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Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:  
(ED)

**AN ACT APPLYING THE SHEFF DEFINITION OF REDUCED-ISOLATION SETTING TO ALL INTERDISTRICT MAGNET SCHOOLS IN THE STATE.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10-264l of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
3 *1, 2017*):

4 (a) The Department of Education shall, within available  
5 appropriations, establish a grant program (1) to assist (A) local and  
6 regional boards of education, (B) regional educational service centers,  
7 (C) the Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges on  
8 behalf of Quinebaug Valley Community College and Three Rivers  
9 Community College, and (D) cooperative arrangements pursuant to  
10 section 10-158a, and (2) in assisting the state in meeting the goals of the  
11 2008 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et  
12 al., as extended, or the goals of the 2013 stipulation and order for Milo  
13 Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as extended, as determined by  
14 the Commissioner of Education, to assist (A) the Board of Trustees of

15 the Community-Technical Colleges on behalf of a regional community-  
16 technical college, (B) the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State  
17 University System on behalf of a state university, (C) the Board of  
18 Trustees of The University of Connecticut on behalf of the university,  
19 (D) the board of governors for an independent institution of higher  
20 education, as defined in subsection (a) of section 10a-173, or the  
21 equivalent of such a board, on behalf of the independent institution of  
22 higher education, and (E) any other third-party not-for-profit  
23 corporation approved by the commissioner, with the operation of  
24 interdistrict magnet school programs. All interdistrict magnet schools  
25 shall be operated in conformance with the same laws and regulations  
26 applicable to public schools. For the purposes of this section "an  
27 interdistrict magnet school program" means a program which (i)  
28 supports racial, ethnic and economic diversity, (ii) offers a special and  
29 high quality curriculum, and (iii) requires students who are enrolled to  
30 attend at least half-time. An interdistrict magnet school program does  
31 not include a regional agricultural science and technology school, a  
32 technical high school or a regional special education center. On and  
33 after July 1, [2000,] 2017, (I) the governing authority for each  
34 interdistrict magnet school program that is in operation prior to July 1,  
35 2005, shall restrict the number of students that may enroll in the  
36 program from a participating district to eighty per cent of the total  
37 enrollment of the program, [The] provided such enrollment is in  
38 accordance with the reduced-isolation setting standards of such 2013  
39 stipulation and order, (II) the governing authority for each interdistrict  
40 magnet school program that begins operations on or after July 1, 2005,  
41 shall restrict the number of students that may enroll in the program  
42 from a participating district to seventy-five per cent of the total  
43 enrollment of the program, [and maintain such a school enrollment  
44 that at least twenty-five per cent but not more than seventy-five per  
45 cent of the students enrolled are pupils of racial minorities, as defined  
46 in section 10-226a. The] provided such enrollment is in accordance  
47 with the reduced-isolation setting standards of such 2013 stipulation  
48 and order, and (III) the governing authority of an interdistrict magnet

49 school that the commissioner determines will assist the state in  
50 meeting the goals of the 2008 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al.  
51 v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as extended, or the goals of the 2013  
52 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al.,  
53 as extended, shall restrict the number of students that may enroll in the  
54 program from a participating district in accordance with the provisions  
55 of this subsection, provided such enrollment is in accordance with the  
56 reduced-isolation setting standards of such 2013 stipulation and order.

57 Sec. 2. Subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of section 10-264l of the  
58 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
59 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2017*):

60 (3) Except as provided in this section, section 116 of public act 14-  
61 217 and the 2013 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William  
62 A. O'Neill, et al., as extended, the commissioner shall not award a  
63 grant to (A) a program that is in operation prior to July 1, 2005, if more  
64 than eighty per cent of its total enrollment is from one school district or  
65 if the enrollment of such program is not in accordance with the  
66 reduced-isolation setting standards of such 2013 stipulation and order,  
67 except that the commissioner may award a grant for good cause, for  
68 any one year, on behalf of an otherwise eligible magnet school  
69 program, if more than eighty per cent of the total enrollment is from  
70 one district or if the enrollment is not in accordance with the reduced-  
71 isolation setting standards of such 2013 stipulation and order, and (B) a  
72 program that begins operations on or after July 1, 2005, if more than  
73 seventy-five per cent of its total enrollment is from one school district  
74 or if [less than twenty-five or more than seventy-five per cent of the  
75 students enrolled are pupils of racial minorities, as defined in section  
76 10-226a] the enrollment of such program is not in accordance with the  
77 reduced-isolation setting standards of such 2013 stipulation and order,  
78 except that the commissioner may award a grant for good cause, for  
79 one year, on behalf of an otherwise eligible interdistrict magnet school  
80 program, if more than seventy-five per cent of the total enrollment is  
81 from one district or [less than twenty-five or more than seventy-five

82 per cent of the students enrolled are pupils of racial minorities] the  
83 enrollment is not in accordance with the reduced-isolation setting  
84 standards of such 2013 stipulation and order. The commissioner may  
85 not award grants pursuant to the exceptions described in  
86 subparagraphs (A) and (B) of this subdivision for an additional  
87 consecutive year or years, except as provided for in section 116 of  
88 public act 14-217, the 2008 stipulation for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William  
89 A. O'Neill, et al., as extended, or the 2013 stipulation and order for  
90 Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as extended, as  
91 determined by the commissioner.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	10-2641(a)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	10-2641(b)(3)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To apply the reduced-isolation setting standards of the 2013 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as extended, to all interdistrict magnet schools in the state.

*[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.]*