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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. Section 10-217a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

3 (a) Each town or regional school district which provides health  
4 services for children attending its public schools in any grade, from  
5 kindergarten to twelve, inclusive, shall provide the same health  
6 services for children in such grades attending private nonprofit schools  
7 therein, when a majority of the children attending such schools are  
8 residents of the state of Connecticut. Any such town or district may  
9 also provide such services for children in prekindergarten programs in  
10 such private nonprofit schools when a majority of the children  
11 attending such schools are residents of the state of Connecticut. Such  
12 determination shall be based on the percentage of resident pupils

13 enrolled in such school on October first, or the full school day  
14 immediately preceding such date, during the school year next prior to  
15 that in which the health services are to be provided. The provisions of  
16 this section shall not be construed to require a town or district to  
17 provide such services to any child who is not a resident of this state.  
18 Such health services shall include the services of a school physician,  
19 school nurse and dental hygienist, provided such health services shall  
20 not include special education services which, if provided to public  
21 school students, would be eligible for reimbursement pursuant to  
22 section 10-76g, as amended by this act. For purposes of this section, a  
23 resident is a person with continuous and permanent physical presence  
24 within the state, except that temporary absences for short periods of  
25 time shall not affect the establishment of residency.

26 (b) Any town or regional school district providing such services for  
27 children attending such private schools shall be reimbursed by [the  
28 state] such private schools for a percentage of the amount paid from  
29 local tax revenues for such services as follows:

30 (1) The percentage of the amount paid from local tax revenues for  
31 such services reimbursed to a local board of education shall be  
32 determined by (A) ranking each town in the state in descending order  
33 from one to one hundred sixty-nine according to such town's adjusted  
34 equalized net grand list per capita, as defined in section 10-261; (B)  
35 based upon such ranking, [(i) for reimbursement paid in the fiscal year  
36 ending June 30, 1990, a percentage of not less than forty-five or more  
37 than ninety shall be determined for each town on a continuous scale,  
38 except that for any town in which the number of children under the  
39 temporary family assistance program, as defined in subdivision (17) of  
40 section 10-262f, is greater than one per cent of the total population of  
41 the town, as defined in subdivision (7) of subsection (a) of section 10-  
42 261, the percentage shall be not less than eighty, (ii) for reimbursement  
43 paid in the fiscal years ending June 30, 1991, to June 30, 2001, inclusive,  
44 a percentage of not less than ten or more than ninety shall be  
45 determined for each town on a continuous scale, except that for any  
46 town in which the number of children under the temporary family

47 assistance program, as defined in subdivision (17) of section 10-262f, is  
48 greater than one per cent of the total population of the town, as  
49 defined in subdivision (7) of subsection (a) of section 10-261, and for  
50 any town which has a wealth rank greater than thirty when towns are  
51 ranked pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this subdivision and which  
52 provides such services to greater than one thousand five hundred  
53 children who are not residents of the town, the percentage shall be not  
54 less than eighty, and (iii)] for reimbursement paid in the fiscal year  
55 ending June 30, [2002] 2020, and each fiscal year thereafter, a  
56 percentage of not less than ten or more than ninety shall be determined  
57 for each town on a continuous scale, except that for any town in which  
58 the number of children under the temporary family assistance  
59 program, as defined in subdivision (17) of section 10-262f, for the fiscal  
60 year ending June 30, 1997, was greater than one per cent of the total  
61 population of the town, as defined in subdivision (7) of subsection (a)  
62 of section 10-261, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997, and for any  
63 town which has a wealth rank greater than thirty when towns are  
64 ranked pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this subdivision and which  
65 provides such services to greater than one thousand five hundred  
66 children who are not residents of the town, the percentage shall be not  
67 less than eighty.

68 (2) The percentage of the amount paid from local tax revenues for  
69 such services reimbursed to a regional board of education shall be  
70 determined by its ranking. Such ranking shall be determined by (A)  
71 multiplying the total population, as defined in section 10-261, of each  
72 town in the district by such town's ranking, as determined in  
73 subdivision (1) of this subsection, (B) adding together the figures  
74 determined under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, and (C)  
75 dividing the total computed under subparagraph (B) of this  
76 subdivision by the total population of all towns in the district. The  
77 ranking of each regional board of education shall be rounded to the  
78 next higher whole number and each such board shall receive the same  
79 reimbursement percentage as would a town with the same rank.

80 (c) Any town or regional school district which provides such

81 services for children attending such private schools shall [file an  
82 application] submit a bill for such reimbursement not later than the  
83 September fifteenth following the fiscal year in which the services  
84 were provided [on a form to be provided by the State Board of  
85 Education] to such private schools. Payment shall be made not later  
86 than the following January fifteenth.

87 (d) (1) Upon written notification from the town or regional school  
88 district providing such services, the town of which children attending  
89 such private schools are residents shall pay to the town or regional  
90 school district which provided such services during the fiscal year  
91 ending June 30, 1989, a proportionate share of the average  
92 unreimbursed cost per child for providing such services. Such  
93 proportionate share shall be equal to (A) the difference between the  
94 amount paid by a town or regional school district for providing such  
95 services for children attending such private schools and the state grant  
96 received by or due to such town or regional school district pursuant to  
97 subsections (b) and (c) of this section for providing such services,  
98 divided by (B) the total number of children attending such private  
99 schools in the town or regional school district and multiplied by (C)  
100 the number of children who are residents of the town and who attend  
101 such private schools in the town or regional school district providing  
102 such services.

103 (2) Payment to a town or regional school district pursuant to the  
104 provisions of this subsection shall not make a town making such a  
105 payment eligible for reimbursement under the provisions of subsection  
106 (b) of this section.

107 (3) Upon written notification from the town or regional school  
108 district providing such services, any such private school shall pay to  
109 the town or regional school district which provided such services  
110 during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1989, the difference between the  
111 amount paid by the town or regional school district for providing such  
112 services for children attending such private school and the sum of (A)  
113 the state grant received by or due to such town or regional school

114 district pursuant to subsections (b) and (c) of this section for providing  
115 such services, (B) payments received by or due to such town or  
116 regional school district pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection  
117 for providing such services and (C) the proportionate share of the  
118 average unreimbursed cost per child for providing such services to  
119 children who are residents of the town providing such services and  
120 who attend such private school, such share which shall be equal to (i)  
121 the difference between the amount paid by the town or regional school  
122 district for providing such services for children attending such private  
123 school and the state grant received by or due to such town or regional  
124 school district pursuant to subsections (b) and (c) of this section for  
125 providing such services, divided by (ii) the total number of children  
126 attending such private school and multiplied by (iii) the number of  
127 children who are residents of the town providing such services and  
128 who attend such private school.

129 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section  
130 to the contrary, any town (1) in which more than four hundred  
131 children who are not residents of the state attend private nonprofit  
132 schools which are in the town and in which a majority of the children  
133 attending such schools are residents of the state and (2) for which the  
134 percentage of the amount paid from local tax revenues reimbursed to  
135 the local board of education pursuant to subsection (b) of this section is  
136 less than fifteen per cent may, at its discretion, provide such services to  
137 children in such private nonprofit schools who are not residents of the  
138 state.

139 (f) The pay of certificated personnel shall be subject to the rules and  
140 regulations providing for deduction for the state Teacher's Retirement  
141 Fund by the board of education of such town applicable to certificated  
142 teaching personnel in the public schools of such town. This subsection  
143 shall be retroactive to July 1, 1968.

144 (g) A town or regional school district may provide, at its own  
145 expense, the services of a school psychologist, speech remedial  
146 services, school social worker's services and special language teachers

147 for non-English-speaking students to children attending private  
148 nonprofit schools in such town or district.

149 [(h) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the fiscal  
150 years ending June 30, 2006, and June 30, 2007, the amount of the grants  
151 payable to local or regional boards of education in accordance with  
152 this section shall be reduced proportionately if the total of such grants  
153 in such year exceeds the amount appropriated for purposes of this  
154 section.

155 (i) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the fiscal years  
156 ending June 30, 2008, to June 30, 2019, inclusive, the amount of the  
157 grants payable to local or regional boards of education in accordance  
158 with this section shall be reduced proportionately if the total of such  
159 grants in such year exceeds the amount appropriated for purposes of  
160 this section.]

