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**AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS OF
THE GOVERNOR CONCERNING EDUCATION.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (i) of section 10-217a of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2015*):

4 (i) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the fiscal
5 [years] year ending June 30, 2008, [to June 30, 2015, inclusive] and each
6 fiscal year thereafter, the amount of the grants payable to local or
7 regional boards of education in accordance with this section shall be
8 reduced proportionately if the total of such grants in such year exceeds
9 the amount appropriated for purposes of this section.

10 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 10-281 of the general statutes is
11 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*

12 1, 2015):

13 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the fiscal
14 [years] year ending June 30, 2004, [to June 30, 2015, inclusive] and each
15 fiscal year thereafter, the amount of the grants payable to local or
16 regional boards of education in accordance with this section shall be
17 reduced proportionately if the total of such grants in such year exceeds
18 the amount appropriated for purposes of this section.

19 Sec. 3. Subsection (d) of section 10-71 of the general statutes is
20 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
21 *1, 2015*):

22 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the fiscal
23 [years] year ending June 30, 2004, [to June 30, 2015, inclusive] and each
24 fiscal year thereafter, the amount of the grants payable to towns,
25 regional boards of education or regional educational service centers in
26 accordance with this section shall be reduced proportionately if the
27 total of such grants in such year exceeds the amount appropriated for
28 the purposes of this section for such year.

29 Sec. 4. Section 10-17g of the general statutes is repealed and the
30 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

31 Annually, the board of education for each local and regional school
32 district that is required to provide a program of bilingual education,
33 pursuant to section 10-17f, may make application to the State Board of
34 Education and shall thereafter receive a grant in an amount equal to
35 the product obtained by multiplying the total appropriation available
36 for such purpose by the ratio which the number of eligible children in
37 the school district bears to the total number of such eligible children
38 state-wide. The board of education for each local and regional school
39 district receiving funds pursuant to this section shall annually, on or
40 before September first, submit to the State Board of Education a
41 progress report which shall include (1) measures of increased
42 educational opportunities for eligible students, including language

43 support services and language transition support services provided to
44 such students, (2) program evaluation and measures of the
45 effectiveness of its bilingual education and English as a second
46 language programs, including data on students in bilingual education
47 programs and students educated exclusively in English as a second
48 language programs, and (3) certification by the board of education
49 submitting the report that any funds received pursuant to this section
50 have been used for the purposes specified. The State Board of
51 Education shall annually evaluate programs conducted pursuant to
52 section 10-17f. For purposes of this section, measures of the
53 effectiveness of bilingual education and English as a second language
54 programs include mastery examination results, under section 10-14n,
55 and graduation and school dropout rates. Notwithstanding the
56 provisions of this section, for the fiscal [years] year ending June 30,
57 2009, [to June 30, 2015, inclusive] and each fiscal year thereafter, the
58 amount of grants payable to local or regional boards of education
59 under this section shall be reduced proportionately if the total of such
60 grants in such year exceeds the amount appropriated for such grants
61 for such year.

62 Sec. 5. Subsection (e) of section 10-66j of the general statutes is
63 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
64 *1, 2015*):

65 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the fiscal
66 [years] year ending June 30, 2004, [to June 30, 2015, inclusive] and each
67 fiscal year thereafter, the amount of grants payable to regional
68 educational service centers shall be reduced proportionately if the total
69 of such grants in such year exceeds the amount appropriated for such
70 grants for such year.

71 Sec. 6. Subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of section 10-76d of the
72 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
73 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

74 (2) For purposes of this subdivision, "public agency" includes the
75 offices of a government of a federally recognized Native American
76 tribe. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the general statutes, for
77 the fiscal year ending June 30, 1987, and each fiscal year thereafter,
78 whenever a public agency, other than a local or regional board of
79 education, the State Board of Education or the Superior Court acting
80 pursuant to section 10-76h, places a child in a foster home, group
81 home, hospital, state institution, receiving home, custodial institution
82 or any other residential or day treatment facility, and such child
83 requires special education, the local or regional board of education
84 under whose jurisdiction the child would otherwise be attending
85 school or, if no such board can be identified, the local or regional board
86 of education of the town where the child is placed, shall provide the
87 requisite special education and related services to such child in
88 accordance with the provisions of this section. Within one business day
89 of such a placement by the Department of Children and Families or
90 offices of a government of a federally recognized Native American
91 tribe, said department or offices shall orally notify the local or regional
92 board of education responsible for providing special education and
93 related services to such child of such placement. The department or
94 offices shall provide written notification to such board of such
95 placement within two business days of the placement. Such local or
96 regional board of education shall convene a planning and placement
97 team meeting for such child within thirty days of the placement and
98 shall invite a representative of the Department of Children and
99 Families or offices of a government of a federally recognized Native
100 American tribe to participate in such meeting. (A) The local or regional
101 board of education under whose jurisdiction such child would
102 otherwise be attending school shall be financially responsible for the
103 reasonable costs of such special education and related services in an
104 amount equal to the lesser of one hundred per cent of the costs of such
105 education or the average per pupil educational costs of such board of
106 education for the prior fiscal year, determined in accordance with the
107 provisions of subsection (a) of section 10-76f. The State Board of

