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To: Subst. House Bill No. 7019

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"AN ACT CONCERNING THE MINIMUM BUDGET REQUIREMENT."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 10-262j of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

5 [(a) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 1990, June 30, 1991, June 30,
6 1992, and June 30, 1993, the regular program expenditures of a town
7 shall be not less than the greater of (1) the product of (A) the target
8 foundation multiplied by the number of total need students of the
9 town for the prior school year, and (B) the ratio of the town's grant
10 entitlement for such year pursuant to section 10-262h divided by the
11 town's target grant, or (2) an amount equal to the sum of (A) the

12 regular program expenditures for the town for the prior fiscal year,
13 and (B) the amount of the aid increase paid to the town as calculated
14 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

15 (b) For the purposes of subsection (a) of this section, the amount of
16 the aid increase paid to a town shall be (1) for the fiscal year ending
17 June 30, 1990, the amount of aid to be paid to the town for the fiscal
18 year ending June 30, 1990, pursuant to section 10-262i, less the base aid
19 for the town, (2) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1991, the amount of
20 aid paid to the town for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1991, pursuant
21 to said section, less the amount of aid paid to the town for the fiscal
22 year ending June 30, 1990, pursuant to said section, (3) for the fiscal
23 year ending June 30, 1992, the amount of aid paid to the town for the
24 fiscal year ending June 30, 1992, pursuant to said section, less the
25 amount of aid paid to the town for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1991,
26 pursuant to said section, (4) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1993, the
27 amount of aid paid to the town for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1993,
28 less the amount of aid paid to the town for the fiscal year ending June
29 30, 1992, pursuant to said section, (5) for the fiscal years ending June
30 30, 1994, and June 30, 1995, the amount of aid paid to the town for the
31 fiscal year pursuant to said section, less the amount of aid paid to the
32 town for the prior fiscal year pursuant to said section, (6) for the fiscal
33 year ending June 30, 1996, the amount paid to the town for the fiscal
34 year ending June 30, 1996, pursuant to said section less base revenue
35 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1995, (7) for the fiscal year ending
36 June 30, 1997, the amount paid to the town for the fiscal year ending
37 June 30, 1997, less the amount paid to the town for the fiscal year
38 ending June 30, 1996, pursuant to said section, (8) for the fiscal year
39 ending June 30, 1998, the amount paid to the town for the fiscal year
40 ending June 30, 1998, less the amount paid to the town for the fiscal
41 year ending June 30, 1997, pursuant to said section, (9) for the fiscal
42 year ending June 30, 1999, the amount paid to the town for the fiscal
43 year ending June 30, 1999, less the amount paid to the town for the
44 fiscal year ending June 30, 1998, pursuant to said section, and (10) for

45 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, and each fiscal year thereafter, the
46 amount paid to the town for said fiscal year, less the amount paid to
47 the town for the year prior to said fiscal year, provided any amounts
48 paid pursuant to section 7 of public act 99-217 shall be included in the
49 determination of the aid increase paid to the town.

50 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,
51 for the years ending June 30, 1990, June 30, 1991, June 30, 1992, and
52 June 30, 1993, no town shall be required to spend more on regular
53 program expenditures than an amount equal to the product of the
54 foundation for such year and the total need students of the town for
55 the prior school year.

56 (d) (1) For the year ending June 30, 1994, the regular program
57 expenditures of a town shall be not less than the greater of the
58 foundation for such year multiplied by the total need students of the
59 town for the prior school year or an amount equal to the sum of (A) the
60 regular program expenditures for the town for the prior fiscal year,
61 and (B) the amount of the aid increase paid to the town as calculated
62 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, except that no town shall be
63 required to spend more on regular program expenditures than one
64 hundred five per cent of the product of the foundation for such year
65 and the total need students of the town for the prior school year.

