AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR’S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING EDUCATION.

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

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 Subdivisions (3) and (4) of subsection (a) of section 10-264i of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2019):

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

(4) In addition to the grants otherwise provided pursuant to this section, the Commissioner of Education may provide supplemental transportation grants to regional educational service centers for the purposes of transportation to interdistrict magnet schools. Any such grant shall be provided within available appropriations and after the commissioner has reviewed and approved the total interdistrict magnet school transportation budget for a regional educational service center, including all revenue and expenditure estimates. For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2013, to June 30, 2018, inclusive, in addition to
the grants otherwise provided pursuant to this section, the
Commissioner of Education may provide supplemental transportation
to interdistrict magnet schools that assist the state in meeting its
obligations pursuant to the decision in Sheff v. O’Neill, 238 Conn. 1
(1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect, as determined by
the commissioner. Any such grant shall be provided within available
appropriations and upon a comprehensive financial review, by an
auditor selected by the Commissioner of Education, the costs of such
review may be paid from funds that are part of the supplemental
transportation grant. Any such grant shall be paid as follows: For the
fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, up to fifty per cent of the grant on or
before June 30, 2013, and the balance on or before September 1, 2013,
upon completion of the comprehensive financial review; for the fiscal
year ending June 30, 2014, up to fifty per cent of the grant on or before
June 30, 2014, and the balance on or before September 1, 2014, upon
completion of the comprehensive financial review; for the fiscal year
ending June 30, 2015, up to fifty per cent of the grant on or before June
30, 2015, and the balance on or before September 1, 2015, upon
completion of the comprehensive financial review; for the fiscal year
ending June 30, 2016, up to fifty per cent of the grant on or before June
30, 2016, and the balance on or before September 1, 2016, upon
completion of the comprehensive financial review; for the fiscal year
ending June 30, 2017, up to seventy per cent of the grant on or before
June 30, 2017, and the balance on or before May 30, 2018, upon
completion of the comprehensive financial review; [and] for the fiscal
year ending June 30, 2018, up to seventy per cent of the grant on or
before June 30, 2018, and the balance on or before September 1, 2018,
upon completion of the comprehensive financial review; and for the
fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, and each fiscal year thereafter, up to
seventy per cent of the grant on or before June thirtieth of the fiscal
year, and the balance on or before September first of the following
fiscal year upon completion of the comprehensive financial review.

Sec. 2. Subsection (d) of section 10-71 of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July
1, 2019):
(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the fiscal [years] year ending June 30, 2004, [to June 30, 2019, inclusive] and each fiscal year thereafter, the amount of the grants payable to towns, regional boards of education or regional educational service centers in accordance with this section shall be reduced proportionately if the total of such grants in such year exceeds the amount appropriated for the purposes of this section for such year.

Sec. 3. Section 10-17g of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2019):

For the fiscal [years] year ending June 30, 2016, [to June 30, 2019, inclusive] and each fiscal year thereafter, the board of education for each local and regional school district that is required to provide a program of bilingual education, pursuant to section 10-17f, may make application to the State Board of Education and shall annually receive, within available appropriations, a grant in an amount equal to the product obtained by multiplying one million nine hundred sixteen thousand one hundred thirty by the ratio which the number of eligible children in the school district bears to the total number of such eligible children state-wide. The board of education for each local and regional school district receiving funds pursuant to this section shall annually, on or before September first, submit to the State Board of Education a progress report which shall include (1) measures of increased educational opportunities for eligible students, including language support services and language transition support services provided to such students, (2) program evaluation and measures of the effectiveness of its bilingual education and English as a second language programs, including data on students in bilingual education programs and students educated exclusively in English as a second language programs, and (3) certification by the board of education submitting the report that any funds received pursuant to this section have been used for the purposes specified. The State Board of Education shall annually evaluate programs conducted pursuant to section 10-17f. For purposes of this section, measures of the effectiveness of bilingual education and English as a second language
programs include, but need not be limited to, mastery examination
results, under section 10-14n, and graduation and school dropout rates.
Any amount appropriated under this section in excess of one million
nine hundred sixteen thousand one hundred thirty dollars shall be
spent in accordance with the provisions of sections 10-17k, 10-17n and
10-66t. Any unexpended funds, as of November first, appropriated to
the Department of Education for purposes of providing a grant to a
local or regional board of education for the provision of a program of
bilingual education, pursuant to section 10-17f, shall be distributed on
a pro rata basis to each local and regional board of education receiving
a grant under this section. Notwithstanding the provisions of this
section, for the fiscal [years] year ending June 30, 2009, [to June 30,
2019, inclusive] and each fiscal year thereafter, the amount of grants
payable to local or regional boards of education for the provision of a
program of bilingual education under this section shall be reduced
proportionately if the total of such grants in such year exceeds the
amount appropriated for such grants for such year.

