



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 6618**

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**AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING ISSUES RELATED TO PUBLIC EDUCATION IN CONNECTICUT.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 10-262u of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
3 *2021*):

4 (d) The local or regional board of education for a town designated as  
5 an alliance district may apply to the Commissioner of Education, at such  
6 time and in such manner as the commissioner prescribes, to receive any  
7 increase in funds received over the amount the town received for the  
8 prior fiscal year pursuant to subsection (a) of section 10-262i.  
9 Applications pursuant to this subsection shall include objectives and  
10 performance targets and a plan that are developed, in part, on the  
11 strategic use of student academic performance data. Such plan may  
12 include, but not be limited to, the following: (1) A tiered system of  
13 interventions for the schools under the jurisdiction of such board based  
14 on the needs of such schools, (2) ways to strengthen the foundational  
15 programs in reading, through the intensive reading instruction program  
16 pursuant to section 10-14u, to ensure reading mastery in kindergarten  
17 to grade three, inclusive, with a focus on standards and instruction,  
18 proper use of data, intervention strategies, current information for

19 teachers, parental engagement, and teacher professional development,  
20 (3) additional learning time, including extended school day or school  
21 year programming administered by school personnel or external  
22 partners, (4) a talent strategy that includes, but is not limited to, teacher  
23 and school leader recruitment and assignment, career ladder policies  
24 that draw upon guidelines for a model teacher evaluation program  
25 adopted by the State Board of Education, pursuant to section 10-151b,  
26 and adopted by each local or regional board of education. Such talent  
27 strategy may include provisions that demonstrate increased ability to  
28 attract, retain, promote and bolster the performance of staff in  
29 accordance with performance evaluation findings and, in the case of  
30 new personnel, other indicators of effectiveness, (5) training for school  
31 leaders and other staff on new teacher evaluation models, (6) provisions  
32 for the cooperation and coordination with early childhood education  
33 providers to ensure alignment with district expectations for student  
34 entry into kindergarten, including funding for an existing local Head  
35 Start program, (7) provisions for the cooperation and coordination with  
36 other governmental and community programs to ensure that students  
37 receive adequate support and wraparound services, including  
38 community school models, (8) provisions for implementing and  
39 furthering state-wide education standards adopted by the State Board  
40 of Education and all activities and initiatives associated with such  
41 standards, (9) strategies for attracting and recruiting minority teachers  
42 and administrators, (10) provisions for the enhancement of bilingual  
43 education programs, pursuant to section 10-17f, or other language  
44 acquisition services to English language learners, including, but not  
45 limited to, participation in the English language learner pilot program,  
46 established pursuant to section 10-17n, (11) entering into the model  
47 school district responsibilities agreement, described in section 10-223l,  
48 (12) leadership succession plans that provide training and learning  
49 opportunities for administrators and are designed to assist in the  
50 seamless transition of school and district personnel in and out of  
51 leadership positions in the school district and the continuous  
52 implementation of plans developed under this subsection, and (13) any  
53 additional categories or goals as determined by the commissioner. Such

54 plan shall demonstrate collaboration with key stakeholders, as  
55 identified by the commissioner, with the goal of achieving efficiencies  
56 and the alignment of intent and practice of current programs with  
57 conditional programs identified in this subsection. The commissioner  
58 may (A) require changes in any plan submitted by a local or regional  
59 board of education before the commissioner approves an application  
60 under this subsection, [and] (B) permit a local or regional board of  
61 education, as part of such plan, to use a portion of any funds received  
62 under this section for the purposes of paying tuition charged to such  
63 board pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (k) of section 10-264l or  
64 subsection (b) of section 10-264o, or (C) permit a local or regional board  
65 of education to expend up to ten per cent of the portion of any increase  
66 of funds received under this section over the amount such board  
67 received for the prior fiscal year, in a manner not included in the plan  
68 submitted by such board or otherwise prescribed under this subsection,  
69 provided such board (i) expends such funds in accordance with the  
70 provisions of section 10-262i, as amended by this act, and (ii) increases  
71 its local appropriation for education for such fiscal year in an amount  
72 equal to the amount the commissioner permits such board expend  
73 under this subparagraph.

74 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) For the fiscal years ending June  
75 30, 2021, to June 30, 2023, inclusive, the balance of any remaining federal  
76 funds received by a local or regional board of education for the purpose  
77 of covering costs associated with COVID-19 expenditures, including,  
78 but not limited to, funds received pursuant to the Coronavirus Aid,  
79 Relief, and Economic Security Act, P.L. 116-136, as amended from time  
80 to time, and the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental  
81 Appropriations Act, P.L. 116-260, as amended from time to time, that  
82 have not been expended by such board at the end of the fiscal year shall  
83 not lapse and shall be carried forward and used by such board in the  
84 next fiscal year. As used in this section, "COVID-19" means the  
85 respiratory disease designated by the World Health Organization on  
86 February 11, 2020, as coronavirus 2019, and any related mutation thereof  
87 recognized by the World Health Organization as a communicable

88 respiratory disease.

89 Sec. 3. Subdivision (2) of subsection (d) of section 10-51 of the general  
90 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
91 (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

92 (2) On and after June 7, 2006, a regional board of education, by a  
93 majority vote of its members, may create a reserve fund for capital and  
94 nonrecurring expenditures. Such fund shall thereafter be termed  
95 "reserve fund for capital and nonrecurring expenditures". The aggregate  
96 amount of annual and supplemental appropriations by a district to such  
97 fund shall not exceed [one] two per cent of the annual district budget  
98 for such fiscal year. Annual appropriations to such fund shall be  
99 included in the share of net expenses to be paid by each member town.  
100 Supplemental appropriations to such fund may be made from estimated  
101 fiscal year end surplus in operating funds. Interest and investment  
102 earnings received with respect to amounts held in the fund shall be  
103 credited to such fund. The board shall annually submit a complete and  
104 detailed report of the condition of such fund to the member towns.  
105 Upon the recommendation and approval by the regional board of  
106 education, any part or the whole of such fund may be used for capital  
107 and nonrecurring expenditures, but such use shall be restricted to the  
108 funding of all or part of the planning, construction, reconstruction or  
109 acquisition of any specific capital improvement or the acquisition of any  
110 specific item of equipment. Upon the approval of any such expenditure  
111 an appropriation shall be set up, plainly designated for the project or  
112 acquisition for which it has been authorized, and such unexpended  
113 appropriation may be continued until such project or acquisition is  
114 completed. Any unexpended portion of such appropriation remaining  
115 after such completion shall revert to said fund. If any authorized  
116 appropriation is set up pursuant to the provisions of this subsection and  
117 through unforeseen circumstances the completion of the project or  
118 acquisition for which such appropriation has been designated is  
119 impossible to attain the board, by a majority vote of its members, may  
120 terminate such appropriation which then shall no longer be in effect.

