to be up to \$4.6 million, and includes the programs outlined above as well as two expansions: (1) an additional year of enrollment at High School Incorporated and (2) a new grade at the Journalism Magnet. Funding of \$3.6 million is included in sHB 5030, the FY 15 revised budget, as favorably reported by the Appropriations Committee, to support the Phase III costs.

To the extent that any new student attends a magnet school that charges tuition, the sending municipality could incur a cost. The total cost would be determined by the amount of the tuition and the number of students.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to programmatic expansions and inflation.

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Resolutions.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Education Committee

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Yea 6 Nay 0 (03/21/2014)