161 Sec. 2. Subdivisions (3) and (4) of subsection (a) of section 10-264i of  
162 the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in  
163 lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

164 (3) For districts assisting the state in meeting its obligations  
165 pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any  
166 related stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the  
167 commissioner, (A) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, the amount  
168 of such grant shall not exceed an amount equal to the number of such  
169 children transported multiplied by one thousand four hundred dollars,  
170 and (B) for the fiscal [years] year ending June 30, 2011, [to June 30,  
171 2019, inclusive,] and each fiscal year thereafter, the amount of such  
172 grant shall not exceed an amount equal to the number of such children  
173 transported multiplied by two thousand dollars.

174 (4) In addition to the grants otherwise provided pursuant to this  
175 section, the Commissioner of Education may provide supplemental  
176 transportation grants to regional educational service centers for the  
177 purposes of transportation to interdistrict magnet schools. Any such  
178 grant shall be provided within available appropriations and after the

179 commissioner has reviewed and approved the total interdistrict  
180 magnet school transportation budget for a regional educational service  
181 center, including all revenue and expenditure estimates. For the fiscal  
182 years ending June 30, 2013, to June 30, 2018, inclusive, in addition to  
183 the grants otherwise provided pursuant to this section, the  
184 Commissioner of Education may provide supplemental transportation  
185 to interdistrict magnet schools that assist the state in meeting its  
186 obligations pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1  
187 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect, as determined by  
188 the commissioner. Any such grant shall be provided within available  
189 appropriations and upon a comprehensive financial review, by an  
190 auditor selected by the Commissioner of Education, the costs of such  
191 review may be paid from funds that are part of the supplemental  
192 transportation grant. Any such grant shall be paid as follows: For the  
193 fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, up to fifty per cent of the grant on or  
194 before June 30, 2013, and the balance on or before September 1, 2013,  
195 upon completion of the comprehensive financial review; for the fiscal  
196 year ending June 30, 2014, up to fifty per cent of the grant on or before  
197 June 30, 2014, and the balance on or before September 1, 2014, upon  
198 completion of the comprehensive financial review; for the fiscal year  
199 ending June 30, 2015, up to fifty per cent of the grant on or before June  
200 30, 2015, and the balance on or before September 1, 2015, upon  
201 completion of the comprehensive financial review; for the fiscal year  
202 ending June 30, 2016, up to fifty per cent of the grant on or before June  
203 30, 2016, and the balance on or before September 1, 2016, upon  
204 completion of the comprehensive financial review; for the fiscal year  
205 ending June 30, 2017, up to seventy per cent of the grant on or before  
206 June 30, 2017, and the balance on or before May 30, 2018, upon  
207 completion of the comprehensive financial review; [and] for the fiscal  
208 year ending June 30, 2018, up to seventy per cent of the grant on or  
209 before June 30, 2018, and the balance on or before September 1, 2018,  
210 upon completion of the comprehensive financial review; and for the  
211 fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, and each fiscal year thereafter, up to  
212 seventy per cent of the grant on or before June thirtieth of the fiscal  
213 year, and the balance on or before September first of the following

214 fiscal year upon completion of the comprehensive financial review.

215 Sec. 3. Section 10-262i of the general statutes is repealed and the  
216 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

217 (a) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1990, and for each fiscal year  
218 thereafter, each town shall be paid a grant equal to the amount the  
219 town is entitled to receive under the provisions of section 10-262h, as  
220 amended by this act. Such grant shall be calculated using the data of  
221 record as of the December first prior to the fiscal year such grant is to  
222 be paid, adjusted for the difference between the final entitlement for  
223 the prior fiscal year and the preliminary entitlement for such fiscal  
224 year as calculated using the data of record as of the December first  
225 prior to the fiscal year when such grant was paid.

226 (b) The amount due each town pursuant to the provisions of  
227 subsection (a) of this section shall be paid by the Comptroller, upon  
228 certification of the Commissioner of Education, to the treasurer of each  
229 town entitled to such aid in installments during the fiscal year as  
230 follows: Twenty-five per cent of the grant in October, twenty-five per  
231 cent of the grant in January and the balance of the grant in April. The  
232 balance of the grant due towns under the provisions of this subsection  
233 shall be paid in March rather than April to any town which has not  
234 adopted the uniform fiscal year and which would not otherwise  
235 receive such final payment within the fiscal year of such town.

236 (c) All aid distributed to a town pursuant to the provisions of this  
237 section and section 10-262u shall be expended for educational  
238 purposes only and shall be expended upon the authorization of the  
239 local or regional board of education and in accordance with the  
240 provisions of section 10-262u. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999,  
241 and each fiscal year thereafter, if a town receives an aid increase, [in  
242 funds pursuant to this section over the amount it received for the prior  
243 fiscal year,] such aid increase shall not be used to supplant local  
244 funding for educational purposes. [The] For purposes of this section  
245 and section 10-262j, as amended by this act, the budgeted



246 appropriation for education in any town receiving an aid increase [in  
247 funds pursuant to this section] described in subsection (d) of this  
248 section shall be not less than the amount appropriated for education  
249 for the prior year plus such aid increase, [in funds] except all funds  
250 appropriated for the purpose of making a reimbursement payment for  
251 a portion of the normal cost, as defined in section 10-183b of the  
252 general statutes, pursuant to subsection (a) of section 6 of this act, shall  
253 not be included in the calculation of a town's budgeted appropriation  
254 for education.

255 (d) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, [2018] 2020, (A) if the  
256 amount of the equalization aid grant a town is entitled to pursuant to  
257 section 10-262h, as amended by this act, is greater than [its base grant  
258 amount] such town's equalization aid grant amount for the previous  
259 fiscal year, the difference between the amount of such town's  
260 equalization aid grant for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, and such  
261 town's [base grant amount] equalization aid grant amount for the  
262 previous fiscal year shall be the aid increase for such town for the fiscal  
263 year ending June 30, [2018] 2020, and (B) if the amount of the  
264 equalization aid grant a town is entitled to pursuant to section 10-262h,  
265 as amended by this act, is less than [its base grant amount] such town's  
266 equalization aid grant amount for the previous fiscal year, the  
267 difference between such town's [base grant amount] equalization aid  
268 grant amount for the previous fiscal year and the amount of such  
269 town's equalization aid grant for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020,  
270 shall be the aid reduction for such town for the fiscal year ending June  
271 30, [2018] 2020.

272 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, [2019] 2021, (A) if the amount  
273 of the equalization aid grant a town is entitled to pursuant to section  
274 10-262h, as amended by this act, is greater than such town's  
275 equalization aid grant amount for the previous fiscal year, the  
276 difference between the amount of such town's equalization aid grant  
277 for the fiscal year ending June 30, [2019] 2021, and such town's  
278 equalization aid grant amount for the previous fiscal year shall be the  
279 aid increase for such town for the fiscal year ending June 30, [2019]

280 2021, and (B) if the amount of the equalization aid grant a town is  
281 entitled to pursuant to section 10-262h, as amended by this act, is less  
282 than such town's equalization aid grant amount for the previous fiscal  
283 year, the difference between such town's equalization aid grant  
284 amount for the previous fiscal year and the amount of such town's  
285 equalization aid grant for the fiscal year ending June 30, [2019] 2021,  
286 shall be the aid reduction for such town for the fiscal year ending June  
287 30, [2019] 2021. For purposes of this subdivision, "equalization aid  
288 grant amount for the previous fiscal year" means the equalization aid  
289 grant amount a town was entitled to pursuant to section 10-262h, as  
290 amended by this act, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, prior to  
291 any reductions made to such town's equalization aid grant during the  
292 fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, as a result of reductions in allotments  
293 pursuant to section 13 or 14 of public act 17-2 of the June special  
294 session or withholding or reductions of state financial assistance  
295 pursuant to subsection (d) of section 12-170f.