121 Such fund may be discontinued, after the recommendation and  
122 approval by the regional board of education, and any amounts held in  
123 the fund shall be transferred to the general fund of the district.

124 Sec. 4. Section 10-262j of the general statutes is repealed and the  
125 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

126 (a) Except as otherwise provided under the provisions of subsections  
127 [(c)] (b) to (h), inclusive, of this section, for [the] any fiscal year<sub>z</sub> [ending  
128 June 30, 2020,] the budgeted appropriation for education shall be not  
129 less than the budgeted appropriation for education for the prior fiscal  
130 year<sub>z</sub> [ending June 30, 2019,] plus any aid increase described in  
131 subsection (d) of section 10-262i, as amended by this act, except that a  
132 town may reduce its budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal  
133 year<sub>z</sub> [ending June 30, 2020,] by one or more of the following:

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

138 (2) If a district experiences a net reduction in its resident student  
139 count during a period that may include any of the five fiscal years  
140 immediately prior to the fiscal year for which the budgeted  
141 appropriation for education is calculated, such district may reduce its  
142 budgeted appropriation for education in an amount equal to the  
143 number of such net reduction multiplied by fifty per cent of the net  
144 current expenditures per resident student of such district, provided no  
145 district may use the resident student count for any fiscal year that was  
146 previously used to reduce its budgeted appropriation for education in  
147 any calculation of a net reduction of resident students for purposes of  
148 reducing its budgeted appropriation for education pursuant to this  
149 subdivision for any subsequent fiscal year;

150 (3) Any district (A) that does not maintain a high school and pays  
151 tuition to another school district pursuant to section 10-33 for resident

152 students to attend high school in another district, and (B) in which the  
153 number of resident students attending high school for such district for  
154 October [1, 2018] first of the prior school year, using the data of record  
155 as of January [31, 2019] thirty-first of the prior school year, is lower than  
156 such district's number of resident students attending high school for  
157 October [1, 2017] first of the school year before the prior school year,  
158 using the data of record as of January [31, 2019] thirty-first of the school  
159 year before the prior school year, may reduce such district's budgeted  
160 appropriation for education by the difference in the number of resident  
161 students attending high school for such years multiplied by the amount  
162 of tuition paid per student pursuant to section 10-33; or

163 (4) Any district that realizes new and documentable savings through  
164 (A) increased district efficiencies approved by the Commissioner of  
165 Education, including, but not limited to, (i) reductions in costs  
166 associated with transportation services, school district administration or  
167 contracts that are not the result of collective bargaining or other labor  
168 agreements, (ii) an agreement to provide medical or health care benefits  
169 pursuant to section 7-464b, (iii) a cooperative agreement relating to the  
170 performance of administrative and central office functions, such as  
171 business manager functions, for the municipality and the school district  
172 pursuant to section 10-241b, (iv) reductions in costs associated with the  
173 purchasing or joint purchasing of property insurance, casualty  
174 insurance and workers' compensation insurance, following the  
175 consultation with the legislative body of the municipality of such district  
176 pursuant to section 10-241c, (v) reductions in costs associated with the  
177 purchasing of payroll processing or accounts payable software systems,  
178 following the consultation with the legislative body of the municipality  
179 of such district to determine whether such systems may be purchased  
180 or shared on a regional basis pursuant to section 10-241e, (vi)  
181 consolidation of information technology services, and (vii) reductions in  
182 costs associated with the care and maintenance of athletic fields, or (B)  
183 regional collaboration or cooperative arrangements pursuant to section  
184 10-158a may reduce such district's budgeted appropriation for  
185 education in an amount equal to half of the amount of savings

186 experienced as a result of such district efficiencies, regional  
187 collaboration or cooperative arrangement, provided such reduction  
188 shall not exceed one-half of one per cent of the district's budgeted  
189 appropriation for education for the prior fiscal year. [ending June 30,  
190 2019.]

191 [(b) Except as otherwise provided under the provisions of subsections  
192 (c) to (h), inclusive, of this section, for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
193 2021, a town's budgeted appropriation for education shall be not less  
194 than the budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending  
195 June 30, 2020, plus any aid increase received pursuant to subsection (d)  
196 of section 10-262i, except that a town may reduce its budgeted  
197 appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, by  
198 one or more of the following:

199 (1) If a town experiences an aid reduction, as described in subsection  
200 (d) of section 10-262i, such town may reduce its budgeted appropriation  
201 for education in an amount equal to the aid reduction;

202 (2) If a district experiences a net reduction in its resident student  
203 count during a period that may include any of the five fiscal years  
204 immediately prior to the fiscal year for which the budgeted  
205 appropriation for education is calculated, such district may reduce its  
206 budgeted appropriation for education in an amount equal to the  
207 number of such net reduction multiplied by fifty per cent of the net  
208 current expenditures per resident student of such district, provided no  
209 district may use the resident student count for any fiscal year that was  
210 previously used to reduce its budgeted appropriation for education in  
211 any calculation of a net reduction of resident students for purposes of  
212 reducing its budgeted appropriation for education pursuant to this  
213 subdivision for any subsequent fiscal year;

214 (3) Any district (A) that does not maintain a high school and pays  
215 tuition to another school district pursuant to section 10-33 for resident  
216 students to attend high school in another district, and (B) in which the  
217 number of resident students attending high school for such district for

218 October 1, 2019, using the data of record as of January 31, 2020, is lower  
219 than such district's number of resident students attending high school  
220 for October 1, 2018, using the data of record as of January 31, 2020, may  
221 reduce such district's budgeted appropriation for education by the  
222 difference in the number of resident students attending high school for  
223 such years multiplied by the amount of tuition paid per student  
224 pursuant to section 10-33; or

225 (4) Any district that realizes new and documentable savings through  
226 (A) increased district efficiencies approved by the Commissioner of  
227 Education, including, but not limited to, (i) reductions in costs  
228 associated with transportation services, school district administration or  
229 contracts that are not the result of collective bargaining or other labor  
230 agreements, (ii) an agreement to provide medical or health care benefits  
231 pursuant to section 7-464b, (iii) a cooperative agreement relating to the  
232 performance of administrative and central office functions, such as  
233 business manager functions, for the municipality and the school district  
234 pursuant to section 10-241b, (iv) reductions in costs associated with the  
235 purchasing or joint purchasing of property insurance, casualty  
236 insurance and workers' compensation insurance, following the  
237 consultation with the legislative body of the municipality of such district  
238 pursuant to section 10-241c, (v) reductions in costs associated with the  
239 purchasing of payroll processing or accounts payable software systems,  
240 following the consultation with the legislative body of the municipality  
241 of such district to determine whether such systems may be purchased  
242 or shared on a regional basis pursuant to section 10-241e, (vi)  
243 consolidation of information technology services, and (vii) reductions in  
244 costs associated with the care and maintenance of athletic fields, or (B)  
245 regional collaboration or cooperative arrangements pursuant to section  
246 10-158a, may reduce such district's budgeted appropriation for  
247 education in an amount equal to half of the amount of savings  
248 experienced as a result of such district efficiencies, regional  
249 collaboration or cooperative arrangement, provided such reduction  
250 shall not exceed one-half of one per cent of the district's budgeted  
251 appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020.]



