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

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (2) of subsection (g) of section 10-266aa of the
2 2022 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is
3 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

4 (2) (A) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, and each fiscal year
5 thereafter, the department shall provide, within available
6 appropriations, an annual grant to the local or regional board of
7 education for each receiving district if one of the following conditions
8 are met as follows: [(A)] (i) Three thousand dollars for each out-of-
9 district student who attends school in the receiving district under the
10 program if the number of such out-of-district students is less than two
11 per cent of the total student population of such receiving district plus
12 any amount available pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this subdivision,
13 [(B)] (ii) four thousand dollars for each out-of-district student who
14 attends school in the receiving district under the program if the number
15 of such out-of-district students is greater than or equal to two per cent
16 but less than three per cent of the total student population of such
17 receiving district plus any amount available pursuant to subparagraph
18 (B) of this subdivision, [(C)] (iii) six thousand dollars for each out-of-

19 district student who attends school in the receiving district under the
20 program if the number of such out-of-district students is greater than or
21 equal to three per cent but less than four per cent of the total student
22 population of such receiving district plus any amount available
23 pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, [(D)] (iv) six thousand
24 dollars for each out-of-district student who attends school in the
25 receiving district under the program if the Commissioner of Education
26 determines that the receiving district has an enrollment of greater than
27 four thousand students and has increased the number of students in the
28 program by at least fifty per cent from the previous fiscal year plus any
29 amount available pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, or
30 [(E)] (v) eight thousand dollars for each out-of-district student who
31 attends school in the receiving district under the program if the number
32 of such out-of-district students is greater than or equal to four per cent
33 of the total student population of such receiving district plus any
34 amount available pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this subdivision.

35 (B) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, and each fiscal year
36 thereafter, the department shall, in order to assist the state in meeting
37 its obligations under commitment 9B of the Comprehensive School
38 Choice Plan pursuant to the settlement in Sheff v. O'Neill, HHD-X07-
39 CV89-4026240-S, provide, within available appropriations, an
40 additional grant to the local or regional board of education for each
41 receiving district in the amount of two thousand dollars for each out-of-
42 district student who resides in the Hartford region and attends school
43 in the receiving district under the program.

44 Sec. 2. Subsections (a) to (c), inclusive, of section 10-262u of the 2022
45 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is
46 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

47 (a) As used in this section and section 10-262i:

48 (1) "Alliance district" means a school district for a town that [(A)] is
49 among the towns with the [thirty] thirty-three lowest accountability
50 index scores, as calculated by the Department of Education. [, or (B) was

51 previously designated as an alliance district by the Commissioner of
52 Education for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2013, to June 30, 2017,
53 inclusive.]

54 (2) "Graduated alliance district" means a school district for a town
55 that (A) was previously designated as an alliance district by the
56 commissioner for (i) the fiscal years ending June 30, 2013, to June 30,
57 2017, inclusive, or (ii) the fiscal years ending June 30, 2018, to June 30,
58 2022, inclusive, and (B) on and after July 1, 2022, is no longer among the
59 towns with the thirty-three lowest accountability index scores, as
60 calculated by the department.

61 [(2)] (3) "Accountability index" has the same meaning as provided in
62 section 10-223e.

63 [(3)] (4) "Mastery test data of record" has the same meaning as
64 provided in section 10-262f, as amended by this act.

65 [(4)] (5) "Educational reform district" means a school district that is in
66 a town that is among the ten lowest accountability index scores when
67 all towns are ranked highest to lowest in accountability index scores.

68 (b) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, the Commissioner of
69 Education shall designate thirty school districts as alliance districts. Any
70 school district designated as an alliance district shall be so designated
71 for a period of five years. On or before June 30, 2016, the Department of
72 Education shall determine if there are any additional alliance districts.

73 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the commissioner shall
74 designate thirty-three school districts as alliance districts. Any school
75 district designated as an alliance district shall be so designated for a
76 period of five years.

77 (3) (A) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the commissioner shall
78 designate thirty-three school districts as alliance districts. Any school
79 district designated as an alliance district shall be so designated for a
80 period of five years.

81 (B) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the commissioner shall
82 designate any school districts as graduated alliance districts. Any school
83 district designated as a graduated alliance district shall be so designated
84 for a period of five years.

