



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 7019**

January Session, 2015



**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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  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] district efficiencies approved  
35 by the Commissioner of Education or through regional collaboration  
36 or 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  
39 [intradistrict] district efficiencies, regional collaboration or cooperative  
40 arrangement. ], provided such reduction shall not exceed one-half of  
41 one per cent of the district's budgeted appropriation for education for  
42 the fiscal year 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] district efficiencies approved  
74 by the Commissioner of Education or through regional collaboration  
75 or 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  
78 [intradistrict] district efficiencies, regional collaboration or cooperative  
79 arrangement. [, provided such reduction shall not exceed one-half of  
80 one per cent of the district's budgeted appropriation for education for  
81 the fiscal year 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 the school district in such  
86 [district] town has permanently ceased operations and closed one or  
87 more schools in the school district due to declining enrollment at such  
88 closed school or schools in the fiscal year ending June 30, [2011] 2013,

89 June 30, [2012] 2014, or June 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 one and one-  
118 half per cent of such budgeted appropriation for education, except that  
119 the 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 provided the board of education for such town approves, by vote at a  
124 meeting duly called, such proposed reductions.

125 (7) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2016, and June 30, 2017, the  
126 provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any district that is in  
127 the top ten per cent of school districts based on the district  
128 performance index, as defined in section 10-262u.

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

131 (NEW) (45) "Net current expenditures per resident student" means,  
132 in any school year, the net current expenditures, as defined in section  
133 10-261, for such school year divided by the number of resident  
134 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

**ED**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*