252 [(c) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2020, and June 30, 2021,] (b)  
253 For any fiscal year, the Commissioner of Education may permit a town  
254 to reduce its budgeted appropriation for education in an amount  
255 determined by the commissioner if the school district in such town has  
256 permanently ceased operations and closed one or more schools in the  
257 school district due to declining enrollment at such closed school or  
258 schools in the [fiscal years ending June 30, 2013, to June 30, 2020,  
259 inclusive] seven fiscal years immediately prior to the fiscal year for  
260 which the budgeted appropriation for education is calculated.

261 [(d)] (c) Except as otherwise provided under the provisions of  
262 [subsection (h)] subsections (g) and (h) of this section, [for the fiscal  
263 years ending June 30, 2020, and June 30, 2021,] a town designated as an  
264 alliance district, as defined in section 10-262u, as amended by this act,  
265 shall not reduce its budgeted appropriation for education pursuant to  
266 this section.

267 [(e) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2020, and June 30, 2021, the]  
268 (d) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any district that is in  
269 the top ten per cent of school districts based on the accountability index,  
270 as defined in section 10-223e.

271 [(f) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2020, and June 30, 2021, the]  
272 (e) The provisions of this section shall not apply to the member towns  
273 of a regional school district during the first full fiscal year following the  
274 establishment of the regional school district, provided the budgeted  
275 appropriation for education for member towns of such regional school  
276 district for each subsequent fiscal year shall be determined in  
277 accordance with this section.

278 [(g) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2020, and June 30, 2021, any]  
279 (f) Any district that has (1) elected to act as a self-insurer, pursuant to  
280 section 10-236, (2) experienced a loss incurred as a result of one or more  
281 catastrophic events, as declared by a nationally recognized catastrophe  
282 loss index provider, during the prior fiscal year, and (3) increased its  
283 budgeted appropriation for education during said prior fiscal year as a

284 result of such loss, shall not be required to include the amount of such  
285 increase in the calculation of such district's budgeted appropriation for  
286 education for the subsequent fiscal year.

287 ~~[(h)]~~ (g) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2020, [and June 30, 2021]  
288 to June 30, 2023, inclusive, any district that has received (1) a  
289 supplemental appropriation from the board of finance for a town having  
290 a board of finance, the board of selectmen for a town having no board  
291 of finance or the authority making appropriations for the school district,  
292 for the purpose of covering costs associated with COVID-19  
293 expenditures because the budgeted appropriation for education for the  
294 district was insufficient to cover such costs, or (2) federal funds received  
295 pursuant to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act,  
296 P.L. 116-136, as amended from time to time, and the Coronavirus  
297 Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, P.L. 116-260, as  
298 amended from time to time, shall not be required to include the amount  
299 of such supplemental appropriation or federal funds in the calculation  
300 of such district's budgeted appropriation for education for the  
301 subsequent fiscal year. As used in this subsection, "COVID-19" means  
302 the respiratory disease designated by the World Health Organization on  
303 February 11, 2020, as coronavirus 2019, and any related mutation thereof  
304 recognized by the World Health Organization as a communicable  
305 respiratory disease.

306 (h) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2022, and June 30, 2023, any  
307 district that has been awarded a grant under the school security  
308 infrastructure competitive grant program, established pursuant to  
309 section 84 of public act 13-3, during the prior fiscal year, shall not be  
310 required to include the amount of such grant in the calculation of such  
311 district's budgeted appropriation for education for the subsequent fiscal  
312 year.

313 Sec. 5. Subsection (d) of section 10-262i of the general statutes is  
314 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
315 *2021*):

316 [(d) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, (A) if the amount of  
317 the equalization aid grant a town is entitled to pursuant to section 10-  
318 262h is greater than such town's equalization aid grant amount for the  
319 prior fiscal year, the difference between the amount of such town's  
320 equalization aid grant for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, and such  
321 town's equalization aid grant amount for the prior fiscal year shall be  
322 the aid increase for such town for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020,  
323 and (B) if the amount of the equalization aid grant a town is entitled to  
324 pursuant to section 10-262h is less than such town's equalization aid  
325 grant amount for the prior fiscal year, the difference between such  
326 town's equalization aid grant amount for the prior fiscal year and the  
327 amount of such town's equalization aid grant for the fiscal year ending  
328 June 30, 2020, shall be the aid reduction for such town for the fiscal year  
329 ending June 30, 2020.

330 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, (A) if the amount of the  
331 equalization aid grant a town is entitled to pursuant to section 10-262h  
332 is greater than such town's equalization aid grant amount for the prior  
333 fiscal year, the difference between the amount of such town's  
334 equalization aid grant for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, and such  
335 town's equalization aid grant amount for the prior fiscal year shall be  
336 the aid increase for such town for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021,  
337 and (B) if the amount of the equalization aid grant a town is entitled to  
338 pursuant to section 10-262h is less than such town's equalization aid  
339 grant amount for the prior fiscal year, the difference between such  
340 town's equalization aid grant amount for the prior fiscal year and the  
341 amount of such town's equalization aid grant for the fiscal year ending  
342 June 30, 2021, shall be the aid reduction for such town for the fiscal year  
343 ending June 30, 2021.] (d) For any fiscal year, (1) if the amount of the  
344 equalization aid grant a town is entitled to pursuant to section 10-262h  
345 is greater than such town's equalization aid grant amount for the prior  
346 fiscal year, the difference between the amount of such town's  
347 equalization aid grant for the fiscal year, and such town's equalization  
348 aid grant amount for the prior fiscal year shall be the aid increase for  
349 such town for the fiscal year, and (2) if the amount of the equalization

350 aid grant a town is entitled to pursuant to section 10-262h is less than  
351 such town's equalization aid grant amount for the prior fiscal year, the  
352 difference between such town's equalization aid grant amount for the  
353 prior fiscal year and the amount of such town's equalization aid grant  
354 for the fiscal year shall be the aid reduction for such town for the fiscal  
355 year.