85 (c) (1) (A) (i) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, the Comptroller
86 shall withhold from a town designated as an alliance district any
87 increase in funds received over the amount the town received for the
88 prior fiscal year pursuant to section 10-262h, as amended by this act. The
89 Comptroller shall transfer such funds to the Commissioner of
90 Education. [(B)] (ii) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2014, to June 30,
91 2016, inclusive, the Comptroller shall withhold from a town designated
92 as an alliance district any increase in funds received over the amount
93 the town received for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, pursuant to
94 subsection (a) of section 10-262i. [(C)] (iii) For the fiscal year ending June
95 30, 2017, the Comptroller shall withhold from a town designated as an
96 alliance district any increase in funds received over the amount the town
97 received for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, pursuant to subsection
98 (a) of section 10-262i, minus the aid reduction, as described in subsection
99 (d) of section 10-262i. [(D)] (iv) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018,
100 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Comptroller shall withhold from a
101 town designated as an alliance district any increase in funds received
102 over the amount the town received for the fiscal year ending June 30,
103 2012, pursuant to subsection (a) of section 10-262i. The Comptroller shall
104 transfer such funds to the Commissioner of Education.

105 (B) (i) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the Comptroller shall
106 withhold from a town designated as a graduated alliance district an
107 amount equal to the amount the Comptroller withheld from such
108 graduated alliance during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, pursuant
109 to clause (iv) of subparagraph (A) of this subdivision. (ii) For the fiscal
110 year ending June 30, 2024, the Comptroller shall withhold from a town
111 designated as a graduated alliance district an amount equal to seventy-
112 five per cent of the amount the Comptroller withheld from such
113 graduated alliance during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, pursuant

114 to clause (iv) of subparagraph (A) of this subdivision. (iii) For the fiscal
115 year ending June 30, 2025, the Comptroller shall withhold from a town
116 designated as a graduated alliance district an amount equal to fifty per
117 cent of the amount the Comptroller withheld from such graduated
118 alliance during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, pursuant to clause
119 (iv) of subparagraph (A) of this subdivision. (iv) For the fiscal year
120 ending June 30, 2026, the Comptroller shall withhold from a town
121 designated as a graduated alliance district an amount equal to twenty-
122 five per cent of the amount the Comptroller withheld from such
123 graduated alliance during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, pursuant
124 to clause (iv) of subparagraph (A) of this subdivision. (v) For the fiscal
125 year ending June 30, 2027, the Comptroller shall not withhold any such
126 amount from a town designated as a graduated alliance district. The
127 Comptroller shall transfer such funds to the Commissioner of
128 Education. The Commissioner of Education may pay any such funds to
129 the town designated as a graduated alliance district and such town shall
130 pay any such funds to the local or regional board of education for such
131 town upon receipt of an application, at such time and in such manner as
132 the commissioner prescribes.

133 (2) Upon receipt of an application pursuant to subsection (d) of this
134 section or section 10-156gg, the Commissioner of Education may pay
135 such funds to the town designated as an alliance district and such town
136 shall pay all such funds to the local or regional board of education for
137 such town on the condition that such funds shall be expended in
138 accordance with (A) the plan described in subsection (d) of this section,
139 (B) the minority candidate certification, retention or residency year
140 program pursuant to section 10-156gg, (C) the provisions of subsection
141 (c) of section 10-262i, and (D) any guidelines developed by the State
142 Board of Education for such funds. Such funds shall be used to improve
143 student achievement and recruit and retain minority teachers in such
144 alliance district and to offset any other local education costs approved
145 by the commissioner.

146 Sec. 3. Subsection (c) of section 10-262j of the 2022 supplement to the

147 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
148 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

149 (c) Except as otherwise provided under the provisions of subsections
150 (g) and (h) of this section, a town designated as an alliance district or a
151 graduated alliance district, as those terms are defined in section 10-262u,
152 as amended by this act, shall not reduce its budgeted appropriation for
153 education pursuant to this section.

154 Sec. 4. Section 10-262h of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes
155 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
156 *1, 2022*):

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

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

176 (c) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2020, and June 30, 2021, each
177 town maintaining public schools according to law shall be entitled to an

178 equalization aid grant as follows: (1) Any town whose fully funded
179 grant is greater than its base grant amount shall be entitled to an
180 equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its equalization aid grant
181 amount for the previous fiscal year plus ten and sixty-six-one-
182 hundredths per cent of its grant adjustment; and (2) any town whose
183 fully funded grant is less than its base grant amount shall be entitled to
184 an equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its equalization aid
185 grant amount for the previous fiscal year minus eight and thirty-three-
186 one-hundredths per cent of its grant adjustment, except any such town
187 designated as an alliance district shall be entitled to an equalization aid
188 grant in an amount equal to its base grant amount.