296 (e) Upon a determination by the State Board of Education that a  
297 town or kindergarten to grade twelve, inclusive, regional school  
298 district failed in any fiscal year to meet the requirements pursuant to  
299 subsection (c) or (d) of this section or section 10-262j, the town or  
300 kindergarten to grade twelve, inclusive, regional school district shall  
301 forfeit an amount equal to two times the amount of the shortfall. The  
302 amount so forfeited shall be withheld by the Department of Education  
303 from the grant payable to the town in the second fiscal year  
304 immediately following such failure by deducting such amount from  
305 the town's equalization aid grant payment pursuant to this section,  
306 except that in the case of a kindergarten to grade twelve, inclusive,  
307 regional school district, the amount so forfeited shall be withheld by  
308 the Department of Education from the grants payable pursuant to this  
309 section to the towns which are members of such regional school  
310 district. The amounts deducted from such grants to each member town  
311 shall be proportional to the number of resident students in each  
312 member town. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, the  
313 State Board of Education may waive such forfeiture upon agreement

314 with the town or kindergarten to grade twelve, inclusive, regional  
315 school district that the town or kindergarten to grade twelve, inclusive,  
316 regional school district shall increase its budgeted appropriation for  
317 education during the fiscal year in which the forfeiture would occur by  
318 an amount not less than the amount of said forfeiture or for other good  
319 cause shown. Any additional funds budgeted pursuant to such an  
320 agreement shall not be included in a district's budgeted appropriation  
321 for education for the purpose of establishing any future minimum  
322 budget requirement.

323 (f) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2020, and June 30, 2021, any  
324 town that receives an aid increase described in subsection (d) of this  
325 section and is not designated as an alliance district, as defined in  
326 section 10-262u, as amended by this act, (1) shall be authorized to  
327 expend fifty per cent of the amount of such aid increase on operating  
328 costs of the board of education for such town, and (2) may only expend  
329 the other fifty per cent of such aid increase if such town develops and  
330 submits a plan for the expenditure of such aid increase in a manner  
331 similar to the plan described in section 10-262u, as amended by this  
332 act, and the Commissioner of Education approves such plan.

333 Sec. 4. Subsection (c) of section 10-262u of the general statutes is  
334 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
335 *1, 2019*):

336 (c) (1) (A) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, the Comptroller  
337 shall withhold from a town designated as an alliance district any  
338 increase in funds received over the amount the town received for the  
339 prior fiscal year pursuant to section 10-262h, as amended by this act.  
340 The Comptroller shall transfer such funds to the Commissioner of  
341 Education. (B) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2014, to June 30,  
342 2016, inclusive, the Comptroller shall withhold from a town  
343 designated as an alliance district any increase in funds received over  
344 the amount the town received for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012,  
345 pursuant to subsection (a) of section 10-262i. (C) For the fiscal year  
346 ending June 30, 2017, the Comptroller shall withhold from a town

347 designated as an alliance district any increase in funds received over  
348 the amount the town received for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012,  
349 pursuant to subsection (a) of section 10-262i, minus the aid reduction,  
350 as described in subsection (d) of section 10-262i. (D) For the fiscal year  
351 ending June 30, 2018, and each fiscal year thereafter, the Comptroller  
352 shall withhold from a town designated as an alliance district any  
353 increase in funds received over the amount the town received for the  
354 fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, pursuant to subsection (a) of section  
355 10-262i. The Comptroller shall transfer such funds to the  
356 Commissioner of Education.

357 (2) [Upon] Except as provided in subdivision (3) of this subsection,  
358 upon receipt of an application pursuant to subsection (d) of this  
359 section, the Commissioner of Education may pay such funds to the  
360 town designated as an alliance district and such town shall pay all  
361 such funds to the local or regional board of education for such town on  
362 the condition that such funds shall be expended in accordance with the  
363 plan described in subsection (d) of this section, the provisions of  
364 subsection (c) of section 10-262i, and any guidelines developed by the  
365 State Board of Education for such funds. Such funds shall be used to  
366 improve student achievement in such alliance district and to offset any  
367 other local education costs approved by the commissioner.

368 (3) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2020, and June 30, 2021, the  
369 Commissioner of Education shall pay fifty per cent of the amount of  
370 any aid increase described in subsection (d) of section 10-262i, as  
371 amended by this act, to the town designated as an alliance district and  
372 such town shall pay all such funds to the local or regional board of  
373 education for such town. The local or regional board of education shall  
374 be authorized to expend such funds on operating costs of the board.

375 Sec. 5. Section 10-262j of the general statutes is repealed and the  
376 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

377 (a) Except as otherwise provided under the provisions of  
378 subsections (c) to [(e)] (f), inclusive, of this section, for the fiscal year

379 ending June 30, [2018] 2020, the budgeted appropriation for education  
380 shall be not less than the budgeted appropriation for education for the  
381 fiscal year ending June 30, [2017] 2019, plus any aid increase described  
382 in subsection (d) of section 10-262i, as amended by this act, except that  
383 a town may reduce its budgeted appropriation for education for the  
384 fiscal year ending June 30, [2018] 2020, by one or more of the following:

385 (1) If a town experiences an aid reduction, as described in  
386 subsection (d) of section 10-262i, as amended by this act, such town  
387 may reduce its budgeted appropriation for education in an amount  
388 equal to the aid reduction;

389 (2) Any district with (A) a resident student population in which the  
390 number of students who are eligible for free or reduced price lunches  
391 pursuant to federal law and regulations is equal to or greater than  
392 twenty per cent, and (B) a resident student count for October 1, [2016]  
393 2018, using the data of record as of January 31, [2017] 2019, that is  
394 lower than such district's resident student count for October 1, [2015]  
395 2017, using the data of record as of January 31, [2017] 2019, may reduce  
396 such district's budgeted appropriation for education by the difference  
397 in the number of resident students for such years multiplied by fifty  
398 per cent of the net current expenditures per resident student of such  
399 district, provided such reduction shall not exceed one and one-half per  
400 cent of the district's budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal  
401 year ending June 30, [2017] 2019, except that the Commissioner of  
402 Education may, following a review of a town's proposed reductions to  
403 its budgeted appropriation for education, permit a town to reduce its  
404 budgeted appropriation for education in an amount greater than one  
405 and one-half per cent if the board of education for such town has  
406 approved, by vote at a meeting duly called, such proposed reductions;

407 (3) Any district with (A) a resident student population in which the  
408 number of students who are eligible for free or reduced price lunches  
409 pursuant to federal law and regulations is less than twenty per cent,  
410 and (B) a resident student count for October 1, [2016] 2018, using the  
411 data of record as of January 31, [2017] 2019, that is lower than such

412 district's resident student count for October 1, [2015] 2017, using the  
413 data of record as of January 31, [2017] 2019, may reduce such district's  
414 budgeted appropriation for education by the difference in the number  
415 of resident students for such years multiplied by fifty per cent of the  
416 net current expenditures per resident student of such district, provided  
417 such reduction shall not exceed three per cent of the district's budgeted  
418 appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June 30, [2017]  
419 2019, except that the Commissioner of Education may, following a  
420 review of a town's proposed reductions to its budgeted appropriation  
421 for education, permit a town to reduce its budgeted appropriation for  
422 education in an amount greater than three per cent if the board of  
423 education for such town has approved, by vote at a meeting duly  
424 called, such proposed reductions; or

425 (4) Any district (A) that does not maintain a high school and pays  
426 tuition to another school district pursuant to section 10-33 for resident  
427 students to attend high school in another district, and (B) in which the  
428 number of resident students attending high school for such district for  
429 October 1, [2016] 2018, using the data of record as of January 31, [2017]  
430 2019, is lower than such district's number of resident students  
431 attending high school for October 1, [2015] 2017, using the data of  
432 record as of January 31, [2017] 2019, may reduce such district's  
433 budgeted appropriation for education by the difference in the number  
434 of resident students attending high school for such years multiplied by  
435 the amount of tuition paid per student pursuant to section 10-33. [; or]

436 [(5) Any district that realizes new and documentable savings  
437 through increased district efficiencies approved by the Commissioner  
438 of Education or through regional collaboration or cooperative  
439 arrangements pursuant to section 10-158a may reduce such district's  
440 budgeted appropriation for education in an amount equal to half of the  
441 amount of savings experienced as a result of such district efficiencies,  
442 regional collaboration or cooperative arrangement, provided such  
443 reduction shall not exceed one-half of one per cent of the district's  
444 budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June  
445 30, 2017.]