356 Sec. 6. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) There is established an account  
357 to be known as the charter school approval grant account which shall be  
358 a separate, nonlapsing account within the General Fund. The account  
359 shall contain any moneys required by law to be deposited in the account.  
360 Moneys in the account shall be expended by the Commissioner of  
361 Education for the purpose of providing grants under section 10-66ee of  
362 the general statutes, as amended by this act, to a local or state charter  
363 school that has been granted an initial certificate for approval for a  
364 charter pursuant to section 10-66bb of the general statutes, as amended  
365 by this act, in the fiscal year immediately following the fiscal year in  
366 which such initial certificate for approval for a charter was granted.

367 Sec. 7. Section 10-66ee of the general statutes is amended by adding  
368 subsection (o) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

369 (NEW) (o) Any unexpended funds appropriated for purposes of this  
370 section shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year but shall be deposited  
371 in the charter school approval grant account, established pursuant to  
372 section 6 of this act, and shall be available for expenditure during the  
373 next fiscal year in accordance with the provisions of said section.

374 Sec. 8. Subsection (a) of section 10-66bb of the general statutes is  
375 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
376 *2021*):

377 (a) (1) On and after July 1, 1997, and prior to July 1, 2015, the State  
378 Board of Education may grant charters for local and state charter schools  
379 in accordance with this section. On and after July 1, 2015, such state  
380 board may grant initial certificates of approval for charters for local and

381 state charter schools in accordance with this section. Upon granting an  
382 initial certificate of approval for a charter, such state board shall submit  
383 a copy of the initial certificate of approval for the charter and a summary  
384 of the comments made at a public hearing conducted pursuant to  
385 subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of this section or subparagraph (B)(ii)  
386 of subdivision (1) of subsection (f) of this section, in accordance with  
387 section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly  
388 having cognizance of matters relating to education and appropriations  
389 and the budgets of state agencies.

390 (2) [The General Assembly may appropriate funds to the Department  
391 of Education for the purposes of providing grants to local and state  
392 charter schools, pursuant to section 10-66ee. If such funds are  
393 appropriated, an initial certificate of approval for a charter for a local or  
394 state charter school shall be effective and deemed a charter as of July  
395 first of the first fiscal year for which such funds are appropriated.] The  
396 General Assembly may appropriate funds to the charter school  
397 approval grant account, pursuant to section 6 of this act, for the  
398 purposes of providing grants, pursuant to section 10-66ee, as amended  
399 by this act, to local and state charter schools that have been granted an  
400 initial certificate of approval for a charter. The Commissioner of  
401 Education shall expend such funds in the fiscal year immediately  
402 following the fiscal year in which such initial certificate for approval for  
403 a charter was granted, and such initial certificate of approval for a  
404 charter shall be effective and deemed a charter as of July first of the fiscal  
405 year for which such funds are expended.

406 (3) A charter or initial certificate of approval for a charter granted  
407 under this section shall not be considered a license, as defined in section  
408 4-166, for the purposes of chapter 54.

409 Sec. 9. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) The Department of  
410 Agriculture, in consultation with the advisory committee described in  
411 subsection (c) of this section, shall administer the CT Grown for CT Kids  
412 Grant Program. Such program shall assist local and regional boards of  
413 education to develop farm-to-school programs that will increase the

414 availability of local foods in child nutrition programs, allow educators  
415 to use hands-on educational techniques to teach students about  
416 nutrition and farm-to-school connections, sustain relationships with  
417 local farmers and producers, enrich the educational experience of  
418 students, improve the health of children in the state, and enhance the  
419 state's economy.

420 (b) A local or regional board of education, regional educational  
421 service center, cooperative arrangement pursuant to section 10-158a of  
422 the general statutes, child care centers, group child care homes and  
423 family child care homes, as such terms are described in section 19a-77 of  
424 the general statutes, or any organization or entity administering or  
425 assisting in the development of a farm-to-school program, may apply,  
426 in a form and manner prescribed by the department, for a grant under  
427 this section. Such grant shall be used to develop or implement a school-  
428 to-farm program, which may include (1) the purchase of equipment,  
429 resources or materials, including, but not limited to, local food products,  
430 gardening supplies, field trips to farms, gleaning on farms and stipends  
431 to visiting farmers, (2) the provision of professional development and  
432 skills training for educators, school nutrition professionals, parents,  
433 caregivers, child care providers, and employees and volunteers of  
434 organizations administering or assisting in the development and  
435 implementation of farm-to-school programs, and (3) piloting new  
436 purchasing systems and programs.

437 (c) The department shall convene an advisory committee to assist in  
438 the administration of the CT Grown for CT Kids Grant Program. The  
439 advisory committee shall consist of the Commissioner of Education, or  
440 the commissioner's designee, and individuals representing stakeholder  
441 groups that reflect the demographic and geographic diversity of the  
442 state, selected by the Commissioner of Agriculture. The advisory  
443 committee shall (1) assist the department in reviewing applications and  
444 awarding grants under this section, and (2) provide technical assistance  
445 to grant recipients in the development and implementation of farm-to-  
446 school programs.

447 (d) In awarding grants under this section, the department shall (1)  
448 give priority to applicants (A) located in alliance districts, as defined in  
449 section 10-262u of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or who  
450 are providers of school readiness programs, as defined in section 10-16p  
451 of the general statutes, and (B) who demonstrate broad commitment  
452 from school administrators, school nutrition professionals, educators  
453 and community stakeholders, and (2) not award a grant that is in an  
454 amount greater than ten per cent of the total amount available for the  
455 fiscal year.

456 (e) The department may accept gifts, grants and donations, including  
457 in-kind donations, for the administration of the CT Grown for CT Kids  
458 Grant Program and to implement the provisions of this section.

459 (f) Not later than January 1, 2023, and annually thereafter, the  
460 department shall submit a report on the CT Grown for CT Kids Grant  
461 Program to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
462 having cognizance of matters relating to education, in accordance with  
463 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. Such report shall  
464 include, but need not be limited to, an accounting of the funds  
465 appropriated and received by the department for the program,  
466 descriptions of each grant awarded under the program and how such  
467 grant was expended by the recipient, and an evaluation of the program  
468 and the success of local farm-to-school programs that have received  
469 grant awards under this section.