108 Education shall pay on a current basis, except as provided in
109 subdivision (3) of this subsection, any costs in excess of such local or
110 regional board's basic contributions paid by such board of education in
111 accordance with the provisions of this subdivision. (B) Whenever a
112 child is placed pursuant to this subdivision, on or after July 1, 1995, by
113 the Department of Children and Families and the local or regional
114 board of education under whose jurisdiction such child would
115 otherwise be attending school cannot be identified, the local or
116 regional board of education under whose jurisdiction the child
117 attended school or in whose district the child resided at the time of
118 removal from the home by said department shall be responsible for the
119 reasonable costs of special education and related services provided to
120 such child, for one calendar year or until the child is committed to the
121 state pursuant to section 46b-129 or 46b-140 or is returned to the child's
122 parent or guardian, whichever is earlier. If the child remains in such
123 placement beyond one calendar year the Department of Children and
124 Families shall be responsible for such costs. During the period the local
125 or regional board of education is responsible for the reasonable cost of
126 special education and related services pursuant to this subparagraph,
127 the board shall be responsible for such costs in an amount equal to the
128 lesser of one hundred per cent of the costs of such education and
129 related services or the average per pupil educational costs of such
130 board of education for the prior fiscal year, determined in accordance
131 with the provisions of subsection (a) of section 10-76f. The State Board
132 of Education shall pay on a current basis, except as provided in
133 subdivision (3) of this subsection, any costs in excess of such local or
134 regional board's basic contributions paid by such board of education in
135 accordance with the provisions of this subdivision. The costs for
136 services other than educational shall be paid by the state agency which
137 placed the child. The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to
138 the school districts established within the Department of Children and
139 Families, pursuant to section 17a-37 or the Department of Correction,
140 pursuant to section 18-99a, provided in any case in which special
141 education is being provided at a private residential institution,

142 including the residential components of regional educational service
143 centers, to a child for whom no local or regional board of education
144 can be found responsible under subsection (b) of this section, Unified
145 School District #2 shall provide the special education and related
146 services and be financially responsible for the reasonable costs of such
147 special education instruction for such children. Notwithstanding the
148 provisions of this subdivision, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2004,
149 to June 30, 2007, inclusive, and for the fiscal [years] year ending June
150 30, 2010, [to June 30, 2015, inclusive] and each fiscal year thereafter, the
151 amount of the grants payable to local or regional boards of education
152 in accordance with this subdivision shall be reduced proportionately if
153 the total of such grants in such year exceeds the amount appropriated
154 for the purposes of this subdivision for such year.

155 Sec. 7. Subsection (d) of section 10-76g of the general statutes is
156 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
157 *1, 2015*):

158 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the fiscal
159 years ending June 30, 2004, to June 30, 2007, inclusive, and for the fiscal
160 [years] year ending June 30, 2010, [to June 30, 2015, inclusive] and each
161 fiscal year thereafter, the amount of the grants payable to local or
162 regional boards of education in accordance with this section, except
163 grants paid in accordance with subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this
164 section, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2006, and June 30, 2007, and
165 for the fiscal [years] year ending June 30, 2010, [to June 30, 2015,
166 inclusive] and each fiscal year thereafter, shall be reduced
167 proportionately if the total of such grants in such year exceeds the
168 amount appropriated for the purposes of this section for such year.

169 Sec. 8. Subsection (b) of section 10-253 of the general statutes is
170 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
171 *1, 2015*):

172 (b) The board of education of the school district under whose

173 jurisdiction a child would otherwise be attending school shall be
174 financially responsible for the reasonable costs of education for a child
175 placed out by the Commissioner of Children and Families or by other
176 agencies, including, but not limited to, offices of a government of a
177 federally recognized Native American tribe, in a private residential
178 facility when such child requires educational services other than
179 special education services. Such financial responsibility shall be the
180 lesser of one hundred per cent of the costs of such education or the
181 average per pupil educational costs of such board of education for the
182 prior fiscal year, determined in accordance with subsection (a) of
183 section 10-76f. Any costs in excess of the board's basic contribution
184 shall be paid by the State Board of Education on a current basis. The
185 costs for services other than educational shall be paid by the state
186 agency which placed the child. Application for the grant to be paid by
187 the state for costs in excess of the local or regional board of education's
188 basic contribution shall be made in accordance with the provisions of
189 subdivision (5) of subsection (e) of section 10-76d. Notwithstanding the
190 provisions of this subsection, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2004,
191 to June 30, 2007, inclusive, and for the fiscal [years] year ending June
192 30, 2010, [to June 30, 2015, inclusive] and each fiscal year thereafter, the
193 amount of the grants payable to local or regional boards of education
194 in accordance with this subsection shall be reduced proportionately if
195 the total of such grants in such year exceeds the amount appropriated
196 for the purposes of this subsection for such year.

197 Sec. 9. Subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of section 10-266m of the
198 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
199 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

200 (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the fiscal
201 [years] year ending June 30, 2004, [to June 30, 2015, inclusive] and each
202 fiscal year thereafter, the amount of transportation grants payable to
203 local or regional boards of education shall be reduced proportionately
204 if the total of such grants in such year exceeds the amount
205 appropriated for such grants for such year.