189 (d) For the fiscal [years] year ending June 30, 2022, [and June 30, 2023,]
190 each town maintaining public schools according to law shall be entitled
191 to an equalization aid grant as follows: (1) Any town whose fully funded
192 grant is greater than its base grant amount shall be entitled to an
193 equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its equalization aid grant
194 amount for the previous fiscal year plus ten and sixty-six-one-
195 hundredths per cent of its grant adjustment; and (2) any town whose
196 fully funded grant is less than its base grant amount shall be entitled to
197 an equalization aid grant in an amount equal to the amount the town
198 was entitled to for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

199 [(e) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2024, to June 30, 2027,
200 inclusive, each town maintaining public schools according to law shall
201 be entitled to an equalization aid grant as follows: (1) Any town whose
202 fully funded grant is greater than its base grant amount shall be entitled
203 to an equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its equalization aid
204 grant amount for the previous fiscal year plus ten and sixty-six-one-
205 hundredths per cent of its grant adjustment; and (2) any town whose
206 fully funded grant is less than its base grant amount shall be entitled to
207 an equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its equalization aid
208 grant amount for the previous fiscal year minus eight and thirty-three-
209 one-hundredths per cent of its grant adjustment, except any such town
210 designated as an alliance district shall be entitled to an equalization aid

211 grant in an amount equal to its base grant amount.]

212 (e) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, each town maintaining
213 public schools according to law shall be entitled to an equalization aid
214 grant as follows: (1) Any town whose fully funded grant is greater than
215 its equalization aid grant amount for the previous fiscal year shall be
216 entitled to an equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its
217 equalization aid grant amount for the previous fiscal year plus sixteen
218 and sixty-seven-one-hundredths per cent of its grant adjustment; and
219 (2) any town whose fully funded grant is less than its equalization aid
220 grant amount for the previous fiscal year shall be entitled to an
221 equalization aid grant in an amount equal to the amount the town was
222 entitled to for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.

223 (f) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, each town maintaining
224 public schools according to law shall be entitled to an equalization aid
225 grant as follows: (1) Any town whose fully funded grant is greater than
226 its equalization aid grant amount for the previous fiscal year shall be
227 entitled to an equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its
228 equalization aid grant amount for the previous fiscal year plus twenty
229 per cent of its grant adjustment; (2) any town whose fully funded grant
230 is less than its equalization aid grant amount for the previous fiscal year
231 shall be entitled to an equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its
232 equalization aid grant amount for the previous fiscal year minus
233 fourteen and twenty-nine-one-hundredths per cent of its grant
234 adjustment; and (3) any town designated as an alliance district or a
235 graduated alliance district shall be entitled to an equalization aid grant
236 in an amount that is the greater of (A) the amount described in either
237 subdivision (1) of this subsection or subdivision (2) of this subsection, as
238 applicable, (B) its base grant amount, or (C) its equalization aid grant
239 entitlement for the previous fiscal year.

240 (g) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, each town maintaining
241 public schools according to law shall be entitled to an equalization aid
242 grant as follows: (1) Any town whose fully funded grant is greater than
243 its equalization aid grant amount for the previous fiscal year shall be

244 entitled to an equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its
245 equalization aid grant amount for the previous fiscal year plus twenty-
246 five per cent of its grant adjustment; (2) any town whose fully funded
247 grant is less than its equalization aid grant amount for the previous fiscal
248 year shall be entitled to an equalization aid grant in an amount equal to
249 its equalization aid grant amount for the previous fiscal year minus
250 sixteen and sixty-seven-one-hundredths per cent of its grant
251 adjustment; and (3) any town designated as an alliance district or a
252 graduated alliance district shall be entitled to an equalization aid grant
253 in an amount that is the greater of (A) the amount described in either
254 subdivision (1) of this subsection or subdivision (2) of this subsection, as
255 applicable, (B) its base grant amount, or (C) its equalization aid grant
256 entitlement for the previous fiscal year.

257 (h) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, each town maintaining
258 public schools according to law shall be entitled to an equalization aid
259 grant as follows: (1) Any town whose fully funded grant is greater than
260 its equalization aid grant amount for the previous fiscal year shall be
261 entitled to an equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its
262 equalization aid grant amount for the previous fiscal year plus thirty-
263 three and thirty-three-one-hundredths per cent of its grant adjustment;
264 (2) any town whose fully funded grant is less than its equalization aid
265 grant amount for the previous fiscal year shall be entitled to an
266 equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its equalization aid grant
267 amount for the previous fiscal year minus twenty per cent of its grant
268 adjustment; and (3) any town designated as an alliance district or a
269 graduated alliance district shall be entitled to an equalization aid grant
270 in an amount that is the greater of (A) the amount described in either
271 subdivision (1) of this subsection or subdivision (2) of this subsection, as
272 applicable, (B) its base grant amount, or (C) its equalization aid grant
273 entitlement for the previous fiscal year.