66 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1995, the regular program
67 expenditures of a town shall be not less than the greater of the
68 foundation for such year multiplied by the total need students of the
69 town for the prior school year or an amount equal to the sum of (A) the
70 regular program expenditures for the town for the prior fiscal year,
71 and (B) the amount of the aid increase paid to the town as calculated
72 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, except that no town shall be
73 required to spend more on regular program expenditures than one
74 hundred ten per cent of the product of the foundation for such year
75 and the total need students of the town for the prior school year.

76 (3) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 1996, and June 30, 1997, the
77 regular program expenditures of a town shall not be less than the
78 lesser of (A) the sum of the regular program expenditures for the town
79 for the prior fiscal year, and the amount of the aid increase paid to a
80 town pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, or (B) the sum of the
81 town's minimum expenditure requirement cap as determined by the
82 Department of Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1995, and
83 the sum of any aid increases paid to a town pursuant to subsection (b)
84 of this section after the fiscal year ending June 30, 1995.

85 (4) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998, the regular program
86 expenditures of a town shall be the lesser of the sum of (A) its
87 minimum expenditure requirement for the fiscal year ending June 30,
88 1997, (B) its aid increase pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, and
89 (C) the result obtained by multiplying the difference between the
90 town's resident student count for October 1996, using the data of
91 record as of December 1, 1996, and its final audited resident student
92 count for October 1993, by one-half of the foundation, or the sum of (i)
93 its minimum expenditure requirement for the fiscal year ending June
94 30, 1997, and (ii) its aid increase pursuant to subsection (b) of this
95 section.

96 (5) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999, the regular program
97 expenditures of a town shall be the lesser of the sum of (A) its
98 minimum expenditure requirement for the fiscal year ending June 30,
99 1998, (B) its aid increase pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, and
100 (C) the result obtained by multiplying the difference between the
101 town's resident student count for October 1997, using the data of
102 record as of December 1, 1997, and the town's resident student count
103 for October 1996, using the data of record as of December 1, 1996, by
104 one-half of the foundation, or the sum of (i) its minimum expenditure
105 requirement for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998, and (ii) its aid
106 increase pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

107 (6) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, the regular program

108 expenditures of a town shall be no less than the sum of (A) its
109 minimum expenditure requirement for the fiscal year ending June 30,
110 1999, (B) its aid increase pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, and
111 (C) the result obtained by multiplying the difference between the
112 town's resident student count for October 1998, using the data of
113 record as of December 1, 1998, and the town's resident student count
114 for October 1997, using the data of record as of December 1, 1997, by
115 one-half of the foundation.

116 (7) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, the regular program
117 expenditures of a town shall be no less than the sum of (A) its
118 minimum expenditure requirement for the fiscal year ending June 30,
119 2000, (B) its aid increase pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, and
120 (C) if the resident student count for October 1999, is less than the
121 resident student count for October 1998, the result obtained by
122 multiplying the difference between the town's resident student count
123 for October 1999, using the data of record as of December 1, 1999, and
124 the town's resident student count for October 1998, using the data of
125 record as of December 1, 1998, by one-half of the foundation.

126 (8) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002, the regular program
127 expenditures of a town shall be no less than the sum of (A) its
128 minimum expenditure requirement for the fiscal year ending June 30,
129 2001, (B) its aid increase pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, and
130 (C) if the resident student count for October 2000, is less than the
131 resident student count for October 1999, the result obtained by
132 multiplying the difference between the town's resident student count
133 for October 2000, using the data of record as of December 1, 2000, and
134 the town's resident student count for October 1999, using the data of
135 record as of December 1, 1999, by one-half of the foundation.

136 (9) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, the regular program
137 expenditures of a town shall be no less than the sum of (A) its
138 minimum expenditure requirement for the fiscal year ending June 30,
139 2002, (B) its aid increase pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, and

140 (C) if the resident student count for October 2001, is less than the
141 resident student count for October 2000, the result obtained by
142 multiplying the difference between the town's resident student count
143 for October 2001, using the data of record as of December 1, 2001, and
144 the town's resident student count for October 2000, using the data of
145 record as of December 1, 2000, by one-half of the foundation.