206 Sec. 10. Subsection (c) of section 10-19m of the general statutes is
207 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
208 *1, 2015*):

209 (c) The Commissioner of [Education] Children and Families shall
210 adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54,
211 establishing minimum standards for such youth service bureaus and
212 the criteria for qualifying for state cost-sharing grants, including, but
213 not limited to, allowable sources of funds covering the local share of
214 the costs of operating such bureaus, acceptable in-kind contributions
215 and application procedures. Said commissioner shall, on December 1,
216 2011, and biennially thereafter, report to the General Assembly on the
217 referral or diversion of children under the age of eighteen years from
218 the juvenile justice system and the court system. Such report shall
219 include, but not be limited to, the number of times any child is so
220 diverted, the number of children diverted, the type of service provided
221 to any such child, by whom such child was diverted, the ages of the
222 children diverted and such other information and statistics as the
223 General Assembly may request from time to time. Any such report
224 shall contain no identifying information about any particular child.

225 Sec. 11. Section 10-19n of the general statutes is repealed and the
226 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

227 To assist municipalities and private youth-serving organizations
228 designated to act as agents for such municipalities in establishing,
229 maintaining or expanding such youth service bureaus, the state, acting
230 through the Commissioner of [Education] Children and Families, shall
231 provide cost-sharing grants, subject to the provisions of this section for
232 (1) the cost of an administrative core unit and (2) the cost of the direct
233 services unit provided by such youth service bureau. No state grant
234 shall be made for capital expenditures of such bureaus. All youth
235 service bureaus shall submit a request for a grant, pursuant to this
236 section and sections 10-19m, as amended by this act, and 10-19o, as
237 amended by this act, on or before May fifteenth of the fiscal year prior

238 to the fiscal year for which such grant is requested.

239 Sec. 12. Section 10-19o of the general statutes is repealed and the
240 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

241 (a) The Commissioner of [Education] Children and Families shall
242 establish a program to provide grants to youth service bureaus in
243 accordance with this section. Only youth service bureaus which were
244 eligible to receive grants pursuant to this section for the fiscal year
245 ending June 30, 2007, or which applied for a grant by June 30, 2012,
246 with prior approval of the town's contribution pursuant to subsection
247 (b) of this section, shall be eligible for a grant pursuant to this section
248 for any fiscal year commencing on or after July 1, 2012. Each such
249 youth service bureau shall receive a grant of fourteen thousand
250 dollars. The Department of [Education] Children and Families may
251 expend an amount not to exceed two per cent of the amount
252 appropriated for purposes of this section for administrative expenses.
253 If there are any remaining funds, each such youth service bureau that
254 was awarded a grant in excess of fifteen thousand dollars in the fiscal
255 year ending June 30, 1995, shall receive a percentage of such funds. The
256 percentage shall be determined as follows: For each such grant in
257 excess of fifteen thousand dollars, the difference between the amount
258 of the grant awarded to the youth service bureau for the fiscal year
259 ending June 30, 1995, and fifteen thousand dollars shall be divided by
260 the difference between the total amount of the grants awarded to all
261 youth service bureaus that were awarded grants in excess of fifteen
262 thousand dollars for said fiscal year and the product of fifteen
263 thousand dollars and the number of such grants for said fiscal year.

264 (b) In order for a youth service bureau to receive the full amount of
265 the state grant determined pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, a
266 town shall contribute an amount equal to the amount of the state
267 grant. A town shall provide not less than fifty per cent of its
268 contribution from funds appropriated by the town for that purpose,
269 and the remaining amount in other funds or in-kind contributions in

270 accordance with regulations adopted by the [State Board of Education]
271 Commissioner of Children and Families in accordance with chapter 54.

272 (c) Any funds remaining due to a town's failure to match funds as
273 provided in subsection (b) of this section shall be redistributed in
274 accordance with the provisions of this section. The [State Board of
275 Education] Commissioner of Children and Families shall adopt
276 regulations in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 to
277 coordinate the youth service bureau program and to administer the
278 grant system established pursuant to this section and sections 10-19m,
279 as amended by this act, and 10-19n, as amended by this act.

280 Sec. 13. Section 10-19p of the general statutes is repealed and the
281 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

282 The Department of [Education] Children and Families shall provide
283 grant management services, program monitoring, program evaluation
284 and technical assistance to such state-aided youth service bureaus, and
285 the [commissioner] Commissioner of Children and Families may
286 assign or appoint necessary personnel to perform such duties, subject
287 to the provisions of chapter 67.

288 Sec. 14. Subsection (a) of section 10-215b of the general statutes is
289 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
290 *1, 2015*):

291 (a) The State Board of Education is authorized to expend in each
292 fiscal year an amount equal to [(1)] the money required pursuant to the
293 matching requirements [of said] under federal laws governing
294 breakfast and lunch programs and shall disburse the same in
295 accordance with [said] such federal laws, [, and (2) ten cents per lunch
296 served in the prior school year in accordance with said laws by any
297 local or regional board of education, the technical high school system
298 or governing authority of a state charter school, interdistrict magnet
299 school or endowed academy approved pursuant to section 10-34 that
300 participates in the National School Lunch Program and certifies

301 pursuant to section 10-215f that the nutrition standards established by
302 the Department of Education pursuant to section 10-215e shall be met.]

303 Sec. 15. Section 10-215a of the general statutes is repealed and the
304 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

305 Nonpublic schools and nonprofit agencies may participate in the
306 school breakfast, lunch and other feeding programs provided in
307 sections 10-215 to 10-215b under such regulations as may be
308 promulgated by the State Board of Education in conformance with said
309 sections and under the federal laws governing said programs. [, except
310 that such schools, other than the endowed academies approved
311 pursuant to section 10-34, and agencies shall not be eligible for the
312 funding described in subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 10-
313 215b.]

