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**Governor's Bill No. 8**

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Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

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**AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET  
RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING EDUCATION.**

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 10-264i of the  
2 2018 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following  
3 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4 (3) For districts assisting the state in meeting the goals of the 2008  
5 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al.,  
6 as extended, or the goals of the 2013 stipulation and order for Milo  
7 Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as extended, as determined by  
8 the commissioner, (A) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, the  
9 amount of such grant shall not exceed an amount equal to the number  
10 of such children transported multiplied by one thousand four hundred  
11 dollars, and (B) for the fiscal [years] year ending June 30, 2011, [to June  
12 30, 2017, inclusive,] and each fiscal year thereafter, the amount of such

13 grant shall not exceed an amount equal to the number of such children  
14 transported multiplied by two thousand dollars.

15 Sec. 2. Subdivision (48) of section 10-262f of the 2018 supplement to  
16 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
17 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

18 (48) "Base grant amount" means (A) for the fiscal year ending June  
19 30, 2018, the equalization aid grant a town was entitled to receive for  
20 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, as enumerated in section 20 of  
21 public act 16-2 of the May special session, minus any reductions to said  
22 equalization aid grant during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017,  
23 resulting from lapses to the funds appropriated for said equalization  
24 aid grant attributable to the recommendation made by the Secretary of  
25 the Office of Policy and Management, pursuant to section 12 of public  
26 act 15-244, and (B) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, and each  
27 fiscal year thereafter, the equalization aid grant a town was entitled to  
28 receive for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, minus any reductions  
29 to said equalization aid grant during the fiscal year ending June 30,  
30 2018, resulting from any (i) reduction in allotments for the executive  
31 branch made by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management,  
32 pursuant to section 13 of public act 17-2 of the June special session, (ii)  
33 reduction in allotments for any budgeted agency of the state made by  
34 the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, pursuant to  
35 section 14 of public act 17-2 of the June special session, or (iii)  
36 withholding or reduction of state financial assistance by the Secretary  
37 of the Office of Policy and Management, pursuant to subsection (d) of  
38 section 12-170f.

39 Sec. 3. Section 10-262h of the 2018 supplement to the general statutes  
40 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
41 *from passage*):

42 (a) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, each town maintaining  
43 public schools according to law shall be entitled to an equalization aid

44 grant as follows: (1) Any town designated as an alliance district, as  
45 defined in section 10-262u, shall be entitled to an equalization aid grant  
46 in an amount equal to its base grant amount; and (2) any town not  
47 designated as an alliance district shall be entitled to an equalization aid  
48 grant in an amount equal to ninety-five per cent of its base grant  
49 amount.

50 (b) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, each town maintaining  
51 public schools according to law and (1) whose equalized net grand list  
52 per capita is less than two hundred thousand dollars, or (2) designated  
53 as an alliance district, shall be entitled to an equalization aid grant as  
54 follows: [(1)] (A) Any such town whose fully funded grant is greater  
55 than its base grant amount shall be entitled to an equalization aid grant  
56 in an amount equal to its base grant amount plus [four and one-tenth]  
57 eight per cent of its grant adjustment; and [(2)] (B) any such town  
58 whose fully funded grant is less than its base grant amount shall be  
59 entitled to an equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its base  
60 grant amount minus twenty-five per cent of its grant adjustment,  
61 except any such town designated as an alliance district shall be entitled  
62 to an equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its base grant  
63 amount.

64 (c) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, each town maintaining  
65 public schools according to law and (1) whose equalized net grand list  
66 per capita is less than two hundred thousand dollars, or (2) designated  
67 as an alliance district, shall be entitled to an equalization aid grant as  
68 follows: (A) Any such town whose fully funded grant is greater than  
69 its base grant amount shall be entitled to an equalization aid grant in  
70 an amount equal to its equalization aid grant amount for the previous  
71 fiscal year plus six and seventy-six-one-hundredths per cent of its  
72 grant adjustment; and (B) any such town whose fully funded grant is  
73 less than its base grant amount shall be entitled to an equalization aid  
74 grant in an amount equal to its equalization aid grant amount for the  
75 previous fiscal year minus eight and thirty-three-one-hundredths per  
76 cent of its grant adjustment, except any such town designated as an

77 alliance district shall be entitled to an equalization aid grant in an  
78 amount equal to its base grant amount.