446 (b) Except as otherwise provided under the provisions of  
447 subsections (c) to (f), inclusive, of this section, for the fiscal year ending  
448 June 30, [2019] 2021, a town's budgeted appropriation for education  
449 shall be not less than the budgeted appropriation for education for the  
450 fiscal year ending June 30, [2018, prior to any reductions made by such  
451 town to its budgeted appropriation for education because of  
452 withholdings or reductions made to its equalization aid grant pursuant  
453 to section 13 or 14 of public act 17-2 of the June special session\* or  
454 subsection (d) of section 12-170f] 2021, plus any aid increase received  
455 pursuant to subsection (d) of section 10-262i, as amended by this act,  
456 except that a town may reduce its budgeted appropriation for  
457 education for the fiscal year ending June 30, [2019] 2021, by one or  
458 more of the following:

459 (1) If a town experiences an aid reduction, as described in  
460 subsection (d) of section 10-262i, as amended by this act, such town  
461 may reduce its budgeted appropriation for education in an amount  
462 equal to the aid reduction;

463 (2) Any district with (A) a resident student population in which the  
464 number of students who are eligible for free or reduced price lunches  
465 pursuant to federal law and regulations is equal to or greater than  
466 twenty per cent, and (B) a resident student count for October 1, [2017]  
467 2019, using the data of record as of January 31, [2018] 2020, that is  
468 lower than such district's resident student count for October 1, [2016]  
469 2018, using the data of record as of January 31, [2018] 2020, may reduce  
470 such district's budgeted appropriation for education by the difference  
471 in the number of resident students for such years multiplied by fifty  
472 per cent of the net current expenditures per resident student of such  
473 district, provided such reduction shall not exceed one and one-half per  
474 cent of the district's budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal  
475 year ending June 30, [2018] 2020, except that the Commissioner of  
476 Education may, following a review of a town's proposed reductions to  
477 its budgeted appropriation for education, permit a town to reduce its  
478 budgeted appropriation for education in an amount greater than one  
479 and one-half per cent if the board of education for such town has

480 approved, by vote at a meeting duly called, such proposed reductions;

481 (3) Any district with (A) a resident student population in which the  
482 number of students who are eligible for free or reduced price lunches  
483 pursuant to federal law and regulations is less than twenty per cent,  
484 and (B) a resident student count for October 1, [2017] 2019, using the  
485 data of record as of January 31, [2018] 2020, that is lower than such  
486 district's resident student count for October 1, [2016] 2018, using the  
487 data of record as of January 31, [2018] 2020, may reduce such district's  
488 budgeted appropriation for education by the difference in the number  
489 of resident students for such years multiplied by fifty per cent of the  
490 net current expenditures per resident student [, as defined in  
491 subdivision (45) of section 10-262f.] of such district, provided such  
492 reduction shall not exceed three per cent of the district's budgeted  
493 appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June 30, [2018]  
494 2020, except that the Commissioner of Education may, following a  
495 review of a town's proposed reductions to its budgeted appropriation  
496 for education, permit a town to reduce its budgeted appropriation for  
497 education in an amount greater than three per cent if the board of  
498 education for such town has approved, by vote at a meeting duly  
499 called, such proposed reductions; or

500 (4) Any district (A) that does not maintain a high school and pays  
501 tuition to another school district pursuant to section 10-33 for resident  
502 students to attend high school in another district, and (B) in which the  
503 number of resident students attending high school for such district for  
504 October 1, [2017] 2019, using the data of record as of January 31, [2018]  
505 2020, is lower than such district's number of resident students  
506 attending high school for October 1, [2016] 2018, using the data of  
507 record as of January 31, [2018] 2020, may reduce such district's  
508 budgeted appropriation for education by the difference in the number  
509 of resident students attending high school for such years multiplied by  
510 the amount of tuition paid per student pursuant to section 10-33. [; or]

511 [(5) Any district that realizes new and documentable savings  
512 through increased district efficiencies approved by the Commissioner



513 of Education or through regional collaboration or cooperative  
514 arrangements pursuant to section 10-158a may reduce such district's  
515 budgeted appropriation for education in an amount equal to half of the  
516 amount of savings experienced as a result of such district efficiencies,  
517 regional collaboration or cooperative arrangement, provided such  
518 reduction shall not exceed one-half of one per cent of the district's  
519 budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June  
520 30, 2017.]

521 (c) For the fiscal years ending June 30, [2018] 2020, and June 30,  
522 [2019] 2021, the Commissioner of Education may permit a town to  
523 reduce its budgeted appropriation for education in an amount  
524 determined by the commissioner if the school district in such town has  
525 permanently ceased operations and closed one or more schools in the  
526 school district due to declining enrollment at such closed school or  
527 schools in the fiscal years ending June 30, 2013, to June 30, [2018] 2021,  
528 inclusive.

529 (d) For the fiscal years ending June 30, [2018] 2020, and June 30,  
530 [2019] 2021, a town designated as an alliance district, as defined in  
531 section 10-262u, shall not reduce its budgeted appropriation for  
532 education pursuant to this section.

533 (e) For the fiscal years ending June 30, [2018] 2020, and June 30,  
534 [2019] 2021, the provisions of this section shall not apply to any district  
535 that is in the top ten per cent of school districts based on the  
536 accountability index, as defined in section 10-223e.

537 [(f) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2018, and June 30, 2019, the  
538 provisions of this section shall not apply to the member towns of a  
539 regional school district during the first full fiscal year following the  
540 establishment of the regional school district, provided the budgeted  
541 appropriation for education for member towns of such regional school  
542 district for each subsequent fiscal year shall be determined in  
543 accordance with this section.]

544 (f) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2020, to June 30, 2024,

545 inclusive, the Commissioner of Education may permit a town to  
546 reduce its budgeted appropriation for education for the planning and  
547 implementation of a school consolidation or shared service  
548 arrangement as follows: (1) During the initial planning year for a  
549 school consolidation or shared service arrangement, in an amount up  
550 to one-half of one per cent of a town's budgeted appropriation for  
551 education for the previous fiscal year, (2) upon approval and during  
552 the initial year of implementation of a school consolidation or shared  
553 service arrangement, in an amount up to the amount of savings  
554 experienced or projected as a result of such arrangement, and (3) for  
555 the two fiscal years following the initial year of implementation of a  
556 school consolidation or shared services arrangement, in an amount  
557 equal to any documentable savings achieved in excess of the savings  
558 experienced during the initial year of implementation. The  
559 commissioner may require any town that reduced its budgeted  
560 appropriation for education pursuant to subdivision (1) of this  
561 subsection and did not implement a school consolidation or shared  
562 services arrangement to increase its budgeted appropriation for  
563 education during the subsequent fiscal year in an amount equal to  
564 such reduction. For purposes of this subsection, "school consolidation  
565 or shared services arrangement" means an arrangement between a  
566 town, local or regional board of education, regional educational service  
567 center, state or local charter school, incorporated or endowed high  
568 school or academy or the Technical Education and Career System for  
569 the purpose of consolidating schools or sharing services, including, but  
570 not limited to, administrative functions, transportation and special  
571 education services.

572 (g) For purposes of this section, all funds appropriated to a local or  
573 regional board of education for the purpose of making a  
574 reimbursement payment for a portion of the normal cost, as defined in  
575 section 10-183b of the general statutes, pursuant to subsection (a) of  
576 section 6 of this act, shall not be included in the calculation of a town's  
577 budgeted appropriation for education.

578 Sec. 6. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2019*) (a) Each local treasurer or other

579 person having custody of amounts deducted under chapter 167a of the  
 580 general statutes by an employer, as defined in section 10-183b of the  
 581 general statutes, shall annually transmit to the board, as defined in  
 582 section 10-183b of the general statutes, on or before December thirty-  
 583 first of each year, a reimbursement payment for a portion of the  
 584 normal cost, as defined in section 10-183b of the general statutes, as  
 585 follows:

T1		Reimbursement for Fiscal Year 2020	Reimbursement for Fiscal Year 2021
T2	Andover	22,311	46,074
T3	Ansonia	16,601	34,283
T4	Ashford	28,016	57,856
T5	Avon	329,381	680,203
T6	Barkhamsted	23,093	47,689
T7	Beacon Falls	37,930	78,329
T8	Berlin	133,840	276,392
T9	Bethany	42,128	86,998
T10	Bethel	126,348	260,921
T11	Bethlehem	22,483	46,430
T12	Bloomfield	90,273	186,422
T13	Bolton	41,244	85,173
T14	Bozrah	15,053	31,086
T15	Branford	201,290	415,683
T16	Bridgeport	147,787	305,194
T17	Bridgewater	13,467	27,811
T18	Bristol	69,038	142,570
T19	Brookfield	130,222	268,921
T20	Brooklyn	42,981	88,760
T21	Burlington	72,674	150,079
T22	Canaan	8,750	18,070
T23	Canterbury	29,122	60,140
T24	Canton	72,860	150,463
T25	Chaplin	2,859	5,904
T26	Cheshire	284,061	586,613
T27	Chester	19,513	40,296
T28	Clinton	106,099	219,104
T29	Colchester	114,397	236,241
T30	Colebrook	10,139	20,938
T31	Columbia	39,708	82,001
T32	Cornwall	11,193	23,115