314 Sec. 16. Subsection (a) of section 10-74d of the general statutes is
315 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
316 *1, 2015*):

317 (a) The Department of Education shall, within available
318 appropriations and after payments made pursuant to section 10-266j
319 and for purposes of subsection (d) of section 10-266aa, maintain a
320 competitive grant program for the purpose of assisting local and
321 regional boards of education, regional educational service centers and
322 nonsectarian nonprofit organizations approved by the Commissioner
323 of Education with the establishment and operation of interdistrict
324 cooperative programs that assist the state in meeting the goals of the
325 2008 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et
326 al., as extended, or the goals of the 2013 stipulation and order for Milo
327 Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as determined by the
328 commissioner. Such programs may include programs pursuant to
329 section 10-266bb, lighthouse schools, as defined in section 10-266cc,
330 and programs conducted by interdistrict magnet schools, provided
331 such magnet school programs (1) are conducted at the magnet school,

332 (2) primarily serve children not enrolled in the magnet school, and (3)
333 are not programs for which a local or regional board of education or a
334 regional educational service center receives funds pursuant to section
335 10-264h or 10-264l, as amended by this act.

336 Sec. 17. Section 17b-751d of the general statutes is repealed and the
337 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

338 The Office of Early Childhood shall be the lead state agency for
339 community-based, prevention-focused programs and activities
340 designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse
341 and neglect. The responsibilities of the office shall include, but not be
342 limited to, collaborating with state agencies, hospitals, clinics, schools
343 and community service organizations, to: (1) Initiate programs to
344 support families at risk for child abuse or neglect; (2) assist
345 organizations to recognize child abuse and neglect; (3) encourage
346 community safety; (4) increase broad-based efforts to prevent child
347 abuse and neglect; (5) create a network of agencies to advance child
348 abuse and neglect prevention; and (6) increase public awareness of
349 child abuse and neglect issues. The office, subject to available state,
350 federal and private funding, shall be responsible for implementing and
351 maintaining programs and services, including, but not limited to: (A)
352 The Nurturing Families Network, established pursuant to subsection
353 (a) of section 17b-751b; (B) [Family Empowerment Initiative programs;
354 (C) Help Me Grow; (D) Family School Connection; (E)] support
355 services for residents of a respite group home for girls; [(F)] (C)
356 volunteer services; [(G)] (D) family development training; [(H)] (E)
357 shaken baby syndrome prevention; and [(I)] (F) child sexual abuse
358 prevention.

359 Sec. 18. Subsection (a) of section 10-266p of the general statutes is
360 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
361 *1, 2015*):

362 (a) The State Board of Education shall administer a priority school

363 district grant program to assist certain school districts to improve
364 student achievement and enhance educational opportunities. [The
365 grant program shall include the priority school district portions of the
366 grant programs established pursuant to sections 10-265f, 10-265m and
367 10-266t.] The grant program [and its component parts] shall be for
368 school districts in (1) the eight towns in the state with the largest
369 population, based on the most recent federal decennial census, (2)
370 towns which rank for the first fiscal year of each biennium from one to
371 eleven when all towns are ranked in descending order from one to one
372 hundred sixty-nine based on the number of children under the
373 temporary family assistance program, as defined in subdivision (17) of
374 section 10-262f, plus the mastery count of the town, as defined in
375 subdivision (13) of section 10-262f, and (3) towns which rank for the
376 first fiscal year of each biennium one to eleven when all towns are
377 ranked in descending order from one to one hundred sixty-nine based
378 on the ratio of the number of children under the temporary family
379 assistance program as so defined to the resident students of such town,
380 as defined in subdivision (22) of section 10-262f, plus the grant mastery
381 percentage of the town, as defined in subdivision (12) of section 10-
382 262f. The State Board of Education shall utilize the categorical grant
383 program established under this section and sections 10-266q and 10-
384 266r and other educational resources of the state to work cooperatively
385 with such school districts during any school year to improve their
386 educational programs or early reading intervention programs. [The
387 component parts of the grant shall be allocated according to the
388 provisions of sections 10-265f, 10-265m and 10-266t.] Subject to the
389 provisions of subsection (c) of section 10-276a, the State Board of
390 Education shall allocate one million dollars to each of the eight towns
391 described in subdivision (1) of this subsection and five hundred
392 thousand dollars to each of the towns described in subdivisions (2) and
393 (3) of this subsection, except the towns described in subdivision (1) of
394 this subsection shall not receive any additional allocation if they are
395 also described in subdivision (2) or (3) of this subsection.

396 Sec. 19. Section 10-226p of the general statutes is amended by
397 adding subsection (j) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

398 (NEW) (j) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the
399 fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, and each fiscal year thereafter, the
400 amount of the grants payable to local or regional boards of education
401 in accordance with this section shall be reduced proportionately if the
402 total of such grants in such year exceeds the amount appropriated for
403 the purposes of this section for such year.

