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Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:
(ED)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE MINIMUM BUDGET REQUIREMENT.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 10-262i of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2015*):

4 (d) (1) Except as otherwise provided under the provisions of
5 subdivisions (3), [and] (4) and (7) of this subsection, for the fiscal year
6 ending June 30, [2014] 2016, the budgeted appropriation for education
7 shall be not less than the budgeted appropriation for education for the
8 fiscal year ending June 30, [2013] 2015, plus any aid increase described
9 in subsection (e) of this section, except that a town may reduce its
10 budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June
11 30, [2014] 2016, by one or more of the following: (A) Any district with a
12 resident student count for October 1, [2012] 2014, using the data of
13 record as of January 31, [2013] 2015, that is lower than such district's
14 resident student count for October 1, [2011] 2013, using the data of
15 record as of January 31, [2013] 2015, may reduce such district's
16 budgeted appropriation for education by the difference in number of

17 resident students for such years multiplied by [three thousand,
18 provided such reduction shall not exceed one-half of one per cent of
19 the district's budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year
20 ending June 30, 2013] fifty per cent of the net current expenditures per
21 resident student, as defined in subdivision (45) of section 10-262f, as
22 amended by this act, of such district, (B) any district [that] (i) that does
23 not maintain a high school and pays tuition to another school district
24 pursuant to section 10-33 for resident students to attend high school in
25 another district, and (ii) in which the number of resident students
26 attending high school for such district for October 1, [2012] 2014, using
27 the data of record as of January 31, [2013] 2015, is lower than such
28 district's number of resident students attending high school for
29 October 1, [2011] 2013, using the data of record as of January 31, [2013]
30 2015, may reduce such district's budgeted appropriation for education
31 by the difference in number of resident students attending high school
32 for such years multiplied by the tuition paid per student pursuant to
33 section 10-33, or (C) any district that realizes new and documentable
34 savings through increased intradistrict efficiencies approved by the
35 Commissioner of Education or through regional collaboration or
36 cooperative arrangements pursuant to section 10-158a may reduce
37 such district's budgeted appropriation for education in an amount
38 equal to half of the savings experienced as a result of such intradistrict
39 efficiencies, regional collaboration or cooperative arrangement. [,
40 provided such reduction shall not exceed one-half of one per cent of
41 the district's budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year
42 ending June 30, 2013.]

43 (2) Except as otherwise provided under the provisions of
44 subdivisions (3), [and] (5) and (7) of this subsection, for the fiscal year
45 ending June 30, [2015] 2017, the budgeted appropriation for education
46 shall be not less than the budgeted appropriation for education for the
47 fiscal year ending June 30, [2014] 2016, plus any aid increase received
48 pursuant to subsection (e) of this section, except that a town may
49 reduce its budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year

50 ending June 30, [2015] 2017, by one or more of the following: (A) Any
51 district with a resident student count for October 1, [2013] 2015, using
52 the data of record as of January 31, [2014] 2016, that is lower than such
53 district's resident student count for October 1, [2012] 2014, using the
54 data of record as of January 31, [2014] 2016, may reduce such district's
55 budgeted appropriation for education by the difference in number of
56 resident students for such years multiplied by [three thousand,
57 provided such reduction shall not exceed one-half of one per cent of
58 the district's budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year
59 ending June 30, 2014] fifty per cent of the net current expenditures per
60 resident student, as defined in subdivision (45) of section 10-262f, as
61 amended by this act, of such district, (B) any district [that] (i) that does
62 not maintain a high school and pays tuition to another school district
63 pursuant to section 10-33 for resident students to attend high school in
64 another district, and (ii) in which the number of resident students
65 attending high school for such district for October 1, [2013] 2015, using
66 the data of record as of January 31, [2014] 2016, is lower than such
67 district's number of resident students attending high school for
68 October 1, [2012] 2014, using the data of record as of January 31, [2014]
69 2016, may reduce such district's budgeted appropriation for education
70 by the difference in number of resident students attending high school
71 for such years multiplied by the tuition paid per student pursuant to
72 section 10-33, or (C) any district that realizes new and documentable
73 savings through increased intradistrict efficiencies approved by the
74 Commissioner of Education or through regional collaboration or
75 cooperative arrangements pursuant to section 10-158a may reduce
76 such district's budgeted appropriation for education in an amount
77 equal to half of the savings experienced as a result of such intradistrict
78 efficiencies, regional collaboration or cooperative arrangement. [,
79 provided such reduction shall not exceed one-half of one per cent of
80 the district's budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year
81 ending June 30, 2013.]

82 (3) The Commissioner of Education may permit a [district] town to

83 reduce its budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal years
84 ending June 30, [2014] 2016, and June 30, [2015] 2017, inclusive, in an
85 amount determined by the commissioner if such district has
86 permanently ceased operations and closed one or more schools in the
87 district due to declining enrollment at such closed school or schools in
88 the fiscal year ending June 30, [2011] 2013, June 30, [2012] 2014, or June
89 30, [2013] 2015.

90 (4) For the fiscal year ending June 30, [2014] 2016, the budgeted
91 appropriation for a town designated as an alliance district, as defined
92 in section 10-262u, shall be not less than the sum of (A) the budgeted
93 appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, [2013] 2015, and (B)
94 the amount necessary to meet the minimum local funding percentage,
95 as defined in subdivision (39) of section 10-262f, except that the
96 commissioner may permit a town designated as an alliance district to
97 reduce its budgeted appropriation for education if such town can
98 demonstrate that its local contribution for the fiscal year ending June
99 30, [2014] 2016, has increased when compared to the local contribution
100 used in determining its local funding percentage, as defined in
101 subdivision (38) of section 10-262f.

102 (5) For the fiscal year ending June 30, [2015] 2017, the budgeted
103 appropriation for a town designated as an alliance district, as defined
104 in section 10-262u, shall be not less than the sum of (A) the budgeted
105 appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, [2014] 2016, and (B)
106 the amount necessary to meet the minimum local funding percentage,
107 as defined in subdivision (39) of section 10-262f, except that the
108 commissioner may permit a town designated as an alliance district to
109 reduce its budgeted appropriation for education if such town can
110 demonstrate that its local contribution for the fiscal year ending June
111 30, [2015] 2017, has increased when compared to the local contribution
112 used in determining its local funding percentage, as defined in
113 subdivision (38) of section 10-262f.

114 (6) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2016, and June 30, 2017, a

115 town that is permitted to reduce its budgeted appropriation for
116 education under this subsection may reduce its budgeted
117 appropriation for education in an amount not to exceed three per cent
118 of such budgeted appropriation for education, except that the
119 Commissioner of Education may, following a review of a town's
120 proposed reductions to its budgeted appropriation for education,
121 permit a town to reduce its budgeted appropriation for education in an
122 amount equal to the total amount of such proposed reductions.

123 (7) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2016, and June 30, 2017, the
124 provisions of this subsection shall not apply to a district that is among
125 the ten school districts with the highest district performance index, as
126 defined in section 10-262u.

127 Sec. 2. Section 10-262f of the general statutes is amended by adding
128 subdivision (45) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

129 (NEW) (45) "Net current expenditures per resident student" means,
130 in any school year, the net current expenditures, as defined in section
131 10-261, for such school year divided by the number of resident
132 students in the town for such school year.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	10-262i(d)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	10-262f

Statement of Purpose:

To make revisions to the minimum budget requirement.

[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.]