79 [(c)] (d) For the fiscal years ending June 30, [2020] 2021, to June 30,  
80 2027, inclusive, each town maintaining public schools according to law  
81 and (1) whose equalized net grand list per capita is less than two  
82 hundred thousand dollars, or (2) designated as an alliance district,  
83 shall be entitled to an equalization aid grant as follows: [(1)] (A) Any  
84 such town whose fully funded grant is greater than its base grant  
85 amount shall be entitled to an equalization aid grant in an amount  
86 equal to its equalization aid grant amount for the previous fiscal year  
87 plus ten and sixty-six-one-hundredths per cent of its grant adjustment;  
88 and [(2)] (B) any such town whose fully funded grant is less than its  
89 base grant amount shall be entitled to an equalization aid grant in an  
90 amount equal to its equalization aid grant amount for the previous  
91 fiscal year minus eight and thirty-three-one-hundredths per cent of its  
92 grant adjustment, except any such town designated as an alliance  
93 district shall be entitled to an equalization aid grant in an amount  
94 equal to its base grant amount.

95 [(d)] (e) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2028, and each fiscal year  
96 thereafter, each town maintaining public schools according to law and  
97 (1) whose equalized net grand list per capita is less than two hundred  
98 thousand dollars, or (2) designated as an alliance district, shall be  
99 entitled to an equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its fully  
100 funded grant, except any town designated as an alliance district whose  
101 fully funded grant amount is less than its base grant amount shall be  
102 entitled to an equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its base  
103 grant amount.

104 Sec. 4. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 10-71 of the 2018  
105 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is  
106 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

107 (a) Each local [or] board of education for a town whose equalized

108 net grand list per capita is less than two hundred thousand dollars or  
109 that is designated as an alliance district, as defined in section 10-262,  
110 regional board of education or regional educational service center  
111 which has submitted an adult education proposal to the State Board of  
112 Education pursuant to section 10-71a shall, annually, be eligible to  
113 receive, within available appropriations, a state grant based on a  
114 percentage of eligible costs for adult education as defined in section 10-  
115 67, provided such percentage shall be determined as follows:

116 (1) The percentage of the eligible costs for adult education a local  
117 board of education for a town whose equalized net grand list per  
118 capita is less than two hundred thousand dollars or that is designated  
119 as an alliance district shall receive, under the provisions of this section,  
120 shall be determined as follows: (A) Each town shall be ranked in  
121 descending order from one to one hundred sixty-nine according to  
122 such town's adjusted equalized net grand list per capita, as defined in  
123 section 10-261; and (B) based upon such ranking, a percentage of not  
124 less than zero or more than sixty-five shall be determined for each  
125 town on a continuous scale, except that the percentage for a priority  
126 school district pursuant to section 10-266p shall not be less than  
127 twenty. Any such percentage shall be increased by seven and one-half  
128 percentage points but shall not exceed sixty-five per cent for any local  
129 board of education which provides basic adult education programs for  
130 adults at facilities operated by or within the general administrative  
131 control and supervision of the Department of Mental Health and  
132 Addiction Services, provided such adults reside at such facilities.

133 (2) The percentage of the eligible costs for adult education a regional  
134 board of education shall receive under the provisions of this section  
135 shall be determined by its ranking. Such ranking shall be determined  
136 by (A) multiplying the total population, as defined in section 10-261, of  
137 each town in the district by such town's ranking, as determined in  
138 subdivision (1) of this subsection, (B) adding together the figures for  
139 each town determined under (A), and (C) dividing the total computed  
140 under (B) by the total population of all towns in the district. The

141 ranking of each regional board of education shall be rounded to the  
142 next higher whole number and each such board shall receive the same  
143 reimbursement percentage as would a town with the same rank,  
144 except that the reimbursement percentage for a priority school district  
145 pursuant to section 10-266p shall not be less than twenty.