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T33	Coventry	80,784	166,827
T34	Cromwell	86,526	178,684
T35	Danbury	479,299	989,798
T36	Darien	445,504	920,008
T37	Deep River	25,062	51,755
T38	Derby	11,497	23,742
T39	Durham	75,594	156,109
T40	Eastford	66,005	136,307
T41	East Granby	52,688	108,806
T42	East Haddam	10,631	21,954
T43	East Hampton	91,022	187,969
T44	East Hartford	19,334	39,927
T45	East Haven	66,138	136,581
T46	East Lyme	123,073	254,157
T47	Easton	198,662	410,256
T48	East Windsor	77,948	160,970
T49	Ellington	116,032	239,617
T50	Enfield	46,059	95,116
T51	Essex	31,944	65,967
T52	Fairfield	692,351	1,429,770
T53	Farmington	256,006	528,677
T54	Franklin	10,929	22,569
T55	Glastonbury	500,375	1,033,322
T56	Goshen	24,159	49,891
T57	Granby	85,867	177,323
T58	Greenwich	1,321,469	2,728,959
T59	Griswold	15,479	31,966
T60	Groton	288,219	595,200
T61	Guilford	166,052	342,913
T62	Haddam	57,999	119,773
T63	Hamden	309,894	639,960
T64	Hampton	9,861	20,364
T65	Hartford	169,899	350,858
T66	Hartland	11,870	24,513
T67	Harwinton	36,714	75,818
T68	Hebron	71,039	146,702
T69	Kent	17,742	36,639
T70	Killingly	98,333	203,067
T71	Killingworth	39,738	82,063
T72	Lebanon	50,238	103,746
T73	Ledyard	135,891	280,628
T74	Lisbon	24,492	50,578

T75	Litchfield	53,811	111,125
T76	Lyme	19,260	39,774
T77	Madison	150,783	311,381
T78	Manchester	315,607	651,758
T79	Mansfield	133,525	275,742
T80	Marlborough	47,411	97,908
T81	Meriden	68,582	141,628
T82	Middlebury	70,909	146,434
T83	Middlefield	39,353	81,268
T84	Middletown	261,814	540,671
T85	Milford	319,611	660,027
T86	Monroe	315,380	651,290
T87	Montville	22,834	47,154
T88	Morris	17,696	36,544
T89	Naugatuck	36,435	75,242
T90	New Britain	89,533	184,894
T91	New Canaan	493,041	1,018,176
T92	New Fairfield	153,950	317,921
T93	New Hartford	42,270	87,292
T94	New Haven	183,768	379,498
T95	Newington	204,099	421,484
T96	New London	39,692	81,968
T97	New Milford	173,546	358,389
T98	Newtown	240,135	495,902
T99	Norfolk	9,109	18,811
T100	North Branford	83,511	172,458
T101	North Canaan	23,220	47,951
T102	North Haven	159,014	328,379
T103	North Stonington	38,718	79,956
T104	Norwalk	1,098,729	2,268,979
T105	Norwich	37,069	76,551
T106	Old Lyme	74,966	154,812
T107	Old Saybrook	74,456	153,759
T108	Orange	137,133	283,193
T109	Oxford	80,646	166,542
T110	Plainfield	88,868	183,521
T111	Plainville	107,640	222,287
T112	Plymouth	62,848	129,787
T113	Pomfret	24,714	51,037
T114	Portland	59,327	122,516
T115	Preston	5,864	12,110
T116	Prospect	59,352	122,567

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T117	Putnam	10,696	22,088
T118	Redding	186,463	385,064
T119	Ridgefield	458,602	947,057
T120	Rocky Hill	171,817	354,818
T121	Roxbury	26,411	54,541
T122	Salem	19,241	39,734
T123	Salisbury	22,391	46,240
T124	Scotland	11,691	24,143
T125	Seymour	114,309	236,059
T126	Sharon	16,883	34,865
T127	Shelton	316,724	654,065
T128	Sherman	36,769	75,931
T129	Simsbury	304,466	628,751
T130	Somers	69,316	143,144
T131	Southbury	329,302	680,040
T132	Southington	208,789	431,169
T133	South Windsor	157,563	325,383
T134	Sprague	3,193	6,594
T135	Stafford	69,848	144,243
T136	Stamford	1,419,081	2,930,537
T137	Sterling	14,003	28,918
T138	Stonington	100,054	206,621
T139	Stratford	421,635	870,716
T140	Suffield	120,608	249,067
T141	Thomaston	41,701	86,117
T142	Thompson	45,472	93,904
T143	Tolland	100,136	206,790
T144	Torrington	36,608	75,599
T145	Trumbull	510,870	1,054,995
T146	Union	5,152	10,639
T147	Vernon	153,153	316,275
T148	Voluntown	17,050	35,210
T149	Wallingford	395,021	815,756
T150	Warren	9,282	19,168
T151	Washington	33,471	69,121
T152	Waterbury	142,213	293,683
T153	Waterford	236,458	488,308
T154	Watertown	48,901	100,985
T155	Westbrook	464,576	959,393
T156	West Hartford	124,955	258,044
T157	West Haven	52,481	108,378
T158	Weston	275,925	569,811

T159	Westport	607,762	1,255,086
T160	Wethersfield	249,606	515,460
T161	Willington	32,990	68,127
T162	Wilton	462,951	956,038
T163	Winchester	10,765	22,231
T164	Windham	31,268	64,571
T165	Windsor	190,793	394,006
T166	Windsor Locks	99,309	205,082
T167	Wolcott	99,736	205,964
T168	Woodbridge	93,622	193,338
T169	Woodbury	72,951	150,651
T170	Woodstock	48,729	100,630
T171	Total	23,825,270	49,201,442

586 (b) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, and each fiscal year  
 587 thereafter, contributions, as defined in section 10-183b of the general  
 588 statutes shall be paid annually by the local treasurer or other person  
 589 having custody of amounts deducted under chapter 167a of the  
 590 general statutes by an employer to the board as follows:

591 (1) An employer in a municipality that is not a distressed  
 592 municipality, as defined in section 32-9p of the general statutes, shall  
 593 contribute (A) a minimum of twenty-five per cent of its allocable  
 594 portion of the normal cost, as calculated by the Office of Policy and  
 595 Management, and (B) an additional percentage of its allocable portion  
 596 of the normal cost that is equal to its percentage above the statewide  
 597 median pensionable salary per full-time equivalent, as calculated by  
 598 the Office of Policy and Management; and

599 (2) An employer in a municipality that is a distressed municipality,  
 600 as defined in section 32-9p of the general statutes, shall contribute five  
 601 per cent of its allocable portion of the normal cost, as calculated by the  
 602 Office of Policy and Management.

603 (c) If the local treasurer or other person having custody of amounts  
 604 deducted under chapter 167a of the general statutes by an employer  
 605 fails to make a payment required under subsection (a) or (b) of this  
 606 section within thirty days after the date that such payment is due, the

607 board shall assess a penalty on such employer in an amount of five per  
608 cent of the total amount of such payment due.

609 (d) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, if any  
610 employer defaults in the payment of its obligation under subsection (a)  
611 or (b) of this section, the State Treasurer shall notify the State  
612 Comptroller, Commissioner of Education, Commissioner of  
613 Administrative Services and Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
614 Management that such employer is in default of such obligation. Upon  
615 receipt of notice of such default, the State Comptroller shall withhold  
616 an amount equal to the sum of such obligation and any penalties  
617 assessed pursuant to subsection (c) of this section from the payments  
618 of any state aid or assistance to such employer or the municipality of  
619 such employer.

620 Sec. 7. Subsection (d) of section 10-71 of the general statutes is  
621 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
622 *1, 2019*):

623 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the fiscal  
624 [years] year ending June 30, 2004, [to June 30, 2019, inclusive] and each  
625 fiscal year thereafter, the amount of the grants payable to towns,  
626 regional boards of education or regional educational service centers in  
627 accordance with this section shall be reduced proportionately if the  
628 total of such grants in such year exceeds the amount appropriated for  
629 the purposes of this section for such year.