470 Sec. 10. Subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of section 10-264i of the  
471 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
472 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

473 (4) In addition to the grants otherwise provided pursuant to this  
474 section, the Commissioner of Education may provide supplemental  
475 transportation grants to regional educational service centers for the  
476 purposes of transportation to interdistrict magnet schools. Any such  
477 grant shall be provided within available appropriations and after the  
478 commissioner has reviewed and approved the total interdistrict magnet

479 school transportation budget for a regional educational service center,  
480 including all revenue and expenditure estimates. For the fiscal years  
481 ending June 30, 2013, to June 30, 2018, inclusive, in addition to the grants  
482 otherwise provided pursuant to this section, the Commissioner of  
483 Education may provide supplemental transportation to interdistrict  
484 magnet schools that assist the state in meeting its obligations pursuant  
485 to the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related  
486 stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the commissioner. Any  
487 such grant shall be provided within available appropriations and upon  
488 a comprehensive financial review, by an auditor selected by the  
489 Commissioner of Education, the costs of such review may be paid from  
490 funds that are part of the supplemental transportation grant. Any such  
491 grant shall be paid as follows: For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013,  
492 up to fifty per cent of the grant on or before June 30, 2013, and the  
493 balance on or before September 1, 2013, upon completion of the  
494 comprehensive financial review; for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014,  
495 up to fifty per cent of the grant on or before June 30, 2014, and the  
496 balance on or before September 1, 2014, upon completion of the  
497 comprehensive financial review; for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015,  
498 up to fifty per cent of the grant on or before June 30, 2015, and the  
499 balance on or before September 1, 2015, upon completion of the  
500 comprehensive financial review; for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016,  
501 up to fifty per cent of the grant on or before June 30, 2016, and the  
502 balance on or before September 1, 2016, upon completion of the  
503 comprehensive financial review; for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017,  
504 up to seventy per cent of the grant on or before June 30, 2017, and the  
505 balance on or before May 30, 2018, upon completion of the  
506 comprehensive financial review; for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018,  
507 up to seventy per cent of the grant on or before June 30, 2018, and the  
508 balance on or before September 1, 2018, upon completion of the  
509 comprehensive financial review; and for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
510 2019, [and each fiscal year thereafter,] up to seventy per cent of the grant  
511 on or before June thirtieth of the fiscal year, and the balance on or before  
512 September first of the following fiscal year upon completion of the  
513 comprehensive financial review; and for the fiscal year ending June 30,



514 2021, and each fiscal year thereafter, any unpaid balance of eligible  
515 transportation costs incurred on or before December thirty-first of the  
516 fiscal year based on documentation, including, but not limited to,  
517 vendor bills dated on or before February first of the fiscal year, and any  
518 unpaid balance of eligible transportation costs incurred on or before  
519 March thirty-first of the fiscal year based on documentation, including,  
520 but not limited to, vendor bills on or before May first of the fiscal year,  
521 and the balance of the grant on or before September first of the following  
522 fiscal year upon completion of the comprehensive financial review.

523 Sec. 11. Subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of section 10-66ee of the  
524 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
525 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

526 (d) (1) The state shall pay in accordance with this subsection, to the  
527 fiscal authority for a state charter school for each student enrolled in  
528 such school, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, ten thousand two  
529 hundred dollars, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, ten thousand  
530 five hundred dollars, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2015, to June  
531 30, 2018, inclusive, eleven thousand dollars, [and] for the fiscal year  
532 ending June 30, 2019, [and each fiscal year thereafter] to June 30, 2021,  
533 inclusive, eleven thousand two hundred fifty dollars, and for the fiscal  
534 year ending June 30, 2022, and each fiscal year thereafter, eleven  
535 thousand five hundred twenty-five dollars. Such payments shall be  
536 made as follows: Twenty-five per cent of the amount not later than July  
537 fifteenth and September first based on estimated student enrollment on  
538 May first, and twenty-five per cent of the amount not later than January  
539 first and the remaining amount not later than April first, each based on  
540 student enrollment on October first.

541 Sec. 12. Section 10-17g of the general statutes is repealed and the  
542 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

543 For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2016, to June 30, [2021] 2023,  
544 inclusive, the board of education for each local and regional school  
545 district that is required to provide a program of bilingual education,

546 pursuant to section 10-17f, may make application to the State Board of  
547 Education and shall annually receive, within available appropriations,  
548 a grant in an amount equal to the product obtained by multiplying one  
549 million nine hundred sixteen thousand one hundred thirty by the ratio  
550 which the number of eligible children in the school district bears to the  
551 total number of such eligible children state-wide. The board of  
552 education for each local and regional school district receiving funds  
553 pursuant to this section shall annually, on or before September first,  
554 submit to the State Board of Education a progress report which shall  
555 include (1) measures of increased educational opportunities for eligible  
556 students, including language support services and language transition  
557 support services provided to such students, (2) program evaluation and  
558 measures of the effectiveness of its bilingual education and English as a  
559 second language programs, including data on students in bilingual  
560 education programs and students educated exclusively in English as a  
561 second language programs, and (3) certification by the board of  
562 education submitting the report that any funds received pursuant to this  
563 section have been used for the purposes specified. The State Board of  
564 Education shall annually evaluate programs conducted pursuant to  
565 section 10-17f. For purposes of this section, measures of the effectiveness  
566 of bilingual education and English as a second language programs  
567 include, but need not be limited to, mastery examination results, under  
568 section 10-14n, and graduation and school dropout rates. Any amount  
569 appropriated under this section in excess of one million nine hundred  
570 sixteen thousand one hundred thirty dollars shall be spent in accordance  
571 with the provisions of sections 10-17k, 10-17n and 10-66t. Any  
572 unexpended funds, as of November first, appropriated to the  
573 Department of Education for purposes of providing a grant to a local or  
574 regional board of education for the provision of a program of bilingual  
575 education, pursuant to section 10-17f, shall be distributed on a pro rata  
576 basis to each local and regional board of education receiving a grant  
577 under this section. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for  
578 the fiscal years ending June 30, 2009, to June 30, [2021] 2023, inclusive,  
579 the amount of grants payable to local or regional boards of education  
580 for the provision of a program of bilingual education under this section

581 shall be reduced proportionately if the total of such grants in such year  
582 exceeds the amount appropriated for such grants for such year.

583 Sec. 13. Subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of section 10-76d of the  
584 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
585 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

586 (2) For purposes of this subdivision, "public agency" includes the  
587 offices of a government of a federally recognized Native American tribe.  
588 Notwithstanding any other provisions of the general statutes, for the  
589 fiscal year ending June 30, 1987, and each fiscal year thereafter,  
590 whenever a public agency, other than a local or regional board of  
591 education, the State Board of Education or the Superior Court acting  
592 pursuant to section 10-76h, places a child in a foster home, group home,  
593 hospital, state institution, receiving home, custodial institution or any  
594 other residential or day treatment facility, and such child requires  
595 special education, the local or regional board of education under whose  
596 jurisdiction the child would otherwise be attending school or, if no such  
597 board can be identified, the local or regional board of education of the  
598 town where the child is placed, shall provide the requisite special  
599 education and related services to such child in accordance with the  
600 provisions of this section. Within one business day of such a placement  
601 by the Department of Children and Families or offices of a government  
602 of a federally recognized Native American tribe, said department or  
603 offices shall orally notify the local or regional board of education  
604 responsible for providing special education and related services to such  
605 child of such placement. The department or offices shall provide written  
606 notification to such board of such placement within two business days  
607 of the placement. Such local or regional board of education shall  
608 convene a planning and placement team meeting for such child within  
609 thirty days of the placement and shall invite a representative of the  
610 Department of Children and Families or offices of a government of a  
611 federally recognized Native American tribe to participate in such  
612 meeting. (A) The local or regional board of education under whose  
613 jurisdiction such child would otherwise be attending school shall be