146 (3) The percentage of the eligible costs for adult education a regional  
147 educational service center shall receive under the provisions of this  
148 subsection and section 10-66i shall be determined by its ranking. Such  
149 ranking shall be determined by (A) multiplying the total population, as  
150 defined in section 10-261, of each member town in the regional  
151 educational service center by such town's ranking, as determined in  
152 subdivision (1) of this subsection, (B) adding together the figures for  
153 each town determined under (A), and (C) dividing the total computed  
154 under (B) by the total population of all member towns in the regional  
155 educational service center. The ranking of each regional educational  
156 service center shall be rounded to the next higher whole number and  
157 each such center shall receive the same reimbursement percentage as  
158 would a town with the same rank.

159 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (6) of section 10-  
160 67, a local [or] board of education for a town whose equalized net  
161 grand list per capita is less than two hundred thousand dollars or that  
162 is designated as an alliance district, a regional board of education or a  
163 regional educational service center shall be eligible to receive an  
164 amount to be paid pursuant to the provisions of subsection (c) of this  
165 section. The amount shall equal the eligible expenditures from funds  
166 received from private sources by the local or regional board of  
167 education, regional educational service center or cooperating eligible  
168 entity multiplied by the appropriate percentage, as determined under  
169 subsection (a) of this section, provided such amount shall not exceed  
170 twenty per cent of the amount received by [the] such local or regional  
171 board of education or regional educational service center pursuant to  
172 subsection (a) of this section for the previous fiscal year. For payments  
173 from private sources to be eligible for reimbursement pursuant to this

174 subsection, (1) based upon estimated eligible costs approved by the  
175 Department of Education, the eligible expenditures from local taxes in  
176 a fiscal year shall not be less than seventy per cent of the eligible  
177 expenditures from local taxes for the previous fiscal year, and (2) [the]  
178 such local or regional board of education, regional educational service  
179 center or cooperating eligible entity shall provide, not later than a date  
180 to be determined by the Commissioner of Education, evidence  
181 satisfactory to the commissioner of a written commitment of a  
182 payment from a private source. Evidence of actual payment shall be  
183 submitted to the commissioner not later than a date established by the  
184 commissioner. Upon receipt by [a] such local or regional board of  
185 education or regional educational service center of state funds  
186 pursuant to this subsection attributable to expenditures of a  
187 cooperating eligible entity, [the] such local or regional board or  
188 regional educational service center shall provide for the distribution of  
189 such funds to the cooperating eligible entity for the provision of adult  
190 education programs and services pursuant to subparagraph (A) of  
191 subsection (a) of section 10-69.

192 Sec. 5. Subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of section 10-66ee of the 2018  
193 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is  
194 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

195 (d) (1) The state shall, within available appropriations, pay in  
196 accordance with this subsection, to the fiscal authority for a state  
197 charter school for each student enrolled in such school, for the fiscal  
198 year ending June 30, 2013, ten thousand two hundred dollars, for the  
199 fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, ten thousand five hundred dollars, for  
200 the fiscal years ending June 30, 2015, to June 30, 2018, inclusive, eleven  
201 thousand dollars, and for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, and each  
202 fiscal year thereafter, eleven thousand two hundred fifty dollars. Such  
203 payments shall be made as follows: Twenty-five per cent of the  
204 amount not later than July fifteenth and September first based on  
205 estimated student enrollment on May first, and twenty-five per cent of  
206 the amount not later than January first and the remaining amount not

207 later than April first, each based on student enrollment on October  
208 first.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	10-264i(a)(3)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	10-262f(48)
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	10-262h
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	10-71(a) and (b)
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	10-66ee(d)(1)

**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.]*