630 Sec. 8. Section 10-17g of the general statutes is repealed and the  
631 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

632 For the fiscal [years] year ending June 30, 2016, [to June 30, 2019,  
633 inclusive] and each fiscal year thereafter, the board of education for  
634 each local and regional school district that is required to provide a  
635 program of bilingual education, pursuant to section 10-17f, may make  
636 application to the State Board of Education and shall annually receive,  
637 within available appropriations, a grant in an amount equal to the  
638 product obtained by multiplying one million nine hundred sixteen



639 thousand one hundred thirty by the ratio which the number of eligible  
640 children in the school district bears to the total number of such eligible  
641 children state-wide. The board of education for each local and regional  
642 school district receiving funds pursuant to this section shall annually,  
643 on or before September first, submit to the State Board of Education a  
644 progress report which shall include (1) measures of increased  
645 educational opportunities for eligible students, including language  
646 support services and language transition support services provided to  
647 such students, (2) program evaluation and measures of the  
648 effectiveness of its bilingual education and English as a second  
649 language programs, including data on students in bilingual education  
650 programs and students educated exclusively in English as a second  
651 language programs, and (3) certification by the board of education  
652 submitting the report that any funds received pursuant to this section  
653 have been used for the purposes specified. The State Board of  
654 Education shall annually evaluate programs conducted pursuant to  
655 section 10-17f. For purposes of this section, measures of the  
656 effectiveness of bilingual education and English as a second language  
657 programs include, but need not be limited to, mastery examination  
658 results, under section 10-14n, and graduation and school dropout rates.  
659 Any amount appropriated under this section in excess of one million  
660 nine hundred sixteen thousand one hundred thirty dollars shall be  
661 spent in accordance with the provisions of sections 10-17k, 10-17n and  
662 10-66t. Any unexpended funds, as of November first, appropriated to  
663 the Department of Education for purposes of providing a grant to a  
664 local or regional board of education for the provision of a program of  
665 bilingual education, pursuant to section 10-17f, shall be distributed on  
666 a pro rata basis to each local and regional board of education receiving  
667 a grant under this section. Notwithstanding the provisions of this  
668 section, for the fiscal [years] year ending June 30, 2009, [to June 30,  
669 2019, inclusive] and each fiscal year thereafter, the amount of grants  
670 payable to local or regional boards of education for the provision of a  
671 program of bilingual education under this section shall be reduced  
672 proportionately if the total of such grants in such year exceeds the  
673 amount appropriated for such grants for such year.

674       Sec. 9. Subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of section 10-76d of the  
675 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
676 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

677       (2) For purposes of this subdivision, "public agency" includes the  
678 offices of a government of a federally recognized Native American  
679 tribe. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the general statutes, for  
680 the fiscal year ending June 30, 1987, and each fiscal year thereafter,  
681 whenever a public agency, other than a local or regional board of  
682 education, the State Board of Education or the Superior Court acting  
683 pursuant to section 10-76h, places a child in a foster home, group  
684 home, hospital, state institution, receiving home, custodial institution  
685 or any other residential or day treatment facility, and such child  
686 requires special education, the local or regional board of education  
687 under whose jurisdiction the child would otherwise be attending  
688 school or, if no such board can be identified, the local or regional board  
689 of education of the town where the child is placed, shall provide the  
690 requisite special education and related services to such child in  
691 accordance with the provisions of this section. Within one business day  
692 of such a placement by the Department of Children and Families or  
693 offices of a government of a federally recognized Native American  
694 tribe, said department or offices shall orally notify the local or regional  
695 board of education responsible for providing special education and  
696 related services to such child of such placement. The department or  
697 offices shall provide written notification to such board of such  
698 placement within two business days of the placement. Such local or  
699 regional board of education shall convene a planning and placement  
700 team meeting for such child within thirty days of the placement and  
701 shall invite a representative of the Department of Children and  
702 Families or offices of a government of a federally recognized Native  
703 American tribe to participate in such meeting. (A) The local or regional  
704 board of education under whose jurisdiction such child would  
705 otherwise be attending school shall be financially responsible for the  
706 reasonable costs of such special education and related services in an  
707 amount equal to the lesser of one hundred per cent of the costs of such

708 education or the average per pupil educational costs of such board of  
709 education for the prior fiscal year, determined in accordance with the  
710 provisions of subsection (a) of section 10-76f. The State Board of  
711 Education shall pay on a current basis, except as provided in  
712 subdivision (3) of this subsection, any costs in excess of such local or  
713 regional board's basic contributions paid by such board of education in  
714 accordance with the provisions of this subdivision. (B) Whenever a  
715 child is placed pursuant to this subdivision, on or after July 1, 1995, by  
716 the Department of Children and Families and the local or regional  
717 board of education under whose jurisdiction such child would  
718 otherwise be attending school cannot be identified, the local or  
719 regional board of education under whose jurisdiction the child  
720 attended school or in whose district the child resided at the time of  
721 removal from the home by said department shall be responsible for the  
722 reasonable costs of special education and related services provided to  
723 such child, for one calendar year or until the child is committed to the  
724 state pursuant to section 46b-129 or 46b-140 or is returned to the child's  
725 parent or guardian, whichever is earlier. If the child remains in such  
726 placement beyond one calendar year the Department of Children and  
727 Families shall be responsible for such costs. During the period the local  
728 or regional board of education is responsible for the reasonable cost of  
729 special education and related services pursuant to this subparagraph,  
730 the board shall be responsible for such costs in an amount equal to the  
731 lesser of one hundred per cent of the costs of such education and  
732 related services or the average per pupil educational costs of such  
733 board of education for the prior fiscal year, determined in accordance  
734 with the provisions of subsection (a) of section 10-76f. The State Board  
735 of Education shall pay on a current basis, except as provided in  
736 subdivision (3) of this subsection, any costs in excess of such local or  
737 regional board's basic contributions paid by such board of education in  
738 accordance with the provisions of this subdivision. The costs for  
739 services other than educational shall be paid by the state agency which  
740 placed the child. The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to  
741 the school districts established within the Department of Children and  
742 Families, pursuant to section 17a-37 or the Department of Correction,

743 pursuant to section 18-99a, provided in any case in which special  
744 education is being provided at a private residential institution,  
745 including the residential components of regional educational service  
746 centers, to a child for whom no local or regional board of education  
747 can be found responsible under subsection (b) of this section, Unified  
748 School District #2 shall provide the special education and related  
749 services and be financially responsible for the reasonable costs of such  
750 special education instruction for such children. Notwithstanding the  
751 provisions of this subdivision, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2004,  
752 to June 30, 2007, inclusive, and for the fiscal [years] year ending June  
753 30, 2010, [to June 30, 2019, inclusive] and each fiscal year thereafter, the  
754 amount of the grants payable to local or regional boards of education  
755 in accordance with this subdivision shall be reduced proportionately if  
756 the total of such grants in such year exceeds the amount appropriated  
757 for the purposes of this subdivision for such year.

758 Sec. 10. Subsection (d) of section 10-76g of the general statutes is  
759 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
760 *1, 2019*):

761 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the fiscal  
762 years ending June 30, 2004, to June 30, 2007, inclusive, and for the fiscal  
763 [years] year ending June 30, 2010, [to June 30, 2019, inclusive] and each  
764 fiscal year thereafter, the amount of the grants payable to local or  
765 regional boards of education in accordance with this section, except  
766 grants paid in accordance with subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this  
767 section, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2006, and June 30, 2007, and  
768 for the fiscal [years] year ending June 30, 2010, [to June 30, 2019,  
769 inclusive] and each fiscal year thereafter, shall be reduced  
770 proportionately if the total of such grants in such year exceeds the  
771 amount appropriated for the purposes of this section for such year.