404 Sec. 20. Subsection (a) of section 10-223h of the general statutes is
405 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
406 *1, 2015*):

407 (a) The Commissioner of Education shall establish, within available
408 appropriations, a commissioner's network of schools to improve
409 student academic achievement in low-performing schools. [On or
410 before July 1, 2014, the] The commissioner may select not more than
411 twenty-five schools in any single school year that have been classified
412 as a category four school or a category five school pursuant to section
413 10-223e to participate in the commissioner's network of schools. The
414 commissioner shall issue guidelines regarding the development of
415 turnaround plans, and such guidelines shall include, but not be limited
416 to, annual deadlines for the submission or nonsubmission of a
417 turnaround plan and annual deadlines for approval or rejection of
418 turnaround plans. The commissioner shall give preference for selection
419 in the commissioner's network of schools to such schools (1) that
420 volunteer to participate in the commissioner's network of schools,
421 provided the local or regional board of education for such school and
422 the representatives of the exclusive bargaining unit for certified
423 employees chosen pursuant to section 10-153b mutually agree to
424 participate in the commissioner's network of schools, (2) in which an
425 existing collective bargaining agreement between the local or regional
426 board of education for such school and the representatives of the
427 exclusive bargaining unit for certified employees chosen pursuant to

428 section 10-153b will have expired for the school year in which a
429 turnaround plan will be implemented, or (3) that are located in school
430 districts that (A) have experience in school turnaround reform, or (B)
431 previously received a school improvement grant pursuant to Section
432 1003(g) of Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, 20
433 USC 6301 et seq. The commissioner [shall not] may select not more
434 than [two] eight schools in any single school year from a single school
435 district [in a single school year and shall not select more than four
436 schools in total from a single district] to participate in the
437 commissioner's network of schools. Each school so selected shall begin
438 implementation of a turnaround plan, as described in subsection (d) of
439 this section. [, not later than the school year commencing July 1, 2014.]
440 Each school so selected shall participate in the commissioner's network
441 of schools for three school years, and may continue such participation
442 for an additional year, not to exceed two additional years, upon
443 approval from the State Board of Education in accordance with the
444 provisions of subsection (h) of this section. The commissioner shall
445 provide funding, technical assistance and operational support to
446 schools participating in the commissioner's network of schools and
447 may provide financial support to teachers and administrators working
448 at a school that is participating in the commissioner's network of
449 schools. All costs attributable to developing and implementing a
450 turnaround plan in excess of the ordinary operating expenses for such
451 school shall be paid by the State Board of Education.

452 Sec. 21. Section 17a-248 of the general statutes is repealed and the
453 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

454 As used in this section and sections 17a-248b to 17a-248g, inclusive,
455 38a-490a and 38a-516a, unless the context otherwise requires:

456 (1) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of [Developmental
457 Services] Early Childhood.

458 (2) "Council" means the State Interagency Birth-to-Three

459 Coordinating Council established pursuant to section 17a-248b.

460 (3) "Early intervention services" means early intervention services,
461 as defined in 34 CFR Part 303.13, as from time to time amended.

462 (4) "Eligible children" means children from birth to thirty-six months
463 of age, who are not eligible for special education and related services
464 pursuant to sections 10-76a to 10-76h, inclusive, and who need early
465 intervention services because such children are:

466 (A) Experiencing a significant developmental delay as measured by
467 standardized diagnostic instruments and procedures, including
468 informed clinical opinion, in one or more of the following areas: (i)
469 Cognitive development; (ii) physical development, including vision or
470 hearing; (iii) communication development; (iv) social or emotional
471 development; or (v) adaptive skills; or

472 (B) Diagnosed as having a physical or mental condition that has a
473 high probability of resulting in developmental delay.

474 (5) "Evaluation" means a multidisciplinary professional, objective
475 assessment conducted by appropriately qualified personnel in order to
476 determine a child's eligibility for early intervention services.

477 (6) "Individualized family service plan" means a written plan for
478 providing early intervention services to an eligible child and the child's
479 family.

480 (7) "Lead agency" means the [Department of Developmental
481 Services] Office of Early Childhood, the public agency responsible for
482 the administration of the birth-to-three system in collaboration with
483 the participating agencies.

484 (8) "Parent" means (A) a biological, adoptive or foster parent of a
485 child; (B) a guardian, except for the Commissioner of Children and
486 Families; (C) an individual acting in the place of a biological or
487 adoptive parent, including, but not limited to, a grandparent,

488 stepparent, or other relative with whom the child lives; (D) an
489 individual who is legally responsible for the child's welfare; or (E) an
490 individual appointed to be a surrogate parent.

491 (9) "Participating agencies" includes, but is not limited to, the
492 Departments of Education, Social Services, Public Health, Children
493 and Families and Developmental Services, the Office of Early
494 Childhood, the Insurance Department, the Department of
495 Rehabilitation Services and the Office of Protection and Advocacy for
496 Persons with Disabilities.

497 (10) "Qualified personnel" means persons who meet the standards
498 specified in 34 CFR Part 303.31, as from time to time amended, and
499 who are licensed physicians or psychologists or persons holding a
500 state-approved or recognized license, certificate or registration in one
501 or more of the following fields: (A) Special education, including
502 teaching of the blind and the deaf; (B) speech and language pathology
503 and audiology; (C) occupational therapy; (D) physical therapy; (E)
504 social work; (F) nursing; (G) dietary or nutritional counseling; and (H)
505 other fields designated by the commissioner that meet requirements
506 that apply to the area in which the person is providing early
507 intervention services, provided there is no conflict with existing
508 professional licensing, certification and registration requirements.

509 (11) "Service coordinator" means a person carrying out service
510 coordination services, as defined in 34 CFR Part 303.34, as from time to
511 time amended.