614 financially responsible for the reasonable costs of such special education  
615 and related services in an amount equal to the lesser of one hundred per  
616 cent of the costs of such education or the average per pupil educational  
617 costs of such board of education for the prior fiscal year, determined in  
618 accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of section 10-76f. The  
619 State Board of Education shall pay on a current basis, except as provided  
620 in subdivision (3) of this subsection, any costs in excess of such local or  
621 regional board's basic contributions paid by such board of education in  
622 accordance with the provisions of this subdivision. (B) Whenever a child  
623 is placed pursuant to this subdivision, on or after July 1, 1995, by the  
624 Department of Children and Families and the local or regional board of  
625 education under whose jurisdiction such child would otherwise be  
626 attending school cannot be identified, the local or regional board of  
627 education under whose jurisdiction the child attended school or in  
628 whose district the child resided at the time of removal from the home  
629 by said department shall be responsible for the reasonable costs of  
630 special education and related services provided to such child, for one  
631 calendar year or until the child is committed to the state pursuant to  
632 section 46b-129 or 46b-140 or is returned to the child's parent or  
633 guardian, whichever is earlier. If the child remains in such placement  
634 beyond one calendar year the Department of Children and Families  
635 shall be responsible for such costs. During the period the local or  
636 regional board of education is responsible for the reasonable cost of  
637 special education and related services pursuant to this subparagraph,  
638 the board shall be responsible for such costs in an amount equal to the  
639 lesser of one hundred per cent of the costs of such education and related  
640 services or the average per pupil educational costs of such board of  
641 education for the prior fiscal year, determined in accordance with the  
642 provisions of subsection (a) of section 10-76f. The State Board of  
643 Education shall pay on a current basis, except as provided in  
644 subdivision (3) of this subsection, any costs in excess of such local or  
645 regional board's basic contributions paid by such board of education in  
646 accordance with the provisions of this subdivision. The costs for services  
647 other than educational shall be paid by the state agency which placed  
648 the child. The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to the school

649 districts established within the Department of Children and Families,  
650 pursuant to section 17a-37 or the Department of Correction, pursuant to  
651 section 18-99a, provided in any case in which special education is being  
652 provided at a private residential institution, including the residential  
653 components of regional educational service centers, to a child for whom  
654 no local or regional board of education can be found responsible under  
655 subsection (b) of this section, Unified School District #2 shall provide  
656 the special education and related services and be financially responsible  
657 for the reasonable costs of such special education instruction for such  
658 children. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subdivision, for the  
659 fiscal years ending June 30, 2004, to June 30, 2007, inclusive, and for the  
660 fiscal years ending June 30, 2010, to June 30, [2021] 2023, inclusive, the  
661 amount of the grants payable to local or regional boards of education in  
662 accordance with this subdivision shall be reduced proportionately if the  
663 total of such grants in such year exceeds the amount appropriated for  
664 the purposes of this subdivision for such year.

665 Sec. 14. Subsection (d) of section 10-76g of the general statutes is  
666 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
667 *2021*):

668 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the fiscal years  
669 ending June 30, 2004, to June 30, 2007, inclusive, and for the fiscal years  
670 ending June 30, 2010, to June 30, [2021] 2023, inclusive, the amount of  
671 the grants payable to local or regional boards of education in accordance  
672 with this section, except grants paid in accordance with subdivision (2)  
673 of subsection (a) of this section, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2006,  
674 and June 30, 2007, and for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2010, to June  
675 30, [2021] 2023, inclusive, shall be reduced proportionately if the total of  
676 such grants in such year exceeds the amount appropriated for the  
677 purposes of this section for such year.

678 Sec. 15. Subsection (b) of section 10-253 of the general statutes is  
679 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
680 *2021*):

681 (b) The board of education of the school district under whose  
682 jurisdiction a child would otherwise be attending school shall be  
683 financially responsible for the reasonable costs of education for a child  
684 placed out by the Commissioner of Children and Families or by other  
685 agencies, including, but not limited to, offices of a government of a  
686 federally recognized Native American tribe, in a private residential  
687 facility when such child requires educational services other than special  
688 education services. Such financial responsibility shall be the lesser of  
689 one hundred per cent of the costs of such education or the average per  
690 pupil educational costs of such board of education for the prior fiscal  
691 year, determined in accordance with subsection (a) of section 10-76f.  
692 Any costs in excess of the board's basic contribution shall be paid by the  
693 State Board of Education on a current basis. The costs for services other  
694 than educational shall be paid by the state agency which placed the  
695 child. Application for the grant to be paid by the state for costs in excess  
696 of the local or regional board of education's basic contribution shall be  
697 made in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (5) of subsection  
698 (e) of section 10-76d. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection,  
699 for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2004, to June 30, 2007, inclusive, and  
700 for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2010, to June 30, [2021] 2023,  
701 inclusive, the amount of the grants payable to local or regional boards  
702 of education in accordance with this subsection shall be reduced  
703 proportionately if the total of such grants in such year exceeds the  
704 amount appropriated for the purposes of this subsection for such year.

705 Sec. 16. Subsection (i) of section 10-217a of the general statutes is  
706 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
707 *2021*):

708 (i) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the fiscal years  
709 ending June 30, 2008, to June 30, [2021] 2023, inclusive, the amount of  
710 the grants payable to local or regional boards of education in accordance  
711 with this section shall be reduced proportionately if the total of such  
712 grants in such year exceeds the amount appropriated for purposes of  
713 this section.

714 Sec. 17. Subsection (e) of section 10-66j of the general statutes is  
715 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
716 *2021*):

717 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the fiscal years  
718 ending June 30, 2004, to June 30, 2019, inclusive, and for the fiscal years  
719 ending June 30, 2022, and June 30, 2023, the amount of grants payable to  
720 regional educational service centers shall be reduced proportionately if  
721 the total of such grants in such year exceeds the amount appropriated  
722 for such grants for such year.

723 Sec. 18. Subsection (d) of section 10-71 of the general statutes is  
724 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
725 *2021*):

726 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the fiscal years  
727 ending June 30, 2004, to June 30, [2021] 2023, inclusive, the amount of  
728 the grants payable to towns, regional boards of education or regional  
729 educational service centers in accordance with this section shall be  
730 reduced proportionately if the total of such grants in such year exceeds  
731 the amount appropriated for the purposes of this section for such year.