Sec. 4. Subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of section 10-76d of the
general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
thereof (Effective July 1, 2019):

(2) For purposes of this subdivision, "public agency" includes the
offices of a government of a federally recognized Native American
tribe. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the general statutes, for
the fiscal year ending June 30, 1987, and each fiscal year thereafter,
whenever a public agency, other than a local or regional board of
education, the State Board of Education or the Superior Court acting
pursuant to section 10-76h, places a child in a foster home, group
home, hospital, state institution, receiving home, custodial institution
or any other residential or day treatment facility, and such child
requires special education, the local or regional board of education
under whose jurisdiction the child would otherwise be attending
school or, if no such board can be identified, the local or regional board
of education of the town where the child is placed, shall provide the
requisite special education and related services to such child in
accordance with the provisions of this section. Within one business day
of such a placement by the Department of Children and Families or
offices of a government of a federally recognized Native American
tribe, said department or offices shall orally notify the local or regional
board of education responsible for providing special education and
related services to such child of such placement. The department or
offices shall provide written notification to such board of such
placement within two business days of the placement. Such local or
regional board of education shall convene a planning and placement
team meeting for such child within thirty days of the placement and
shall invite a representative of the Department of Children and
Families or offices of a government of a federally recognized Native
American tribe to participate in such meeting. (A) The local or regional
board of education under whose jurisdiction such child would
otherwise be attending school shall be financially responsible for the
reasonable costs of such special education and related services in an
amount equal to the lesser of one hundred per cent of the costs of such
education or the average per pupil educational costs of such board of
education for the prior fiscal year, determined in accordance with the
provisions of subsection (a) of section 10-76f. The State Board of
Education shall pay on a current basis, except as provided in
subdivision (3) of this subsection, any costs in excess of such local or
regional board's basic contributions paid by such board of education in
accordance with the provisions of this subdivision. (B) Whenever a
child is placed pursuant to this subdivision, on or after July 1, 1995, by
the Department of Children and Families and the local or regional
board of education under whose jurisdiction such child would
otherwise be attending school cannot be identified, the local or
regional board of education under whose jurisdiction the child
attended school or in whose district the child resided at the time of
removal from the home by said department shall be responsible for the
reasonable costs of special education and related services provided to
such child, for one calendar year or until the child is committed to the
state pursuant to section 46b-129 or 46b-140 or is returned to the child's
parent or guardian, whichever is earlier. If the child remains in such
placement beyond one calendar year the Department of Children and
Families shall be responsible for such costs. During the period the local
or regional board of education is responsible for the reasonable cost of
special education and related services pursuant to this subparagraph,
the board shall be responsible for such costs in an amount equal to the
lesser of one hundred per cent of the costs of such education and
related services or the average per pupil educational costs of such
board of education for the prior fiscal year, determined in accordance
with the provisions of subsection (a) of section 10-76f. The State Board
of Education shall pay on a current basis, except as provided in
subdivision (3) of this subsection, any costs in excess of such local or
regional board's basic contributions paid by such board of education in
accordance with the provisions of this subdivision. The costs for
services other than educational shall be paid by the state agency which
placed the child. The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to
the school districts established within the Department of Children and
Families, pursuant to section 17a-37 or the Department of Correction,
pursuant to section 18-99a, provided in any case in which special
education is being provided at a private residential institution,
including the residential components of regional educational service
centers, to a child for whom no local or regional board of education
can be found responsible under subsection (b) of this section, Unified
School District #2 shall provide the special education and related
services and be financially responsible for the reasonable costs of such
special education instruction for such children. Notwithstanding the
provisions of this subdivision, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2004,
to June 30, 2007, inclusive, and for the fiscal years ending June
30, 2010, [to June 30, 2019, inclusive] and each fiscal year thereafter, the
amount of the grants payable to local or regional boards of education
in accordance with this subdivision shall be reduced proportionately if
the total of such grants in such year exceeds the amount appropriated
for the purposes of this subdivision for such year.

Sec. 5. Subsection (d) of section 10-76g of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July
1, 2019):
(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2004, to June 30, 2007, inclusive, and for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2010, [to June 30, 2019, inclusive] and each fiscal year thereafter, the amount of the grants payable to local or regional boards of education in accordance with this section, except grants paid in accordance with subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2006, and June 30, 2007, and for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2010, [to June 30, 2019, inclusive] and each fiscal year thereafter, shall be reduced proportionately if the total of such grants in such year exceeds the amount appropriated for the purposes of this section for such year.

Sec. 6. Subsection (b) of section 10-253 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2019):

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

Sec. 7. (Effective from passage) The Office of Early Childhood, in consultation with the Office of Policy and Management and the Department of Education, shall, within available appropriations, conduct a study on enrollment and availability of slots in preschool programs in the state. Not later than November 1, 2019, the Commissioner of Early Childhood shall submit a report on its findings and any recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

Sec. 8. Section 10-95q of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from passage):

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

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

(b) The superintendent of the Technical Education and Career System shall be responsible for the operation and administration of the technical education and career schools and all other matters relating to vocational, technical, technological and postsecondary education in the system.