512 (12) "Primary care provider" means physicians and advanced
513 practice registered nurses, licensed by the Department of Public
514 Health, who are responsible for performing or directly supervising the
515 primary care services for children enrolled in the birth-to-three
516 program.

517 Sec. 22. Subsection (e) of section 17a-248g of the general statutes is
518 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*

519 1, 2015):

520 (e) The commissioner shall establish and periodically revise, in
521 accordance with this section, a schedule of fees based on a sliding scale
522 for early intervention services. The schedule of fees shall consider the
523 cost of such services relative to the financial resources of the state and
524 the parents or legal guardians of eligible children, provided that on
525 and after October 6, 2009, the commissioner shall (1) charge fees to
526 such parents or legal guardians that are sixty per cent greater than the
527 amount of the fees charged on the date prior to October 6, 2009; and (2)
528 charge fees for all services provided, including those services provided
529 in the first two months following the enrollment of a child in the
530 program. Fees may be charged to any such parent or guardian,
531 regardless of income, and shall be charged to any such parent or
532 guardian with a gross annual family income of forty-five thousand
533 dollars or more, except that no fee may be charged to the parent or
534 guardian of a child who is eligible for Medicaid. Notwithstanding the
535 provisions of subdivision (8) of section 17a-248, as used in this
536 subsection, "parent" means the biological or adoptive parent or legal
537 guardian of any child receiving early intervention services. The
538 [Department of Developmental Services] lead agency may assign its
539 right to collect fees to a designee or provider participating in the early
540 intervention program and providing services to a recipient in order to
541 assist the provider in obtaining payment for such services. The
542 commissioner may implement procedures for the collection of the
543 schedule of fees while in the process of adopting or amending such
544 criteria in regulation, provided the commissioner prints notice of
545 intention to adopt or amend the regulations in the Connecticut Law
546 Journal within twenty days of implementing the policy. Such collection
547 procedures and schedule of fees shall be valid until the time the final
548 regulations or amendments are effective.

549 Sec. 23. Subsection (b) of section 10-221m of the general statutes is
550 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
551 *1, 2015*):

552 (b) On or before October 1, 2001, each local or regional board of
553 education for a priority school district shall revise the plan developed
554 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section and implement such revised
555 plan. The revised plan shall provide for a five-year school-based in-
556 service reading instruction training program for the professional
557 development of each elementary school's librarian, principal, reading
558 specialist, special education teachers, speech and language specialists
559 and classroom teachers in grades kindergarten to three, inclusive. Such
560 plan shall (1) utilize the school-based training model developed by the
561 State-Wide Early Reading Success Institute pursuant to section 10-221l,
562 and (2) require the board of education to appoint a new or existing
563 employee to serve as a school-based content specialist coordinator.
564 [The local or regional board of education may use funds received by
565 the school district pursuant to section 10-265f for teacher training
566 based on the plan.]

567 Sec. 24. Subsection (c) of section 10-265h of the general statutes is
568 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
569 *1, 2015*):

570 (c) Priority school districts shall receive grants based on [the
571 formula established in subdivision (1) of subsection (e) of section 10-
572 265f] their proportional share of the sum of the products obtained by
573 multiplying the number of enrolled kindergarten students in each
574 priority school district for the year prior to the year the grant is to be
575 paid, by the ratio of the average percentage of free and reduced price
576 meals for all severe need schools in such district to the minimum
577 percentage requirement for severe need school eligibility. No funds
578 received by a school district pursuant to this section shall be used to
579 supplant federal, state or local funding received by such town for
580 improvements to school buildings.

581 Sec. 25. Subsection (d) of section 10-265i of the general statutes is
582 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
583 *1, 2015*):

584 (d) Priority school districts shall receive grants based on [the
585 formula established in subdivision (1) of subsection (e) of section 10-
586 265f] their proportional share of the sum of the products obtained by
587 multiplying the number of enrolled kindergarten students in each
588 priority school district for the year prior to the year the grant is to be
589 paid, by the ratio of the average percentage of free and reduced price
590 meals for all severe need schools in such district to the minimum
591 percentage requirement for severe need school eligibility. The
592 Department of Education may retain up to one per cent of the amount
593 of funds appropriated for purposes of this section for coordination,
594 program evaluation and administration.

595 Sec. 26. Section 10-265j of the general statutes is repealed and the
596 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

597 The Commissioner of Education shall establish, within available
598 appropriations, two model early childhood learning programs
599 associated with institutions of higher education. Each program may
600 include a laboratory school and a model day care program that serves
601 sixty children ages three to five. Eligibility shall be determined for a
602 five-year period. Grant awards shall be made annually during the five-
603 year eligibility period, contingent upon available funding and a
604 satisfactory annual evaluation. The Department of Education shall
605 issue a request for proposals for the programs. The commissioner shall
606 provide grants in the amount of one hundred thousand dollars each
607 for purposes of such programs. [The grants shall be provided from the
608 amount appropriated for purposes of section 10-265f.]

609 Sec. 27. Subsection (h) of section 10-285a of the general statutes is
610 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
611 *1, 2015*):

612 (h) Subject to the provisions of section 10-285d, if an elementary
613 school building project for a school in a priority school district or for a
614 priority school is necessary in order to offer a full-day kindergarten

615 program or a full-day preschool program or to reduce class size,
616 [pursuant to section 10-265f,] the percentage determined pursuant to
617 this section shall be increased by ten percentage points for the portion
618 of the building used primarily for such full-day kindergarten program,
619 full-day preschool program or such reduced size classes. Recipient
620 districts that receive an increase pursuant to this subsection in support
621 of a full-day preschool program, shall maintain full-day preschool
622 enrollment for at least ten years.