146 (10) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, the regular program
147 expenditures of a town shall be no less than the sum of (A) its
148 minimum expenditure requirement for the fiscal year ending June 30,
149 2003, (B) its aid increase pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, and
150 (C) if the resident student count for October 2002, is less than the
151 resident student count for October 2001, the result obtained by
152 multiplying the difference between the town's resident student count
153 for October 2002, using the data of record as of December 1, 2002, and
154 the town's resident student count for October 2001, using the data of
155 record as of December 1, 2001, by one-half of the foundation.

156 (11) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, the regular program
157 expenditures of a town shall be no less than the sum of (A) its
158 minimum expenditure requirement for the fiscal year ending June 30,
159 2004, (B) its aid increase pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, and
160 (C) if the resident student count for October 2003, is less than the
161 resident student count for October 2002, the result obtained by
162 multiplying the difference between the town's resident student count
163 for October 2003, using the data of record as of December 1, 2003, and
164 the town's resident student count for October 2002, using the data of
165 record as of December 1, 2002, by one-half of the foundation.

166 (12) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, the regular program
167 expenditures of a town shall be no less than the sum of (A) its
168 minimum expenditure requirement for the fiscal year ending June 30,
169 2005, (B) its aid increase pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, and
170 (C) if the resident student count for October 2004, is less than the
171 resident student count for October 2003, the result obtained by

172 multiplying the difference between the town's resident student count
173 for October 2004, using the data of record as of December 1, 2004, and
174 the town's resident student count for October 2003, using the data of
175 record as of December 1, 2003, by one-half of the foundation.

176 (13) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, the regular program
177 expenditures of a town shall be no less than the sum of (A) its
178 minimum expenditure requirement for the fiscal year ending June 30,
179 2006, (B) its aid increase pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, and
180 (C) if the resident student count for October, 2005 is less than the
181 resident student count for October, 2004 the result obtained by
182 multiplying the difference between the town's resident student count
183 for October, 2005 using the data of record as of December 1, 2005, and
184 the town's resident student count for October, 2004 using the data of
185 record as of December 1, 2004, by one-half of the foundation.

186 (e) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a), (b) and (c)
187 of this section: (A) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 1990, June 30,
188 1991, June 30, 1992, and June 30, 1993, the regular program
189 expenditures of a kindergarten to grade twelve, inclusive, regional
190 school district shall not be less than the greater of (i) the product of (I)
191 the target foundation multiplied by the sum of the number of total
192 need students in the member towns in the regional school district for
193 the prior school year, and (II) the ratio of the sum of the member
194 towns' grant entitlements for such year pursuant to section 10-262h
195 divided by the sum of the member towns' target grants, or (ii) an
196 amount equal to the sum of (I) the regular program expenditures for
197 the regional school district for the prior fiscal year, and (II) the amount
198 of the sum of the aid increases paid to the member towns as calculated
199 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, provided no kindergarten to
200 grade twelve, inclusive, regional school district shall be required to
201 spend more on regular program expenditures than an amount equal to
202 the product of the foundation for such year and the sum of the total
203 need students in the member towns of the regional school district for
204 the prior school year; and (B) for the year ending June 30, 1993, and for

205 each fiscal year thereafter, the regular program expenditures of a
206 kindergarten to grade twelve, inclusive, regional school district shall
207 be not less than the foundation for such year multiplied by the sum of
208 the total need students of all member towns for the prior school year.

209 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (3) of subsection
210 (d) of this section, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1996, and June 30,
211 1997, the regular program expenditures of a kindergarten to twelve,
212 inclusive, regional school district shall not be less than the lesser of (A)
213 the sum of the regular program expenditures for the regional school
214 district for the prior fiscal year, and the sum of the member towns' aid
215 increases pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, or (B) the sum of
216 the member towns' minimum expenditure requirement caps as
217 determined by the Department of Education for the fiscal year ending
218 June 30, 1995, and the sum of the member towns' aid increases paid
219 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section after the fiscal year ending
220 June 30, 1995.

221 (f) For the purposes of this section "total need students" means total
222 need students as calculated using the data of record as of December
223 first of such data year.]