274 (i) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, each town maintaining
275 public schools according to law shall be entitled to an equalization aid
276 grant as follows: (1) Any town whose fully funded grant is greater than

277 its equalization aid grant amount for the previous fiscal year shall be
278 entitled to an equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its
279 equalization aid grant amount for the previous fiscal year plus fifty per
280 cent of its grant adjustment; (2) any town whose fully funded grant is
281 less than its equalization aid grant amount for the previous fiscal year
282 shall be entitled to an equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its
283 equalization aid grant amount for the previous fiscal year minus
284 twenty-five per cent of its grant adjustment; and (3) any town
285 designated as an alliance district or a graduated alliance district shall be
286 entitled to an equalization aid grant in an amount that is the greater of
287 (A) the amount described in either subdivision (1) of this subsection or
288 subdivision (2) of this subsection, as applicable, (B) its base grant
289 amount, or (C) its equalization aid grant entitlement for the previous
290 fiscal year.

291 (j) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2028, each town maintaining
292 public schools according to law shall be entitled to an equalization aid
293 grant as follows: (1) Any town whose fully funded grant is greater than
294 its equalization aid grant amount for the previous fiscal year shall be
295 entitled to an equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its fully
296 funded grant; (2) any town whose fully funded grant is less than its
297 equalization aid grant amount for the previous fiscal year shall be
298 entitled to an equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its
299 equalization aid grant amount for the previous fiscal year minus thirty-
300 three and thirty-three-one-hundredths per cent of its grant adjustment;
301 and (3) any town designated as an alliance district or a graduated
302 alliance district shall be entitled to an equalization aid grant in an
303 amount that is the greater of (A) the amount described in either
304 subdivision (1) of this subsection or subdivision (2) of this subsection, as
305 applicable, (B) its base grant amount, or (C) its equalization aid grant
306 entitlement for the previous fiscal year.

307 [(f)] (k) For the fiscal [years ending June 30, 2028, and] year ending
308 June 30, 2029, each town maintaining public schools according to law
309 shall be entitled to an equalization aid grant as follows: (1) Any town

310 whose fully funded grant is greater than its [base grant amount]
311 equalization aid grant amount for the previous fiscal year shall be
312 entitled to an equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its fully
313 funded grant; [and] (2) any town whose fully funded grant is less than
314 its [base grant amount] equalization aid grant amount for the previous
315 fiscal year shall be entitled to an equalization aid grant in an amount
316 equal to its equalization aid grant amount for the previous fiscal year
317 minus [eight and thirty-three-one-hundredths] fifty per cent of its grant
318 adjustment; [, except any such town designated as an alliance district
319 shall be entitled to an equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its
320 base grant amount] and (3) any town designated as an alliance district
321 or a graduated alliance district shall be entitled to an equalization aid
322 grant in an amount that is the greater of (A) the amount described in
323 either subdivision (1) of this subsection or subdivision (2) of this
324 subsection, as applicable, (B) its base grant amount, or (C) its
325 equalization aid grant entitlement for the previous fiscal year.

326 [(g)] (l) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2030, and each fiscal year
327 thereafter, each town maintaining public schools according to law shall
328 be entitled to an equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its fully
329 funded grant, except any town designated as an alliance district [whose
330 fully funded grant amount is less than its base grant amount shall be
331 entitled to an equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its base grant
332 amount] or a graduated alliance district shall be entitled to an
333 equalization aid grant in an amount that is the greater of (A) the amount
334 described in either subdivision (1) of this subsection or subdivision (2)
335 of this subsection, as applicable, (B) its base grant amount, or (C) its
336 equalization aid grant entitlement for the previous fiscal year.

337 Sec. 5. Subdivision (2) of section 10-262f of the 2022 supplement to the
338 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
339 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

340 (2) "Base aid ratio" means [(A) for the fiscal years ending June 30,
341 2008, to June 30, 2013, inclusive, one minus the ratio of a town's wealth
342 to the state guaranteed wealth level, provided no town's aid ratio shall