623 Sec. 28. Section 10-285d of the general statutes is repealed and the
624 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

625 In order to be eligible for the percentage increase pursuant to
626 subsection (h) of section 10-285a: (1) The project shall be [(A) included
627 in a plan developed pursuant to section 10-265f, and (B)] for a
628 particular full-day kindergarten class or reduced-sized class; [funded
629 pursuant to section 10-265f;] (2) the local or regional board of
630 education shall present evidence to the Department of Administrative
631 Services that the project is the best option for solving the need for
632 additional space and is cost-efficient; and (3) the project shall meet the
633 requirements established in this chapter.

634 Sec. 29. Subdivision (4) of section 10-74f of the general statutes is
635 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
636 *1, 2015*):

637 (4) Each student in the school have an individual education plan
638 that incorporates the student's personal reading plan, [if the student is
639 required to have a reading plan pursuant to section 10-265g or 10-265l,]
640 provided any child with an individual educational program developed
641 pursuant to section 10-76d follows such program.

642 Sec. 30. Subdivision (4) of subsection (c) of section 10-264l of the
643 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
644 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

645 (4) The amounts of the grants determined pursuant to this
646 subsection shall be proportionately adjusted, if necessary, within
647 available appropriations, and in no case shall any grant pursuant to
648 this section exceed the reasonable operating budget of the interdistrict
649 magnet school program, less revenues from other sources. For the
650 fiscal [year] years ending June 30, 2015, to July 1, 2017, inclusive, the
651 department may limit payment to an interdistrict magnet school
652 operator to an amount equal to the grant that such magnet school
653 operator was eligible to receive based on the enrollment level of the
654 interdistrict magnet school program on October 1, 2013. Approval of
655 funding for enrollment above such enrollment level shall be prioritized
656 by the department as follows: (A) Increases in enrollment in an
657 interdistrict magnet school program that is adding planned new grade
658 levels [; (B)] for the school years commencing July 1, 2015, and July 1,
659 2016; (B) increases in enrollment in an interdistrict magnet school
660 program that added planned new grade levels for the school year
661 commencing July 1, 2014, and was funded during the fiscal year
662 ending June 30, 2015; (C) increases in enrollment in an interdistrict
663 magnet school program that is moving into a permanent facility for the
664 school [year] years commencing July 1, 2014, [; (C)] to July 1, 2016,
665 inclusive; (D) increases in enrollment in an interdistrict magnet school
666 program to ensure compliance with subsection (a) of this section; and
667 [(D)] (E) new enrollments for a new interdistrict magnet school
668 program commencing operations on or after July 1, 2014, pursuant to
669 the 2013 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A.
670 O'Neill, et al. Any interdistrict magnet school program operating less
671 than full-time, but at least half-time, shall be eligible to receive a grant
672 equal to sixty-five per cent of the grant amount determined pursuant
673 to this subsection.

674 Sec. 31. Section 1-1n of the general statutes is repealed and the
675 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

676 As used in sections 4a-60, 8-169s, 8-265c, 8-294, 8-315, 10-15c, 10-153,
677 10a-6, [11-24b,] 16-245r, 16-247r, 28-15, 31-22p, 31-57e, 32-277, 38a-358,

678 42-125a, 42-125b, 46a-81aa, 52-571d and 53-37a, "gender identity or
679 expression" means a person's gender-related identity, appearance or
680 behavior, whether or not that gender-related identity, appearance or
681 behavior is different from that traditionally associated with the
682 person's physiology or assigned sex at birth, which gender-related
683 identity can be shown by providing evidence including, but not
684 limited to, medical history, care or treatment of the gender-related
685 identity, consistent and uniform assertion of the gender-related
686 identity or any other evidence that the gender-related identity is
687 sincerely held, part of a person's core identity or not being asserted for
688 an improper purpose.

689 Sec. 32. Subdivision (2) of subsection (f) of section 11-1 of the general
690 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
691 (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

692 (2) The council shall consist of the following persons: Three public
693 library representatives, one of whom shall be from a tax-supported
694 public library serving a population of less than ten thousand, one of
695 whom shall be from such a library serving a population of ten
696 thousand or more and less than one hundred thousand and one of
697 whom shall be from such a library serving a population of one
698 hundred thousand or more; one representative of a cooperating library
699 service unit; one representative of libraries which participate in shared
700 automated library systems; one representative of the Connecticut
701 Library Association; one special library representative; one
702 representative from the academic library community; one
703 representative from the school library community; one representative
704 of institution libraries; one representative of a library serving the
705 handicapped; one representative from the Department of Education;
706 one representative from the Board of Regents for Higher Education;
707 and six users of libraries represented on the council. The State
708 Librarian shall represent the board and shall be an ex-officio,
709 nonvoting member. The council shall designate one of its members to
710 serve as a liaison to the board. For purposes of this subdivision, a

711 "cooperating library service unit" means an organization of different
712 types of libraries situated in a stipulated area of the state whose
713 purpose is to improve library service through coordinated planning,
714 resource sharing, and the development of programs too costly or
715 impractical for a single library to maintain.