224 (a) Except as otherwise provided under the provisions of
225 subsections (c) to (e), inclusive, of this section, for the fiscal year
226 ending June 30, 2016, the budgeted appropriation for education shall
227 be not less than the budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal
228 year ending June 30, 2015, plus any aid increase described in
229 subsection (d) of section 10-262i, as amended by this act, except that a
230 town may reduce its budgeted appropriation for education for the
231 fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, by one or more of the following:

232 (1) Any district with (A) a resident student population in which the
233 number of students who are eligible for free or reduced price lunches
234 pursuant to federal law and regulations is equal to or greater than
235 twenty per cent, and (B) a resident student count for October 1, 2014,

236 using the data of record as of January 31, 2015, that is lower than such
237 district's resident student count for October 1, 2013, using the data of
238 record as of January 31, 2015, may reduce such district's budgeted
239 appropriation for education by the difference in the number of resident
240 students for such years multiplied by fifty per cent of the net current
241 expenditures per resident student of such district, provided such
242 reduction shall not exceed one and one-half per cent of the district's
243 budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June
244 30, 2015, except that the Commissioner of Education may, following a
245 review of a town's proposed reductions to its budgeted appropriation
246 for education, permit a town to reduce its budgeted appropriation for
247 education in an amount greater than one and one-half per cent if the
248 board of education for such town has approved, by vote at a meeting
249 duly called, such proposed reductions;

250 (2) Any district with (A) a resident student population in which the
251 number of students who are eligible for free or reduced price lunches
252 pursuant to federal law and regulations is less than twenty per cent,
253 and (B) a resident student count for October 1, 2014, using the data of
254 record as of January 31, 2015, that is lower than such district's resident
255 student count for October 1, 2013, using the data of record as of
256 January 31, 2015, may reduce such district's budgeted appropriation
257 for education by the difference in the number of resident students for
258 such years multiplied by fifty per cent of the net current expenditures
259 per resident student of such district, provided such reduction shall not
260 exceed three per cent of the district's budgeted appropriation for
261 education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, except that the
262 Commissioner of Education may, following a review of a town's
263 proposed reductions to its budgeted appropriation for education,
264 permit a town to reduce its budgeted appropriation for education in an
265 amount greater than three per cent if the board of education for such
266 town has approved, by vote at a meeting duly called, such proposed
267 reductions;

268 (3) Any district (A) that does not maintain a high school and pays

269 tuition to another school district pursuant to section 10-33 for resident
270 students to attend high school in another district, and (B) in which the
271 number of resident students attending high school for such district for
272 October 1, 2014, using the data of record as of January 31, 2015, is
273 lower than such district's number of resident students attending high
274 school for October 1, 2013, using the data of record as of January 31,
275 2015, may reduce such district's budgeted appropriation for education
276 by the difference in the number of resident students attending high
277 school for such years multiplied by the amount of tuition paid per
278 student pursuant to section 10-33; or

279 (4) Any district that realizes new and documentable savings
280 through increased district efficiencies approved by the Commissioner
281 of Education or through regional collaboration or cooperative
282 arrangements pursuant to section 10-158a may reduce such district's
283 budgeted appropriation for education in an amount equal to half of the
284 amount of savings experienced as a result of such district efficiencies,
285 regional collaboration or cooperative arrangement, provided such
286 reduction shall not exceed one-half of one per cent of the district's
287 budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June
288 30, 2015.

