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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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*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)

ED *Joint Favorable*