343 be less than nine one-hundredths, except for towns which rank from one
344 to twenty when all towns are ranked in descending order from one to
345 one hundred sixty-nine based on the ratio of the number of children
346 below poverty to the number of children age five to seventeen, inclusive,
347 the town's aid ratio shall not be less than thirteen one-hundredths when
348 based on data used to determine the grants pursuant to section 10-262h
349 of the general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2013, for
350 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, (B) for the fiscal years ending June
351 30, 2014, to June 30, 2017, inclusive, one minus the town's wealth
352 adjustment factor, except that a town's aid ratio shall not be less than (i)
353 ten one-hundredths for a town designated as an alliance district, as
354 defined in section 10-262u, and (ii) two one-hundredths for a town that
355 is not designated as an alliance district, and (C)] for the fiscal year
356 ending June 30, 2018, and each fiscal year thereafter, the sum of [(i)] (A)
357 one minus the town's wealth adjustment factor, and [(ii)] (B) the town's
358 base aid ratio adjustment factor, if any, except that a town's base aid
359 ratio shall not be less than [(I)] (i) ten per cent for a town designated as
360 an alliance district, as defined in section 10-262u, as amended by this act,
361 or a priority school district, as described in section 10-266p, and [(II)] (ii)
362 one per cent for a town that is not designated as an alliance district or a
363 priority school district.

364 Sec. 6. Subdivision (49) of section 10-262f of the 2022 supplement to
365 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
366 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

367 (49) "Grant adjustment" means the absolute value of the difference
368 between a town's [base grant amount] equalization aid grant
369 entitlement for the previous fiscal year and its fully funded grant.

370 Sec. 7. Subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of section 10-266m of the 2022
371 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is
372 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

373 (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the fiscal years
374 ending June 30, 2004, to June 30, 2019, inclusive, and for the fiscal year

375 ending June 30, 2023, and each fiscal year thereafter, the amount of
376 transportation grants payable to local or regional boards of education
377 shall be reduced proportionately if the total of such grants in such year
378 exceeds the amount appropriated for such grants for such year.

379 Sec. 8. Subsection (b) of section 10-9 of the general statutes is repealed
380 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

381 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,
382 the State Board of Education may receive in the name of the state any
383 money or property given or bequeathed to the State Board of Education,
384 [or to any of the technical education and career schools.] Said board shall
385 transfer any such money to the State Treasurer who shall invest the
386 money in accordance with the provisions of section 3-31a. Said board
387 may use any such property for educational purposes.

388 Sec. 9. Section 10-55 of the general statutes is repealed and the
389 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

390 No pupil from any town belonging to a regional school district shall,
391 at the expense of such town, attend any other school in lieu of that
392 provided by said district except a technical education and career school
393 operated by the Technical Education and Career System established
394 pursuant to section 10-95 approved by the State Board of Education,
395 unless his attendance at such other school is approved by the regional
396 board of education.

397 Sec. 10. Subsection (c) of section 10-74d of the general statutes is
398 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
399 *2022*):

400 (c) The Department of Education may retain (1) up to one per cent of
401 the amount appropriated for interdistrict cooperative grants pursuant
402 to this section for state-wide technical assistance, program monitoring
403 and evaluation, and administration, and (2) up to one per cent of such
404 amount for use by the Technical [High School] Education and Career
405 System for interdistrict summer school, weekend and after-school

406 programs.

407 Sec. 11. Subsection (a) of section 10-76q of the 2022 supplement to the
408 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
409 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

410 (a) The [State Board of Education, in accordance with regulations
411 adopted by said board] Technical Education and Career System,
412 established pursuant to section 10-95, shall: (1) Provide the professional
413 services necessary to identify, in accordance with section 10-76a,
414 children requiring special education who are enrolled at a technical
415 education and career school; (2) identify each such child; (3) determine
416 the appropriateness of the technical education and career school for the
417 educational needs of each such child; (4) provide an appropriate
418 educational program for each such child; (5) maintain a record thereof;
419 and (6) annually evaluate the progress and accomplishments of special
420 education programs provided by the Technical Education and Career
421 System.

422 Sec. 12. Section 10-95a of the general statutes is repealed and the
423 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

424 [The State Board of Education shall establish] There shall be a student
425 activity program established at each technical education and career
426 school. Such programs shall consist of athletic and nonathletic activities.
427 State funds may be expended for the purposes of this section.

428 Sec. 13. Section 10-95e of the general statutes is repealed and the
429 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

430 (a) The [State Board of Education shall] executive director of the
431 Technical Education and Career System shall take the necessary steps to
432 establish a Vocational Education Extension Fund. Within said
433 Vocational Education Extension Fund, there is established an account to
434 be known as the "vocational education extension account". The
435 Vocational Education Extension Fund may include other accounts
436 separate and apart from the vocational education extension account.