289 (b) Except as otherwise provided under the provisions of
290 subsections (c) to (e), inclusive, of this section, for the fiscal year
291 ending June 30, 2017, the budgeted appropriation for education shall
292 be not less than the budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal
293 year ending June 30, 2016, plus any aid increase received pursuant to
294 subsection (d) of section 10-262i, as amended by this act, except that a
295 town may reduce its budgeted appropriation for education for the
296 fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, by one or more of the following:

297 (1) Any district with (A) a resident student population in which the
298 number of students who are eligible for free or reduced price lunches
299 pursuant to federal law and regulations is equal to or greater than
300 twenty per cent, and (B) a resident student count for October 1, 2015,

301 using the data of record as of January 31, 2016, that is lower than such
302 district's resident student count for October 1, 2014, using the data of
303 record as of January 31, 2016, may reduce such district's budgeted
304 appropriation for education by the difference in the number of resident
305 students for such years multiplied by fifty per cent of the net current
306 expenditures per resident student of such district, provided such
307 reduction shall not exceed one and one-half per cent of the district's
308 budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June
309 30, 2016, except that the Commissioner of Education may, following a
310 review of a town's proposed reductions to its budgeted appropriation
311 for education, permit a town to reduce its budgeted appropriation for
312 education in an amount greater than one and one-half per cent if the
313 board of education for such town has approved, by vote at a meeting
314 duly called, such proposed reductions;

315 (2) Any district with (A) a resident student population in which the
316 number of students who are eligible for free or reduced price lunches
317 pursuant to federal law and regulations is less than twenty per cent,
318 and (B) a resident student count for October 1, 2015, using the data of
319 record as of January 31, 2016, that is lower than such district's resident
320 student count for October 1, 2014, using the data of record as of
321 January 31, 2016, may reduce such district's budgeted appropriation
322 for education by the difference in the number of resident students for
323 such years multiplied by fifty per cent of the net current expenditures
324 per resident student, as defined in subdivision (45) of section 10-262f,
325 as amended by this act, of such district, provided such reduction shall
326 not exceed three per cent of the district's budgeted appropriation for
327 education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, except that the
328 Commissioner of Education may, following a review of a town's
329 proposed reductions to its budgeted appropriation for education,
330 permit a town to reduce its budgeted appropriation for education in an
331 amount greater than three per cent if the board of education for such
332 town has approved, by vote at a meeting duly called, such proposed
333 reductions;

334 (3) Any district (A) that does not maintain a high school and pays
335 tuition to another school district pursuant to section 10-33 for resident
336 students to attend high school in another district, and (B) in which the
337 number of resident students attending high school for such district for
338 October 1, 2015, using the data of record as of January 31, 2016, is
339 lower than such district's number of resident students attending high
340 school for October 1, 2014, using the data of record as of January 31,
341 2016, may reduce such district's budgeted appropriation for education
342 by the difference in the number of resident students attending high
343 school for such years multiplied by the amount of tuition paid per
344 student pursuant to section 10-33; or

345 (4) Any district that realizes new and documentable savings
346 through increased district efficiencies approved by the Commissioner
347 of Education or through regional collaboration or cooperative
348 arrangements pursuant to section 10-158a may reduce such district's
349 budgeted appropriation for education in an amount equal to half of the
350 amount of savings experienced as a result of such district efficiencies,
351 regional collaboration or cooperative arrangement, provided such
352 reduction shall not exceed one-half of one per cent of the district's
353 budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June
354 30, 2015.

355 (c) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2016, and June 30, 2017, the
356 Commissioner of Education may permit a town to reduce its budgeted
357 appropriation for education in an amount determined by the
358 commissioner if the school district in such town has permanently
359 ceased operations and closed one or more schools in the school district
360 due to declining enrollment at such closed school or schools in the
361 fiscal years ending June 30, 2013, to June 30, 2016, inclusive.

362 (d) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2016, and June 30, 2017, a
363 town designated as an alliance district, as defined in section 10-262u,
364 shall not reduce its budgeted appropriation for education pursuant to
365 this section.

366 (e) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2016, and June 30, 2017, the
367 provisions of this section shall not apply to any district that is in the
368 top ten per cent of school districts based on the district performance
369 index, as defined in section 10-262u.

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

372 (NEW) (45) "Net current expenditures per resident student" means,
373 in any school year, the net current expenditures, as defined in section
374 10-261, for such school year divided by the number of resident
375 students in the town for such school year.

