



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 406

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 1036

Senate, April 12, 2021

The Committee on Education reported through SEN. MCCRORY, D. of the 2nd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO PAY TUITION TO ANOTHER BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENROLLING ITS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS IN SUCH OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICT.

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

1 Section 1. Section 10-33 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

3 Any local board of education which does not maintain a [high school]
4 school in which instruction is offered for grades kindergarten to twelve,
5 inclusive, or any combination of such grades, shall designate a [high]
6 school in another school district, approved by the State Board of
7 Education, as the school which any child under the jurisdiction of such
8 local board of education may attend, [who has completed an elementary
9 school course,] and such board of education shall pay to the local or
10 regional board of education for such other school district the tuition of
11 such child [residing with a parent or guardian in such school district
12 and attending such high school] attending or in order for such child to

13 attend school in such other school district.

14 Sec. 2. Subsection (j) of section 10-266aa of the general statutes is
15 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
16 *2021*):

17 (j) Nothing in this section shall prohibit school districts from charging
18 tuition to other school districts [that do not have a high school] pursuant
19 to section 10-33, as amended by this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10-33
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10-266aa(j)

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

The title was changed to accurately reflect the contents of the bill.

ED *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 22 \$	FY 23 \$
Various Local and Regional School Districts	Savings	Potential	Potential

Explanation

This bill allows local boards of education to "tuition out" students in kindergarten through grade 8 to schools in other school districts in lieu of operating their own elementary schools or regionalizing. This could result in a savings to various local and regional school districts. It is assumed that a local and regional school district would only choose this option if it were less costly than operating a school, or regionalizing. The scope of the savings would be the difference between the cost of operating the school or regionalizing and the amount of tuition paid to "tuition out" students.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

This bill allows local boards of education to “tuition out” students in kindergarten through grade 8 to schools in other school districts in lieu of operating their own elementary schools. Current law, unchanged by the bill, allows boards to do this for grades 9-12 in lieu of operating their own high school.

Under the bill, local boards of education that do not maintain K-8 schools, or any combination of those grades, must designate a school in another district, with State Board of Education approval, that any child under its jurisdiction may attend. The local board must pay tuition to the local or regional board of education for the child attending school in the other district. Existing law, unchanged by the bill, applies these same requirements to boards of education that do not operate a public high school and choose to tuition out their students.

The bill also makes technical and conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2021

COMMITTEE ACTION

Education Committee

Joint Favorable
Yea 38 Nay 0 (03/22/2021)