Sec. 9. Section 10-99f of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from passage):

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

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

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

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

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

Sec. 11. Section 10-99h of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from passage):

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

(b) For the fiscal year ending June 30, [2021] 2023, and each fiscal year thereafter, the executive director of the Technical Education and Career System shall create and maintain a list that includes an inventory of all technical and vocational equipment, supplies and materials purchased or obtained and used in the provision of career technical education in each technical education and career school and
across the Technical Education and Career System. The executive
director shall consult such list (1) during the preparation of the budget
for the Technical Education and Career System, pursuant to section 10-99g, (2) prior to purchasing or obtaining any new equipment, supplies
or materials, and (3) for the purpose of sharing equipment, supplies
and materials among technical education and career schools.

Sec. 12. Section 16 of public act 17-237, as amended by section 79 of
public act 17-2 of the June special session and section 11 of public act
18-182, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
(Effective from passage):

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

Sec. 13. Section 18 of public act 17-237, as amended by section 12 of
public act 18-182, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
thereof (Effective from passage):

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

Sec. 14. Section 10-262h of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2019):

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

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

(c) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2020, to June 30, 2022, inclusive, each town maintaining public schools according to law shall be entitled to an equalization aid grant as follows: (1) Any town whose fully funded grant is greater than its base grant amount shall be entitled to an equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its equalization aid grant amount for the previous fiscal year plus ten and sixty-six-one-hundredths per cent of its grant adjustment; and (2) any
town whose fully funded grant is less than its base grant amount shall
be entitled to an equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its
equalization aid grant amount for the [previous fiscal year] fiscal year
ending June 30, 2017, minus [eight and thirty-three-one-hundredths]
(A) fifty per cent of its grant adjustment for the fiscal year ending June
30, 2020, (B) seventy-five per cent of its grant adjustment for the fiscal
year ending June 30, 2021, and (C) one hundred per cent of its grant
adjustment for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, except any such
town designated as an alliance district shall be entitled to an
equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its base grant amount.

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

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

Sec. 15. Subsection (a) of section 10-65 of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July
1, 2019):

(a) Each local or regional school district operating an agricultural
science and technology education center approved by the State Board of Education for program, educational need, location and area to be served shall be eligible for the following grants: (1) In accordance with the provisions of chapter 173, through progress payments in accordance with the provisions of section 10-287i, (A) for projects for which an application was filed prior to July 1, 2011, ninety-five percent, and (B) for projects for which an application was filed on or after July 1, 2011, eighty percent of the net eligible costs of constructing, acquiring, renovating and equipping approved facilities to be used exclusively for such agricultural science and technology education center, for the expansion or improvement of existing facilities or for the replacement or improvement of equipment therein, and (2) subject to the provisions of section 10-65b and within available appropriations, in an amount equal to four thousand [two] four hundred ten dollars per student for every secondary school student who was enrolled in such center on October first of the previous year.

Sec. 16. (Effective from passage) Sections 5, 10 and 20 of public act 17-237, as amended by section 17 of public act 18-182, shall take effect July 1, 2022.

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

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

Sec. 19. (Effective from passage) Section 6 of public act 17-237, as amended by section 279 of public act 17-2 of the June special session and as amended by section 20 of public act 18-182, shall take effect July 1, 2022.

Sec. 20. (Effective from passage) Section 7 of public act 17-237, as
amended by section 287 of public act 17-2 of the June special session and as amended by section 21 of public act 18-182, shall take effect July 1, 2022.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

| Section 1 | July 1, 2019 | 10-264i(a)(3) and (4) |
| Sec. 2 | July 1, 2019 | 10-71(d) |
| Sec. 3 | July 1, 2019 | 10-17g |
| Sec. 4 | July 1, 2019 | 10-76d(e)(2) |
| Sec. 5 | July 1, 2019 | 10-76g(d) |
| Sec. 6 | July 1, 2019 | 10-253(b) |
| Sec. 7 | from passage | New section |
| Sec. 8 | from passage | 10-95q |
| Sec. 9 | from passage | 10-99f |
| Sec. 10 | July 1, 2022 | 10-99f |
| Sec. 11 | from passage | 10-99h |
| Sec. 12 | from passage | PA 17-237, Sec. 16 |
| Sec. 13 | from passage | PA 17-237, Sec. 18 |
| Sec. 14 | July 1, 2019 | 10-262h |
| Sec. 15 | July 1, 2019 | 10-65(a) |
| Sec. 16 | from passage | New section |
| Sec. 17 | from passage | New section |
| Sec. 18 | from passage | New section |
| Sec. 19 | from passage | New section |
| Sec. 20 | from passage | New section |