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

378 (a) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1990, and for each fiscal year
379 thereafter, each town shall be paid a grant equal to the amount the
380 town is entitled to receive under the provisions of section 10-262h.
381 Such grant, excluding any amounts paid to a town pursuant to
382 subdivision (1) of subsection (c) and subdivision (1) of subsection (d)
383 of section 10-66ee, shall be calculated using the data of record as of the
384 December first prior to the fiscal year such grant is to be paid, adjusted
385 for the difference between the final entitlement for the prior fiscal year
386 and the preliminary entitlement for such fiscal year as calculated using
387 the data of record as of the December first prior to the fiscal year when
388 such grant was paid.

389 (b) (1) Except as provided in subdivisions (2) and (3) of this
390 subsection, the amount due each town pursuant to the provisions of
391 subsection (a) of this section shall be paid by the Comptroller, upon
392 certification of the Commissioner of Education, to the treasurer of each
393 town entitled to such aid in installments during the fiscal year as
394 follows: Twenty-five per cent of the grant in October, twenty-five per
395 cent of the grant in January and the balance of the grant in April. The
396 balance of the grant due towns under the provisions of this subsection

397 shall be paid in March rather than April to any town which has not
398 adopted the uniform fiscal year and which would not otherwise
399 receive such final payment within the fiscal year of such town.

400 (2) Any amount due to a town pursuant to subdivision (1) of
401 subsection (c) and subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of section 10-66ee
402 shall be paid by the Comptroller, upon certification of the
403 Commissioner of Education, to the treasurer of each town entitled to
404 such amount pursuant to the schedule established in section 10-66ee.

405 (3) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2015, and June 30, 2016, the
406 amount due to the town of Winchester pursuant to the provisions of
407 subsection (a) of this section shall be paid by the Comptroller, upon
408 certification of the Commissioner of Education, to the treasurer of the
409 town of Winchester in installments during said fiscal years as follows:
410 Fifty per cent of the grant in October, twenty-five per cent of the grant
411 in January and twenty-five per cent of the grant in April.

412 (c) All aid distributed to a town pursuant to the provisions of this
413 section and section 10-262u shall be expended for educational
414 purposes only and shall be expended upon the authorization of the
415 local or regional board of education and in accordance with the
416 provisions of section 10-262u. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999,
417 and each fiscal year thereafter, if a town receives an increase in funds
418 pursuant to this section over the amount it received for the prior fiscal
419 year, such increase shall not be used to supplant local funding for
420 educational purposes. The budgeted appropriation for education in
421 any town receiving an increase in funds pursuant to this section shall
422 be not less than the amount appropriated for education for the prior
423 year plus such increase in funds.

424 [(d) (1) Except as otherwise provided under the provisions of
425 subdivisions (3) and (4) of this subsection, for the fiscal year ending
426 June 30, 2014, the budgeted appropriation for education shall be not
427 less than the budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year

428 ending June 30, 2013, plus any aid increase described in subsection (e)
429 of this section, except that a town may reduce its budgeted
430 appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, by
431 one of the following: (A) Any district with a resident student count for
432 October 1, 2012, using the data of record as of January 31, 2013, that is
433 lower than such district's resident student count for October 1, 2011,
434 using the data of record as of January 31, 2013, may reduce such
435 district's budgeted appropriation for education by the difference in
436 number of resident students for such years multiplied by three
437 thousand, provided such reduction shall not exceed one-half of one
438 per cent of the district's budgeted appropriation for education for the
439 fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, (B) any district that (i) does not
440 maintain a high school and pays tuition to another school district
441 pursuant to section 10-33 for resident students to attend high school in
442 another district, and (ii) the number of resident students attending
443 high school for such district for October 1, 2012, using the data of
444 record as of January 31, 2013, is lower than such district's number of
445 resident students attending high school for October 1, 2011, using the
446 data of record as of January 31, 2013, may reduce such district's
447 budgeted appropriation for education by the difference in number of
448 resident students attending high school for such years multiplied by
449 the tuition paid per student pursuant to section 10-33, or (C) any
450 district that realizes new and documentable savings through increased
451 intradistrict efficiencies approved by the Commissioner of Education
452 or through regional collaboration or cooperative arrangements
453 pursuant to section 10-158a may reduce such district's budgeted
454 appropriation for education in an amount equal to half of the savings
455 experienced as a result of such intradistrict efficiencies, regional
456 collaboration or cooperative arrangement, provided such reduction
457 shall not exceed one-half of one per cent of the district's budgeted
458 appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013.