437 The vocational education extension account shall be used for the
438 operation of preparatory and supplemental programs, including
439 apprenticeship programs in accordance with subsection (b) of this
440 section, and for the purchase of such materials and equipment required
441 for use in the operation of said programs. All proceeds derived from the
442 operation of said programs and revenue collected for rental or use of
443 school facilities shall be credited to and become a part of the resources
444 of said vocational education extension account, except as provided in
445 subsection (b) of this section. All direct expenses incurred in the conduct
446 of said programs shall be charged, and any payments of interest and
447 principal of bonds or any sums transferable to any fund for the payment
448 of interest and principal of bonds and any cost of equipment for such
449 operations may be charged, against said vocational education extension
450 account on order of the State Comptroller. Any balance of receipts above
451 expenditures shall remain in said vocational education extension
452 account to be used for said program and for the acquisition, as provided
453 by section 4b-21, alteration and repairs of real property for educational
454 facilities for such programs, except such sums as may be required to be
455 transferred from time to time to any fund for the redemption of bonds
456 and payment of interest on bonds, provided capital projects costing over
457 one hundred thousand dollars shall require the approval of the General
458 Assembly or, when the General Assembly is not in session, of the
459 Finance Advisory Committee. The Technical Education and Career
460 System board shall fix the tuition fees to be charged students for
461 preparatory and supplemental programs including apprenticeship
462 programs. Not less than half of the tuition fee charged for any
463 apprenticeship program shall be paid by the employer.

464 (b) The [State Board of Education shall] executive director shall take
465 the necessary steps to establish an apprenticeship account within the
466 Vocational Education Extension Fund. All proceeds derived from the
467 operation of apprenticeship programs shall be deposited in the
468 Vocational Education Extension Fund and shall be credited to and
469 become a part of the resources of the apprenticeship account which shall
470 be used for the operation of apprenticeship programs and for the

471 purchase of materials and equipment required for such programs.

472 Sec. 14. Section 10-95h of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes
473 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
474 *1, 2022*):

475 (a) Not later than November thirtieth each year, the joint standing
476 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
477 relating to education, higher education and employment advancement
478 and labor shall meet with the chairperson of the Technical Education
479 and Career System board, [and] the superintendent of the Technical
480 Education and Career System, the executive director of the Technical
481 Education and Career System, the Labor Commissioner and such other
482 persons as they deem appropriate to consider the items submitted
483 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

484 (b) On or before November fifteenth, annually:

485 (1) The Labor Commissioner shall submit the following to the joint
486 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
487 matters relating to education, higher education and employment
488 advancement and labor: (A) Information identifying general economic
489 trends in the state; (B) occupational information regarding the public
490 and private sectors, such as continuous data on occupational
491 movements; and (C) information identifying emerging regional, state
492 and national workforce needs over the next ten years.

493 (2) The [superintendent] executive director of the Technical
494 Education and Career System shall submit the following to the joint
495 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
496 matters relating to education, higher education and employment
497 advancement and labor: (A) Information ensuring that the curriculum
498 of the Technical Education and Career System is incorporating those
499 workforce skills that will be needed for the next ten years, as identified
500 by the Labor Commissioner in subdivision (1) of this subsection, into the
501 technical education and career schools; (B) information regarding the

502 employment status of students who graduate from or complete an
503 approved program of study at the Technical Education and Career
504 System, including, but not limited to: (i) Demographics such as age and
505 gender, (ii) course and program enrollment and completion, (iii)
506 employment status, and (iv) wages prior to enrolling and after
507 graduating; (C) an assessment of the adequacy of the resources available
508 to the Technical Education and Career System as the system develops
509 and refines programs to meet existing and emerging workforce needs;
510 (D) recommendations to the Technical Education and Career System
511 board to carry out the provisions of subparagraphs (A) to (C), inclusive,
512 of this subdivision; (E) information regarding staffing at each technical
513 education and career school for the current academic year; and (F)
514 information regarding the transition process of the Technical Education
515 and Career System as an independent agency, including, but not limited
516 to, the actions taken by the Technical Education and Career System
517 board and the [superintendent] executive director to create a budget
518 process and maintain programmatic consistency for students enrolled
519 in the technical education and career system. The [superintendent]
520 executive director shall collaborate with the Labor Commissioner to
521 obtain information as needed to carry out the provisions of this
522 subsection.

523 Sec. 15. Section 10-95j of the general statutes is repealed and the
524 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

525 The [State Board of Education] Technical Education and Career
526 System board shall include in the report required pursuant to section
527 10-95k, a summary of the following:

528 (1) Admissions policies for the Technical Education and Career
529 System;

530 (2) Recruitment and retention of faculty;

531 (3) Efforts to strengthen consideration of the needs of and to develop
532 greater public awareness of the Technical Education and Career System;

533 and

534 (4) Efforts to strengthen the role of [school craft committees] career
535 and technical education advisory committees and increase employer
536 participation.