732 Sec. 19. Section 10-266aa of the general statutes is repealed and the  
733 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

734 (a) As used in this section:

735 (1) "Receiving district" means any school district that accepts students  
736 under the program established pursuant to this section;

737 (2) "Sending district" means any school district that sends students it  
738 would otherwise be legally responsible for educating to another school  
739 district under the program; and

740 (3) "Minority students" means students who are "pupils of racial  
741 minorities", as defined in section 10-226a.

742 (b) There is established, within available appropriations, an  
743 interdistrict public school attendance program. The purpose of the  
744 program shall be to: (1) Improve academic achievement; (2) reduce  
745 racial, ethnic and economic isolation or preserve racial and ethnic  
746 balance; and (3) provide a choice of educational programs. The  
747 Department of Education shall provide oversight for the program,  
748 including the setting of reasonable limits for the transportation of  
749 students participating in the program, and may provide for the  
750 incremental expansion of the program for the school year commencing  
751 in 2000 for each town required to participate in the program pursuant  
752 to subsection (c) of this section.

753 (c) The program shall be phased in as provided in this subsection. (1)  
754 For the school year commencing in 1998, and for each school year  
755 thereafter, the program shall be in operation in the Hartford, New  
756 Haven and Bridgeport regions. The Hartford program shall operate as  
757 a continuation of the program described in section 10-266j. Students  
758 who reside in Hartford, New Haven or Bridgeport may attend school in  
759 another school district in the region and students who reside in such  
760 other school districts may attend school in Hartford, New Haven or  
761 Bridgeport, provided, beginning with the 2001-2002 school year, the  
762 proportion of students who are not minority students to the total  
763 number of students leaving Hartford, Bridgeport or New Haven to  
764 participate in the program shall not be greater than the proportion of  
765 students who were not minority students in the prior school year to the  
766 total number of students enrolled in Hartford, Bridgeport or New  
767 Haven in the prior school year. The regional educational service center  
768 operating the program shall make program participation decisions in  
769 accordance with the requirements of this subdivision. (2) For the school  
770 year commencing in 2000, and for each school year thereafter, the  
771 program shall be in operation in New London, provided beginning with  
772 the 2001-2002 school year, the proportion of students who are not  
773 minority students to the total number of students leaving New London  
774 to participate in the program shall not be greater than the proportion of  
775 students who were not minority students in the prior year to the total



776 number of students enrolled in New London in the prior school year.  
777 The regional educational service center operating the program shall  
778 make program participation decisions in accordance with this  
779 subdivision. (3) The Department of Education may provide, within  
780 available appropriations, grants for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003,  
781 to the remaining regional educational service centers to assist school  
782 districts in planning for a voluntary program of student enrollment in  
783 every priority school district, pursuant to section 10-266p, which is  
784 interested in participating in accordance with this subdivision. For the  
785 school year commencing in 2003, and for each school year thereafter, the  
786 voluntary enrollment program may be in operation in every priority  
787 school district in the state. Students from other school districts in the  
788 area of a priority school district, as determined by the regional  
789 educational service center pursuant to subsection (d) of this section, may  
790 attend school in the priority school district, provided such students  
791 bring racial, ethnic and economic diversity to the priority school district  
792 and do not increase the racial, ethnic and economic isolation in the  
793 priority school district. (4) For the school year commencing July 1, 2022,  
794 there shall be a pilot program in operation in Danbury and Norwalk.  
795 The pilot program shall serve (A) up to fifty students who reside in  
796 Danbury, and such students may attend school in the school districts for  
797 the towns of New Fairfield, Brookfield, Bethel, Ridgefield and Redding,  
798 and (B) up to fifty students who reside in Norwalk, and such students  
799 may attend school in the school districts for the towns of Darien, New  
800 Canaan, Wilton, Weston and Westport. School districts which received  
801 students from Danbury and Norwalk under the pilot program during  
802 the school year commencing July 1, 2022, shall allow such students to  
803 attend school in the district until they graduate from high school.

804 (d) School districts which received students from New London under  
805 the program during the [2000-2001] school year commencing July 1,  
806 2000, shall allow such students to attend school in the district until they  
807 graduate from high school. The attendance of such students in such  
808 program shall not be supported by grants pursuant to subsections (f)  
809 and (g) of this section but shall be supported, in the same amounts as

810 provided for in said subsections, by interdistrict cooperative grants  
811 pursuant to section 10-74d to the regional educational service centers  
812 operating such programs.

813 (e) Once the program is in operation in the region served by a  
814 regional educational service center pursuant to subsection (c) of this  
815 section, the Department of Education shall provide an annual grant to  
816 such regional educational service center to assist school districts in its  
817 area in administering the program and to provide staff to assist students  
818 participating in the program to make the transition to a new school and  
819 to act as a liaison between the parents of such students and the new  
820 school district. Each regional educational service center shall determine  
821 which school districts in its area are located close enough to a priority  
822 school district to make participation in the program feasible in terms of  
823 student transportation pursuant to subsection (f) of this section,  
824 provided any student participating in the program prior to July 1, 1999,  
825 shall be allowed to continue to attend the same school such student  
826 attended prior to said date in the receiving district until the student  
827 completes the highest grade in such school. If there are more students  
828 who seek to attend school in a receiving district than there are spaces  
829 available, the regional educational service center shall assist the school  
830 district in determining attendance by the use of a lottery or lotteries  
831 designed to preserve or increase racial, ethnic and economic diversity,  
832 except that the regional educational service center shall give preference  
833 to siblings and to students who would otherwise attend a school that  
834 has lost its accreditation by the New England Association of Schools and  
835 Colleges or has been identified as in need of improvement pursuant to  
836 the No Child Left Behind Act, P.L. 107-110. The admission policies shall  
837 be consistent with section 10-15c and this section. No receiving district  
838 shall recruit students under the program for athletic or extracurricular  
839 purposes. Each receiving district shall allow out-of-district students it  
840 accepts to attend school in the district until they graduate from high  
841 school.

842 (f) The Department of Education shall provide grants to regional

843 educational service centers or local or regional boards of education for  
844 the reasonable cost of transportation for students participating in the  
845 program. For the fiscal [years ending June 30, 2015, to June 30, 2017,  
846 inclusive] year ending June 30, 2022, and each fiscal year thereafter, the  
847 department shall provide such grants within available appropriations,  
848 provided the state-wide average of such grants does not exceed an  
849 amount equal to three thousand two hundred fifty dollars for each  
850 student transported, except that the Commissioner of Education may  
851 grant to regional educational service centers or local or regional boards  
852 of education additional sums from funds remaining in the  
853 appropriation for such transportation services if needed to offset  
854 transportation costs that exceed such maximum amount. The regional  
855 educational service centers shall provide reasonable transportation  
856 services to high school students who wish to participate in supervised  
857 extracurricular activities. For purposes of this section, the number of  
858 students transported shall be determined on October first of each fiscal  
859 year.

