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"AN ACT CONCERNING MEASURES FOR CALCULATING SCHOOL AND DISTRICT PERFORMANCE AND WAIVERS OF FEDERAL LAW SOUGHT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) On and after the effective
4 date of this section, the Commissioner of Education shall submit any
5 application for a federal waiver of the Elementary and Secondary
6 Education Act of 1965, 20 USC 6301, et seq., as amended from time to
7 time, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
8 cognizance of matters relating to education prior to the submission of
9 any such application to the federal government. Not later than thirty
10 days after the date of its receipt of such application, said joint standing
11 committee shall hold a public hearing on the waiver application. At the
12 conclusion of a public hearing held in accordance with the provisions
13 of this section, said joint standing committee shall advise the

14 commissioner of its recommendations, if any, with regards to the
15 commissioner's waiver application.

16 (b) If in developing the budget for the Department of Education for
17 the next fiscal year, the commissioner contemplates applying for a
18 federal waiver to the federal government, the commissioner shall
19 notify the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
20 cognizance of matters relating to education of the possibility of such
21 application.

22 (c) Prior to submission of an application for a waiver from said
23 Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to the joint standing
24 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
25 relating to education under subsection (a) of this section, the
26 commissioner shall publish a notice that the commissioner intends to
27 seek such a waiver to the federal government in the Connecticut Law
28 Journal, along with a summary of the provisions of the waiver
29 application and the manner in which individuals may submit
30 comments. The commissioner shall allow fifteen days for written
31 comments on the waiver application prior to submission of the
32 application for a waiver to the joint standing committee of the General
33 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education under
34 subsection (a) of this section and shall include all written comments
35 with the waiver application submitted to said joint standing
36 committee.

37 (d) The commissioner shall include with any waiver application
38 submitted to the federal government pursuant to this section: (1) Any
39 written comments received pursuant to subsection (c) of this section;
40 and (2) the recommendations of the joint standing committee of the
41 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education
42 issued pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, including any
43 additional written comments submitted to said joint standing
44 committee at such proceedings. Said joint standing committee shall
45 transmit any such materials to the commissioner for inclusion with any
46 such waiver application."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	New section