537 Sec. 16. Section 10-95l of the general statutes is repealed and the
538 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

539 The [Department of Education] superintendent of the Technical
540 Education and Career System shall provide in-service training
541 programs, in accordance with subsection (a) of section 10-220a, for the
542 teachers, administrators and pupil personnel employed in the
543 [Technical Education and Career System] system who hold the initial
544 educator, provisional educator or professional educator certificate. In
545 addition, the [department] system shall provide programs to enhance
546 the knowledge and skill level of such teachers in their vocational or
547 technical field.

548 Sec. 17. Section 10-95o of the general statutes is repealed and the
549 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

550 (a) (1) The [State Board of Education] executive director of the
551 Technical Education and Career System shall not close or suspend
552 operations of any technical education and career school for more than
553 six months unless the Technical Education and Career System board (A)
554 holds a public hearing at the school that may be closed or whose
555 operations may be suspended, (B) develops and makes available a
556 comprehensive plan for such school in accordance with the provisions
557 of subsection (b) of this section, and (C) affirmatively votes to
558 recommend that the executive director close or suspend operations at a
559 meeting duly called. Such public hearing shall be held after normal
560 school hours and at least thirty days prior to any vote of the board
561 pursuant to subparagraph (C) of this subdivision. The executive director
562 may close or suspend operations following receipt of the
563 recommendation from the board.

564 (2) The [board] executive director shall not extend the closure or
565 suspension of operations of a technical education and career school
566 beyond the period set forth in the comprehensive plan described in
567 subsection (b) of this section unless the board (A) holds another public
568 hearing at a location in the town in which the school is located, after
569 normal school hours and at least thirty days prior to any vote of the
570 board [pursuant to subparagraph (C) of this subdivision] to recommend
571 that the executive director extend such closure or suspension of
572 operations, (B) develops and makes available a new comprehensive
573 plan for such school in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b)
574 of this section, and (C) affirmatively votes to recommend that the
575 executive director extend such closure or suspension of [school]
576 operations at a meeting duly called.

577 (b) The [State Board of Education] executive director shall develop a
578 comprehensive plan regarding the closure or suspension of operations
579 of any technical education and career school prior to the public hearing
580 described in subsection (a) of this section. Such comprehensive plan
581 shall include, but not be limited to, (1) an explanation of the reasons for
582 the school closure or suspension of operations, including a cost-benefit
583 analysis of such school closing or suspension of operations, (2) the
584 length of the school closure or suspension of operations, (3) the financial
585 plan for the school during the closure or suspension of operations,
586 including, but not limited to, the costs of such school closure or
587 suspension of operations, (4) a description of the transitional phase to
588 school closure or suspension of operations and a description of the
589 transitional phase to reopening the school, (5) an explanation of what
590 will happen to students currently enrolled at such school during the
591 school closure or suspension of operations, including, but not limited to,
592 available technical education and career schools for such students to
593 attend and transportation for such students to such schools, (6) an
594 explanation of what will happen to school personnel during the school
595 closure or suspension of operations, including, but not limited to,
596 employment at other schools, and (7) an explanation of how the school
597 building and property will be used during the school closure or

598 suspension of operations. The [State Board of Education] executive
599 director shall provide for the mailing of such comprehensive plan to
600 parents and guardians of students enrolled at the school and to school
601 personnel employed at such school, and make such comprehensive plan
602 available on the school's web site at least fourteen days prior to the
603 public hearing described in subsection (a) of this section.

604 (c) The [State Board of Education] Technical Education and Career
605 System shall be responsible for transporting any student enrolled in a
606 technical education and career school that is closed or whose operations
607 are suspended pursuant to this section to another technical education
608 and career school during such period of closure or suspension of
609 operations, and the board shall be responsible for the costs associated
610 with such transportation.

611 Sec. 18. Section 10-95q of the general statutes is repealed and the
612 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

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

622 [(2)] (a) (1) On and after July 1, [2023] 2022, the Technical Education
623 and Career System board shall recommend a candidate for
624 superintendent of the Technical Education and Career System to the
625 executive director of the Technical Education and Career System. The
626 executive director may hire or reject any candidate for superintendent
627 recommended by the board. If the executive director rejects a candidate
628 for superintendent, the board shall recommend another candidate for
629 superintendent to the executive director until the executive director

630 hires a candidate for superintendent.

631 (2) The term of office of the superintendent [hired under this
632 subdivision] shall be three years and may be extended by the executive
633 director, after consultation with the Technical Education and Career
634 System board regarding such extension, for no more than three years at
635 any one time.