860 (g) (1) Except as provided in [subdivision] subdivisions (2) and (3) of  
861 this subsection, the Department of Education shall provide, within  
862 available appropriations, an annual grant to the local or regional board  
863 of education for each receiving district in an amount not to exceed two  
864 thousand five hundred dollars for each out-of-district student who  
865 attends school in the receiving district under the program.

866 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, and each fiscal year  
867 thereafter, the department shall provide, within available  
868 appropriations, an annual grant to the local or regional board of  
869 education for each receiving district if one of the following conditions  
870 are met as follows: (A) Three thousand dollars for each out-of-district  
871 student who attends school in the receiving district under the program  
872 if the number of such out-of-district students is less than two per cent of  
873 the total student population of such receiving district, (B) four thousand  
874 dollars for each out-of-district student who attends school in the  
875 receiving district under the program if the number of such out-of-

876 district students is greater than or equal to two per cent but less than  
877 three per cent of the total student population of such receiving district,  
878 (C) six thousand dollars for each out-of-district student who attends  
879 school in the receiving district under the program if the number of such  
880 out-of-district students is greater than or equal to three per cent but less  
881 than four per cent of the total student population of such receiving  
882 district, (D) six thousand dollars for each out-of-district student who  
883 attends school in the receiving district under the program if the  
884 Commissioner of Education determines that the receiving district has an  
885 enrollment of greater than four thousand students and has increased the  
886 number of students in the program by at least fifty per cent from the  
887 previous fiscal year, or (E) eight thousand dollars for each out-of-district  
888 student who attends school in the receiving district under the program  
889 if the number of such out-of-district students is greater than or equal to  
890 four per cent of the total student population of such receiving district.

891 (3) (A) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the department shall  
892 provide a grant to the local or regional board of education for each  
893 receiving district described in subdivision (4) of subsection (c) of this  
894 section in an amount of four thousand dollars for each out-of-district  
895 student who resides in Danbury or Norwalk and attends school in the  
896 receiving district under the pilot program.

897 (B) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, and each fiscal year  
898 thereafter, the department shall provide an annual grant to the local or  
899 regional board of education for each receiving district described in  
900 subdivision (4) of subsection (c) of this section for each out-of-district  
901 student who resides in Danbury or Norwalk and attends school in the  
902 receiving district under the pilot program in accordance with the  
903 provisions of subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection.

904 ~~[(3)]~~ (4) Each town which receives funds pursuant to this subsection  
905 shall make such funds available to its local or regional board of  
906 education in supplement to any other local appropriation, other state or  
907 federal grant or other revenue to which the local or regional board of  
908 education is entitled.

909 (h) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, each sending  
910 district and each receiving district shall divide the number of children  
911 participating in the program who reside in such district or attend school  
912 in such district by two for purposes of the counts for subdivision (22) of  
913 section 10-262f and subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 10-261.

914 (i) In the case of an out-of-district student who requires special  
915 education and related services, the sending district shall pay the  
916 receiving district an amount equal to the difference between the  
917 reasonable cost of providing such special education and related services  
918 to such student and the amount received by the receiving district  
919 pursuant to subsection (g) of this section and in the case of students  
920 participating pursuant to subsection (d) of this section, the per pupil  
921 amount received pursuant to section 10-74d. The sending district shall  
922 be eligible for reimbursement pursuant to section 10-76g, as amended  
923 by this act.

924 (j) Nothing in this section shall prohibit school districts from charging  
925 tuition to other school districts that do not have a high school pursuant  
926 to section 10-33.

927 (k) On or before March first of each year, the Commissioner of  
928 Education shall determine if the enrollment in the program pursuant to  
929 subsection (c) of this section for the fiscal year is below the number of  
930 students for which funds were appropriated. If the commissioner  
931 determines that the enrollment is below such number, the additional  
932 funds shall not lapse but shall be used by the commissioner in  
933 accordance with this subsection.

934 (1) Any amount up to five hundred thousand dollars of such  
935 nonlapsing funds shall be used for supplemental grants to receiving  
936 districts on a pro rata basis for each out-of-district student in the  
937 program pursuant to subsection (c) of this section who attends the same  
938 school in the receiving district as at least nine other such out-of-district  
939 students, not to exceed one thousand dollars per student.

940 (2) Any amount of such nonlapsing funds equal to or greater than  
941 five hundred thousand dollars, but less than one million dollars, shall  
942 be used for supplemental grants, in an amount determined by the  
943 commissioner, on a pro rata basis to receiving districts that report to the  
944 commissioner on or before March first of the current school year that the  
945 number of out-of-district students enrolled in such receiving district is  
946 greater than the number of out-of-district students enrolled in such  
947 receiving district from the previous school year.

948 (3) Any remaining nonlapsing funds shall be used by the  
949 commissioner to increase enrollment in the interdistrict public school  
950 attendance program described in this section.

951 (l) For purposes of the state-wide mastery examinations under  
952 section 10-14n, students participating in the program established  
953 pursuant to this section shall be considered residents of the school  
954 district in which they attend school.

955 (m) Within available appropriations, the commissioner may make  
956 grants to regional education service centers which provide summer  
957 school educational programs approved by the commissioner to students  
958 participating in the program.

959 (n) The Commissioner of Education may provide grants for children  
960 in the Hartford program described in this section to participate in  
961 preschool and all day kindergarten programs. In addition to the subsidy  
962 provided to the receiving district for educational services, such grants  
963 may be used for the provision of before and after-school care and  
964 remedial services for the preschool and kindergarten students  
965 participating in the program.

966 (o) Within available appropriations, the commissioner may make  
967 grants for academic student support for programs pursuant to this  
968 section that assist the state in meeting [the goals of the 2008 stipulation  
969 and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as extended,  
970 or the goals of the 2013 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v.

971 William A. O'Neill, et al., as extended, as determined by the  
972 commissioner] its obligations pursuant to the decision in Sheff v.  
973 O'Neill, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect,  
974 as determined by the Commissioner of Education.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10-262u(d)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10-51(d)(2)
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10-262j
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10-262i(d)
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10-66ee
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10-66bb(a)
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10-264i(a)(4)
Sec. 11	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10-66ee(d)(1)
Sec. 12	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10-17g
Sec. 13	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10-76d(e)(2)
Sec. 14	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10-76g(d)
Sec. 15	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10-253(b)
Sec. 16	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10-217a(i)
Sec. 17	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10-66j(e)
Sec. 18	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10-71(d)
Sec. 19	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10-266aa

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