772 Sec. 11. Subsection (b) of section 10-253 of the general statutes is  
773 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
774 *1, 2019*):

775 (b) The board of education of the school district under whose  
776 jurisdiction a child would otherwise be attending school shall be  
777 financially responsible for the reasonable costs of education for a child  
778 placed out by the Commissioner of Children and Families or by other  
779 agencies, including, but not limited to, offices of a government of a  
780 federally recognized Native American tribe, in a private residential  
781 facility when such child requires educational services other than  
782 special education services. Such financial responsibility shall be the  
783 lesser of one hundred per cent of the costs of such education or the  
784 average per pupil educational costs of such board of education for the  
785 prior fiscal year, determined in accordance with subsection (a) of  
786 section 10-76f. Any costs in excess of the board's basic contribution  
787 shall be paid by the State Board of Education on a current basis. The  
788 costs for services other than educational shall be paid by the state  
789 agency which placed the child. Application for the grant to be paid by  
790 the state for costs in excess of the local or regional board of education's  
791 basic contribution shall be made in accordance with the provisions of  
792 subdivision (5) of subsection (e) of section 10-76d. Notwithstanding the  
793 provisions of this subsection, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2004,  
794 to June 30, 2007, inclusive, and for the fiscal [years] year ending June  
795 30, 2010, [to June 30, 2019, inclusive] and each fiscal year thereafter, the  
796 amount of the grants payable to local or regional boards of education  
797 in accordance with this subsection shall be reduced proportionately if  
798 the total of such grants in such year exceeds the amount appropriated  
799 for the purposes of this subsection for such year.

800 Sec. 12. Subsection (d) of section 7-127e of the general statutes is  
801 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
802 *1, 2019*):

803 (d) In order to be eligible to receive funds from the Department of  
804 Education for [the Leadership, Education, Athletics in Partnership  
805 (LEAP) program, or] the neighborhood youth centers program, an  
806 applicant must provide a match of at least fifty per cent of the grant  
807 amount. The cash portion of such match shall be at least twenty-five  
808 per cent of the grant amount.

809       Sec. 13. (*Effective from passage*) The Office of Early Childhood, in  
810 consultation with the Office of Policy and Management and the  
811 Department of Education, shall, within available appropriations,  
812 conduct a study on enrollment and availability of slots in preschool  
813 programs in the state. Not later than November 1, 2019, the  
814 Commissioner of Early Childhood shall submit a report on its findings  
815 and any recommendations to the joint standing committee of the  
816 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education,  
817 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general  
818 statutes.

819       Sec. 14. Section 10-95q of the general statutes is repealed and the  
820 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

821       (a) (1) On or after July 1, 2017, until June 30, [2021] 2023, the  
822 Technical Education and Career System board may recommend a  
823 candidate for superintendent of the Technical Education and Career  
824 System to the Commissioner of Education. The commissioner may hire  
825 or reject any candidate for superintendent recommended by the board.  
826 If the commissioner rejects a candidate for superintendent, the board  
827 shall recommend another candidate for superintendent to the  
828 commissioner. The term of office of the superintendent hired under  
829 this subdivision shall expire on June 30, [2021] 2023.

830       (2) On and after July 1, [2021] 2023, the Technical Education and  
831 Career System board shall recommend a candidate for superintendent  
832 of the Technical Education and Career System to the executive director  
833 of the Technical Education and Career System. The executive director  
834 may hire or reject any candidate for superintendent recommended by  
835 the board. If the executive director rejects a candidate for  
836 superintendent, the board shall recommend another candidate for  
837 superintendent to the executive director. The term of office of the  
838 superintendent hired under this subdivision shall be three years and  
839 may be extended for no more than three years at any one time.

840       (b) The superintendent of the Technical Education and Career

841 System shall be responsible for the operation and administration of the  
842 technical education and career schools and all other matters relating to  
843 vocational, technical, technological and postsecondary education in the  
844 system.

845 Sec. 15. Section 10-99f of the general statutes is repealed and the  
846 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

847 (a) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2011, to June 30, [2020] 2022,  
848 inclusive, the budget for the Technical Education and Career System  
849 shall (1) be a separate budgeted agency from the Department of  
850 Education, and (2) include a separate (A) educational account for  
851 educational and school-based accounts and expenditures, and (B)  
852 noneducational account.

853 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, for the  
854 fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, and each fiscal year thereafter, the  
855 Governor, when considering reductions in allotment requisitions or  
856 allotments in force, shall give priority to the educational needs of the  
857 system and instructional staffing needs, as identified in the statement  
858 of staffing needs submitted by the superintendent of the Technical  
859 Education and Career System pursuant to section 10-99g, and every  
860 effort shall be made to avoid impairment of the system's educational  
861 mission and interruption to instructional time during such  
862 consideration.

863 Sec. 16. Section 10-99f of the general statutes, as amended by section  
864 9 of public act 17-237 and section 9 of public act 18-182, is repealed and  
865 the following is substituted thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

866 (a) For the fiscal year ending June 30, [2021] 2023, and each fiscal  
867 year thereafter, the budget for the Technical Education and Career  
868 System shall (1) be a separate budgeted agency, and (2) include a  
869 separate (A) educational account for educational and school-based  
870 accounts and expenditures, and (B) noneducational account.

871 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, for the

872 fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, and each fiscal year thereafter, the  
873 Governor, when considering reductions in allotment requisitions or  
874 allotments in force, shall give priority to the educational needs of the  
875 system and instructional staffing needs, as identified in the statement  
876 of staffing needs submitted by the superintendent of the Technical  
877 Education and Career System pursuant to section 10-99g, and every  
878 effort shall be made to avoid impairment of the system's educational  
879 mission and interruption to instructional time during such  
880 consideration.

881 Sec. 17. Section 10-99h of the general statutes is repealed and the  
882 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

883 (a) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2018, to June 30, [2020] 2022,  
884 inclusive, the superintendent of the Technical Education and Career  
885 System shall create and maintain a list that includes an inventory of all  
886 technical and vocational equipment, supplies and materials purchased  
887 or obtained and used in the provision of career technical education in  
888 each technical education and career school and across the Technical  
889 Education and Career System. The board shall consult such list (1)  
890 during the preparation of the budget for the Technical Education and  
891 Career System, pursuant to section 10-99g, (2) prior to purchasing or  
892 obtaining any new equipment, supplies or materials, and (3) for the  
893 purpose of sharing equipment, supplies and materials among technical  
894 education and career schools.

895 (b) For the fiscal year ending June 30, [2021] 2023, and each fiscal  
896 year thereafter, the executive director of the Technical Education and  
897 Career System shall create and maintain a list that includes an  
898 inventory of all technical and vocational equipment, supplies and  
899 materials purchased or obtained and used in the provision of career  
900 technical education in each technical education and career school and  
901 across the Technical Education and Career System. The executive  
902 director shall consult such list (1) during the preparation of the budget  
903 for the Technical Education and Career System, pursuant to section 10-  
904 99g, (2) prior to purchasing or obtaining any new equipment, supplies



905 or materials, and (3) for the purpose of sharing equipment, supplies  
906 and materials among technical education and career schools.

907 Sec. 18. Section 16 of public act 17-237, as amended by section 79 of  
908 public act 17-2 of the June special session and section 11 of public act  
909 18-182, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
910 (*Effective from passage*):

911 For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2018, to June 30, [2020] 2022,  
912 inclusive, the State Board of Education shall hire a consultant to (1) assist  
913 the Technical Education and Career System board with the development  
914 of a transition plan for the Technical Education and Career System, (2)  
915 identify and provide recommendations concerning which services could  
916 be provided more efficiently through or in conjunction with another local  
917 or regional board of education, municipality or state agency by means of a  
918 memorandum of understanding with the Technical Education and Career  
919 System, and (3) identify efficiencies, best practices and cost savings in  
920 procurement. Such consultant shall consult with the administrative and  
921 professional staff of the Technical Education and Career System in the  
922 development of the transition plan and recommendations described in  
923 subdivision (2) of this section. Not later than January 1, [2020] 2022, the  
924 state board shall submit a report on the transition plan and such identified  
925 services and any recommendations for legislation necessary to implement  
926 such transition plan and such identified services to the joint standing  
927 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating  
928 to education, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the  
929 general statutes.

930 Sec. 19. Section 18 of public act 17-237, as amended by section 12 of  
931 public act 18-182, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
932 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

933 For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2018, to June 30, [2020] 2022,  
934 inclusive, the Department of Education shall (1) provide training to those  
935 persons employed by the department within the Technical Education and  
936 Career System who will be responsible for performing central office and  
937 administrative functions for the system on and after July 1, [2020] 2022,  
938 and (2) identify those persons within the system who can be trained to

939 perform multiple functions or responsibilities for the system.