716 Sec. 33. Section 11-1b of the general statutes is repealed and the
717 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

718 The State Library Board shall [promulgate] adopt regulations in
719 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 to implement the
720 provisions of [sections] section 11-1a. [, 11-24b and 11-31a.]

721 Sec. 34. Subsection (a) of section 11-24a of the general statutes is
722 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
723 *1, 2015*):

724 (a) As used in [sections 11-24b,] section 11-24c: [and 11-31a:]

725 (1) "Board" means the State Library Board.

726 (2) "Public library" means a library that serves its residents through
727 its outlet or outlets without charging a borrower's card fee and which
728 receives its financial support in whole or in part from local tax funds.

729 [(3) "Principal public library" means the public library which has
730 been so designated by the local municipal governing board.]

731 [(4)] (3) "Local funds" means moneys received by a public library
732 from any source, public or private, excluding state or federal grants.

733 [(5) "General library purposes" means all functions of a public
734 library, including the purchase of land or the construction, alteration
735 or remodeling of buildings.]

736 Sec. 35. Section 46a-81aa of the general statutes is repealed and the
737 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

738 The provisions of subsection (a) of section 4a-60, subsection (c) of
739 section 8-169s, section 8-265c, subsection (c) of section 8-294, section 8-
740 315, subsection (a) of section 10-15c, section 10-153, subsection (b) of
741 section 10a-6, [subsection (a) of section 11-24b,] sections 16-245r and
742 16-247r, subsection (b) of section 28-15, section 31-22p, subsection (e) of
743 section 31-57e, sections 32-277, 38a-358 and 42-125a, subsection (c) of
744 section 42-125b, subsection (a) of section 46a-58, subsection (a) of
745 section 46a-59, subsection (a) of section 46a-60, subsection (a) of section
746 46a-64, subsections (a) and (e) of section 46a-64c, subsection (a) of
747 section 46a-66, subsection (a) of section 46a-70, subsection (a) of section
748 46a-71, subsection (b) of section 46a-72, subsection (a) of section 46a-73,
749 subsection (a) of section 46a-75, subsection (a) of section 46a-76,
750 subsections (b) and (c) of section 52-571d and section 53-37a that
751 prohibit discrimination on the basis of gender identity or expression
752 shall not apply to a religious corporation, entity, association,
753 educational institution or society with respect to the employment of
754 individuals to perform work connected with the carrying on by such
755 corporation, entity, association, educational institution or society of its
756 activities, or with respect to matters of discipline, faith, internal
757 organization or ecclesiastical rule, custom or law which are established
758 by such corporation, entity, association, educational institution or
759 society.

760 Sec. 36. Sections 7-127d to 7-127g, inclusive, 10-4u, 10-19q, 10-69a,
761 10-262t, 10-265f, 10-265g, 10-265k, 10-265l, 10-265m, 10-265p, 10-265q,
762 10-266t, 10-266u, 10-373aa, 10-373bb, 11-9e, 11-24b and 11-31a to 11-31c,
763 inclusive, of the general statutes are repealed. (*Effective July 1, 2015*)

764 Sec. 37. Sections 231 and 233 of public act 12-1 of the June 12 special
765 session and section 173 of public act 13-247 are repealed. (*Effective July*
766 *1, 2015*)

<p>This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:</p>
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Section 1	July 1, 2015	10-217a(i)
Sec. 2	July 1, 2015	10-281(b)
Sec. 3	July 1, 2015	10-71(d)
Sec. 4	July 1, 2015	10-17g
Sec. 5	July 1, 2015	10-66j(e)
Sec. 6	July 1, 2015	10-76d(e)(2)
Sec. 7	July 1, 2015	10-76g(d)
Sec. 8	July 1, 2015	10-253(b)
Sec. 9	July 1, 2015	10-266m(a)(4)
Sec. 10	July 1, 2015	10-19m(c)
Sec. 11	July 1, 2015	10-19n
Sec. 12	July 1, 2015	10-19o
Sec. 13	July 1, 2015	10-19p
Sec. 14	July 1, 2015	10-215b(a)
Sec. 15	July 1, 2015	10-215a
Sec. 16	July 1, 2015	10-74d(a)
Sec. 17	July 1, 2015	17b-751d
Sec. 18	July 1, 2015	10-266p(a)
Sec. 19	July 1, 2015	10-226p
Sec. 20	July 1, 2015	10-223h(a)
Sec. 21	July 1, 2015	17a-248
Sec. 22	July 1, 2015	17a-248g(e)
Sec. 23	July 1, 2015	10-221m(b)
Sec. 24	July 1, 2015	10-265h(c)
Sec. 25	July 1, 2015	10-265i(d)
Sec. 26	July 1, 2015	10-265j
Sec. 27	July 1, 2015	10-285a(h)
Sec. 28	July 1, 2015	10-285d
Sec. 29	July 1, 2015	10-74f(4)
Sec. 30	July 1, 2015	10-264l(c)(4)
Sec. 31	July 1, 2015	1-1n
Sec. 32	July 1, 2015	11-1(f)(2)
Sec. 33	July 1, 2015	11-1b
Sec. 34	July 1, 2015	11-24a(a)
Sec. 35	July 1, 2015	46a-81aa
Sec. 36	July 1, 2015	Repealer section
Sec. 37	July 1, 2015	Repealer section

Statement of Purpose:

To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

[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.]