459 (2) Except as otherwise provided under the provisions of
460 subdivisions (3) and (5) of this subsection, for the fiscal year ending

461 June 30, 2015, the budgeted appropriation for education shall be not
462 less than the budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year
463 ending June 30, 2014, plus any aid increase received pursuant to
464 subsection (e) of this section, except that a town may reduce its
465 budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June
466 30, 2015, by one of the following: (A) Any district with a resident
467 student count for October 1, 2013, using the data of record as of
468 January 31, 2014, that is lower than such district's resident student
469 count for October 1, 2012, using the data of record as of January 31,
470 2014, may reduce such district's budgeted appropriation for education
471 by the difference in number of resident students for such years
472 multiplied by three thousand, provided such reduction shall not
473 exceed one-half of one per cent of the district's budgeted appropriation
474 for education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, (B) any district
475 that (i) does not maintain a high school and pays tuition to another
476 school district pursuant to section 10-33 for resident students to attend
477 high school in another district, and (ii) the number of resident students
478 attending high school for such district for October 1, 2013, using the
479 data of record as of January 31, 2014, is lower than such district's
480 number of resident students attending high school for October 1, 2012,
481 using the data of record as of January 31, 2014, may reduce such
482 district's budgeted appropriation for education by the difference in
483 number of resident students attending high school for such years
484 multiplied by the tuition paid per student pursuant to section 10-33, or
485 (C) any district that realizes new and documentable savings through
486 increased intradistrict efficiencies approved by the Commissioner of
487 Education or through regional collaboration or cooperative
488 arrangements pursuant to section 10-158a may reduce such district's
489 budgeted appropriation for education in an amount equal to half of the
490 savings experienced as a result of such intradistrict efficiencies,
491 regional collaboration or cooperative arrangement, provided such
492 reduction shall not exceed one-half of one per cent of the district's
493 budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June
494 30, 2013.

495 (3) The Commissioner of Education may permit a district to reduce
496 its budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal years ending
497 June 30, 2014, and June 30, 2015, inclusive, in an amount determined
498 by the commissioner if such district has permanently ceased
499 operations and closed one or more schools in the district due to
500 declining enrollment at such closed school or schools in the fiscal year
501 ending June 30, 2011, June 30, 2012, or June 30, 2013.

502 (4) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, the budgeted
503 appropriation for a town designated as an alliance district, as defined
504 in section 10-262u, shall be not less than the sum of (A) the budgeted
505 appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, and (B) the
506 amount necessary to meet the minimum local funding percentage, as
507 defined in subdivision (39) of section 10-262f, except the commissioner
508 may permit a town designated as an alliance district to reduce its
509 budgeted appropriation for education if such town can demonstrate
510 that its local contribution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, has
511 increased when compared to the local contribution used in
512 determining its local funding percentage, as defined in subdivision
513 (38) of section 10-262f.

514 (5) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, the budgeted
515 appropriation for a town designated as an alliance district, as defined
516 in section 10-262u, shall be not less than the sum of (A) the budgeted
517 appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, and (B) the
518 amount necessary to meet the minimum local funding percentage, as
519 defined in section 10-262f, except the commissioner may permit a town
520 designated as an alliance district to reduce its budgeted appropriation
521 for education if such town can demonstrate that its local contribution
522 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, has increased when compared
523 to the local contribution used in determining its local funding
524 percentage, as defined in section 10-262f.]

525 [(e)] (d) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, and each fiscal year
526 thereafter, the amount paid to a town pursuant to subsection (a) of this

527 section minus the amount paid to such town under said subsection for
528 the prior fiscal year shall be the aid increase for such town for such
529 fiscal year.