940 Sec. 20. Section 10-262h of the general statutes is repealed and the  
941 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

942 (a) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, each town maintaining  
943 public schools according to law shall be entitled to an equalization aid  
944 grant as follows: (1) Any town designated as an alliance district, as  
945 defined in section 10-262u, as amended by this act, shall be entitled to  
946 an equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its base grant amount;  
947 and (2) any town not designated as an alliance district shall be entitled  
948 to an equalization aid grant in an amount equal to ninety-five per cent  
949 of its base grant amount.

950 (b) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, each town maintaining  
951 public schools according to law shall be entitled to an equalization aid  
952 grant as follows: (1) Any town whose fully funded grant is greater  
953 than its base grant amount shall be entitled to an equalization aid grant  
954 in an amount equal to its base grant amount plus four and one-tenth  
955 per cent of its grant adjustment; and (2) any town whose fully funded  
956 grant is less than its base grant amount shall be entitled to an  
957 equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its base grant amount  
958 minus twenty-five per cent of its grant adjustment, except any such  
959 town designated as an alliance district shall be entitled to an  
960 equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its base grant amount.

961 (c) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2020, to June 30, [2027] 2022,  
962 inclusive, each town maintaining public schools according to law shall  
963 be entitled to an equalization aid grant as follows: (1) Any town whose  
964 fully funded grant is greater than its base grant amount shall be  
965 entitled to an equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its  
966 equalization aid grant amount for the previous fiscal year plus ten and  
967 sixty-six-one-hundredths per cent of its grant adjustment; and (2) any  
968 town whose fully funded grant is less than its base grant amount shall  
969 be entitled to an equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its  
970 equalization aid grant amount for the [previous fiscal year] fiscal year  
971 ending June 30, 2017, minus [eight and thirty-three-one-hundredths]

972 (A) fifty per cent of its grant adjustment for the fiscal year ending June  
973 30, 2020, (B) seventy-five per cent of its grant adjustment for the fiscal  
974 year ending June 30, 2021, and (C) one hundred per cent of its grant  
975 adjustment for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, except any such  
976 town designated as an alliance district shall be entitled to an  
977 equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its base grant amount.

978 (d) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, to June 30, 2027,  
979 inclusive, each town maintaining public schools according to law shall  
980 be entitled to an equalization aid grant as follows: (1) Any town whose  
981 fully funded grant is greater than its base grant amount shall be  
982 entitled to an equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its  
983 equalization aid grant amount for the previous fiscal year plus ten and  
984 sixty-six-one-hundredths per cent of its grant adjustment; and (2) any  
985 town whose fully funded grant is less than its base grant amount shall  
986 be entitled to an equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its fully  
987 funded grant, except any such town designated as an alliance district  
988 shall be entitled to an equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its  
989 base grant amount.

990 [(d)] (e) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2028, and each fiscal year  
991 thereafter, each town maintaining public schools according to law shall  
992 be entitled to an equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its fully  
993 funded grant, except any town designated as an alliance district whose  
994 fully funded grant amount is less than its base grant amount shall be  
995 entitled to an equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its base  
996 grant amount.

997 Sec. 21. Subdivision (40) of section 10-262f of the general statutes is  
998 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
999 *1, 2019*):

1000 (40) "Number of children eligible for free or reduced price meals or  
1001 free milk" means the number of pupils of the town enrolled in public  
1002 schools at the expense of the town on October first or the full school  
1003 day immediately preceding such date, [in families that meet the

1004 income eligibility guidelines established by the federal Department of  
1005 Agriculture] who are directly certified for free or reduced price meals  
1006 or free milk through the direct certification process authorized under  
1007 the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, P.L. 111-296, and the  
1008 National School Lunch Program, established pursuant to P.L. 79-396.

1009       Sec. 22. Subsection (a) of section 10a-55i of the general statutes is  
1010 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
1011 *1, 2019*):

1012       (a) There is established a Higher Education Consolidation  
1013 Committee which shall be convened by the chairpersons of the joint  
1014 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
1015 matters relating to higher education or such chairpersons' designee,  
1016 who shall be a member of such joint standing committee. The  
1017 membership of the Higher Education Consolidation Committee shall  
1018 consist of the higher education subcommittee on appropriations and  
1019 the chairpersons, vice chairpersons and ranking members of the joint  
1020 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
1021 matters relating to higher education and appropriations. The Higher  
1022 Education Consolidation Committee shall establish a meeting and  
1023 public hearing schedule for purposes of receiving updates from (1) the  
1024 Board of Regents for Higher Education on the progress of the  
1025 consolidation of the state system of higher education pursuant to this  
1026 section, section 4-9c, subsection (g) of section 5-160, section 5-199d,  
1027 subsection (a) of section 7-323k, subsection (a) of section 7-608,  
1028 subsection (a) of section 10-9, section 10-155d, subdivision (14) of  
1029 section 10-183b, sections 10a-1a to 10a-1d, inclusive, 10a-3 and 10a-3a,  
1030 [subsection (a) of section 10a-6a,] sections [10a-6b,] 10a-8, 10a-10a to  
1031 10a-11a, inclusive, 10a-17d and 10a-22a, subsections (f) and (h) of  
1032 section 10a-22b, subsections (c) and (d) of section 10a-22d, sections 10a-  
1033 22h and 10a-22k, subsection (a) of section 10a-22n, sections 10a-22r,  
1034 10a-22s, 10a-22u, 10a-22v, 10a-22x and 10a-34 to 10a-35a, inclusive,  
1035 subsection (a) of section 10a-48a, sections 10a-71 and 10a-72,  
1036 subsections (c) and (f) of section 10a-77, section 10a-88, subsection (a)  
1037 of section 10a-89, subsection (c) of section 10a-99 and sections 10a-102,

1038 10a-104, 10a-105, 10a-109e, 10a-143 and 10a-168a, and (2) the Board of  
 1039 Regents for Higher Education and The University of Connecticut on  
 1040 the program approval process for the constituent units. The Higher  
 1041 Education Consolidation Committee shall convene its first meeting on  
 1042 or before September 15, 2011, and meet not less than once every two  
 1043 months.

1044       Sec. 23. (*Effective from passage*) Sections 5, 10 and 20 of public act 17-  
 1045 237, as amended by section 17 of public act 18-182, shall take effect July  
 1046 1, 2022.

1047       Sec. 24. (*Effective from passage*) Section 2 of public act 17-237, as  
 1048 amended by section 73 of public act 17-2 of the June special session  
 1049 and as amended by section 18 of public act 18-182, shall take effect July  
 1050 1, 2022.

1051       Sec. 25. (*Effective from passage*) Section 4 of public act 17-237, as  
 1052 amended by section 74 of public act 17-2 of the June special session  
 1053 and as amended by section 19 of public act 18-182, shall take effect July  
 1054 1, 2022.

1055       Sec. 26. (*Effective from passage*) Section 6 of public act 17-237, as  
 1056 amended by section 279 of public act 17-2 of the June special session  
 1057 and as amended by section 20 of public act 18-182, shall take effect July  
 1058 1, 2022.

1059       Sec. 27. (*Effective from passage*) Section 7 of public act 17-237, as  
 1060 amended by section 287 of public act 17-2 of the June special session  
 1061 and as amended by section 21 of public act 18-182, shall take effect July  
 1062 1, 2022.

1063       Sec. 28. Sections 10a-6a and 10a-6b of the general statutes are  
 1064 repealed. (*Effective July 1, 2019*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	10-217a

Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	10-264i(a)(3) and (4)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	10-262i
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	10-262u(c)
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	10-262j
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 201</i>	New section
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	10-71(d)
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	10-17g
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	10-76d(e)(2)
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	10-76g(d)
Sec. 11	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	10-253(b)
Sec. 12	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	7-127e(d)
Sec. 13	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 14	<i>from passage</i>	10-95q
Sec. 15	<i>from passage</i>	10-99f
Sec. 16	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	10-99f
Sec. 17	<i>from passage</i>	10-99h
Sec. 18	<i>from passage</i>	PA 17-237, Sec. 16
Sec. 19	<i>from passage</i>	PA 17-237, Sec. 18
Sec. 20	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	10-262h
Sec. 21	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	10-262f(40)
Sec. 22	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	10a-55i(a)
Sec. 23	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 24	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 25	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 26	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 27	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 28	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	Repealer section

**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.]*