530 [(f)] (e) Upon a determination by the State Board of Education that a
531 town or kindergarten to grade twelve, inclusive, regional school
532 district failed in any fiscal year to meet the requirements pursuant to
533 subsection (c) [.] or (d) [or (e)] of this section, the town or kindergarten
534 to grade twelve, inclusive, regional school district shall forfeit an
535 amount equal to two times the amount of the shortfall. The amount so
536 forfeited shall be withheld by the Department of Education from the
537 grant payable to the town in the second fiscal year immediately
538 following such failure by deducting such amount from the town's
539 equalization aid grant payment pursuant to this section, except that in
540 the case of a kindergarten to grade twelve, inclusive, regional school
541 district, the amount so forfeited shall be withheld by the Department
542 of Education from the grants payable pursuant to this section to the
543 towns which are members of such regional school district. The
544 amounts deducted from such grants to each member town shall be
545 proportional to the number of resident students in each member town.
546 Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, the State Board of
547 Education may waive such forfeiture upon agreement with the town
548 or kindergarten to grade twelve, inclusive, regional school district that
549 the town or kindergarten to grade twelve, inclusive, regional school
550 district shall increase its budgeted appropriation for education during
551 the fiscal year in which the forfeiture would occur by an amount not
552 less than the amount of said forfeiture or for other good cause shown.
553 Any additional funds budgeted pursuant to such an agreement shall
554 not be included in a district's budgeted appropriation for education for
555 the purpose of establishing any future minimum budget requirement.

556 Sec. 4. Section 10-4a of the general statutes is repealed and the
557 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

558 For purposes of sections 10-4, 10-4b, as amended by this act, and 10-

559 220, the educational interests of the state shall include, but not be
560 limited to, the concern of the state that (1) each child shall have for the
561 period prescribed in the general statutes equal opportunity to receive a
562 suitable program of educational experiences; (2) each school district
563 shall finance at a reasonable level at least equal to the minimum
564 budget requirement pursuant to the provisions of section [10-262i] 10-
565 262j, as amended by this act, an educational program designed to
566 achieve this end; (3) in order to reduce racial, ethnic and economic
567 isolation, each school district shall provide educational opportunities
568 for its students to interact with students and teachers from other racial,
569 ethnic, and economic backgrounds and may provide such
570 opportunities with students from other communities; and (4) the
571 mandates in the general statutes pertaining to education within the
572 jurisdiction of the State Board of Education be implemented.

573 Sec. 5. Subsection (b) of section 10-4b of the general statutes is
574 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
575 *1, 2015*):

576 (b) If, after conducting an inquiry in accordance with subsection (a)
577 of this section, the state board finds that a local or regional board of
578 education has failed or is unable to implement the educational
579 interests of the state in accordance with section 10-4a, as amended by
580 this act, the state board shall (1) require the local or regional board of
581 education to engage in a remedial process whereby such local or
582 regional board of education shall develop and implement a plan of
583 action through which compliance may be attained, or (2) order the
584 local or regional board of education to take reasonable steps where
585 such local or regional board has failed to comply with subdivision (3)
586 of section 10-4a, as amended by this act. Where a local or regional
587 board of education is required to implement a remedial process
588 pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, upon request of such
589 local or regional board, the state board shall make available to such
590 local or regional board materials and advice to assist in such remedial
591 process. If the state board finds that a local governmental body or its

592 agent is responsible for such failure or inability, the state board may
 593 order such governmental body or agent to take reasonable steps to
 594 comply with the requirements of section 10-4a, as amended by this act.
 595 The state board may not order an increase in the budgeted
 596 appropriations for education of such local or regional board of
 597 education if such budgeted appropriations are in an amount at least
 598 equal to the minimum budget requirement in accordance with section
 599 [10-262i] 10-262j, as amended by this act. If the state board finds that
 600 the state is responsible for such failure, the state board shall so notify
 601 the Governor and the General Assembly."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	10-262j
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	10-262f
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	10-262i
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	10-4a
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	10-4b(b)