636 (3) (A) No candidate may be hired as, or assume the duties and
637 responsibilities of, the superintendent until the executive director
638 receives written confirmation from the Commissioner of Education that
639 such candidate is properly certified under chapter 166 or has been
640 granted a waiver of certification by the commissioner pursuant to
641 subsection (c) of section 10-157.

642 (B) The board may recommend, and the executive director may hire,
643 a candidate who is not properly certified under chapter 166 to serve as
644 acting superintendent for a probationary period not to exceed one
645 school year, provided the executive director receives approval from the
646 Commissioner of Education. During such probationary period such
647 acting superintendent shall assume all duties of the superintendent for
648 the time specified and shall successfully complete a school leadership
649 program, approved by the State Board of Education, offered at a public
650 or private institution of higher education in the state. At the conclusion
651 of such probationary period, the executive director may request the
652 commissioner to grant a waiver of certification for such acting
653 superintendent pursuant to subsection (c) of section 10-157, or a one-
654 time extension of such probationary period, not to exceed one additional
655 school year, if the commissioner determines that the executive director
656 has demonstrated a significant need or hardship for such extension.

657 (b) (1) The superintendent of the Technical Education and Career
658 System shall be responsible for the operation, supervision and
659 administration of the technical education and career schools and all
660 other matters relating to vocational, technical, technological and
661 postsecondary education in the system. The superintendent, in

662 consultation with the executive director, shall develop and revise, as
663 necessary, administrative policies for the operation of the technical
664 education and career schools and programs offered in the system. Any
665 such administrative policies developed or revised under this
666 subdivision shall not be deemed to be regulations, as defined in section
667 4-166.

668 (2) The executive director, in consultation with the board, shall
669 evaluate, at least annually, the performance of the superintendent in
670 accordance with guidelines and criteria established by the executive
671 director and the board.

672 Sec. 19. Subsection (a) of section 10-95r of the general statutes is
673 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
674 *2022*):

675 (a) The Technical Education and Career System shall be under the
676 direction of the executive director of the Technical Education and Career
677 System, whose appointment shall be made by the Governor. Such
678 appointment shall be in accordance with the provisions of sections 4-5
679 to 4-8, inclusive. Any person appointed to be the executive director shall
680 have experience with educational systems. The executive director of the
681 Technical Education and Career System shall be responsible for the
682 operation, supervision and administration and the financial
683 accountability and oversight of the Technical Education and Career
684 System in matters relating to the central office, system-wide
685 management and other noneducational matters. The executive director
686 shall organize the Technical Education and Career System into such
687 bureaus, divisions and other units as may be necessary for the efficient
688 conduct of the business of the system, and may, from time to time,
689 create, abolish, transfer or consolidate within the system any bureau,
690 division or other unit as may be necessary for the efficient conduct of
691 the business of the system. The executive director may appoint, and may
692 prescribe the duties of any subordinates, agents and employees as he or
693 she finds necessary in the conduct of the system.

694 Sec. 20. Subsection (e) of section 10-95r of the general statutes is
695 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
696 *2022*):

697 (e) The executive director shall [establish] ensure that the
698 superintendent of the Technical Education and Career System
699 establishes a master schedule for the Technical Education and Career
700 System and may amend such master schedule from time to time.

701 Sec. 21. Section 10-95s of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes
702 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
703 *1, 2022*):

704 (a) The Technical Education and Career System shall be advised by a
705 Technical Education and Career System board. The board shall consist
706 of eleven members [and shall include at least the following,] as follows:
707 (1) [two] Two members [with] appointed by the Governor who shall
708 have experience in manufacturing or a trade offered by the Technical
709 Education and Career System, or who are alumni of the system, (2) two
710 members appointed by the Governor who are executives of
711 Connecticut-based employers and who [shall be] have been nominated
712 by the Governor's Workforce Council, established pursuant to section
713 31-3h₂ [The Commissioners] (3) the Commissioner of Education, [and]
714 or the commissioner's designee, (4) the Commissioner of Economic and
715 Community Development, or the commissioner's designee, (5) the
716 Labor Commissioner, [and] or the commissioner's designee, (6) the
717 Chief Workforce Officer, or [their respective designees, shall serve as ex-
718 officio members of the board] the officer's designee, and (7) three
719 members appointed by the Governor. Members of the board [shall be]
720 appointed by the Governor shall be so appointed with the advice and
721 consent of the General Assembly, in accordance with the provisions of
722 section 4-7. Any vacancy shall be filled in the manner provided in
723 section 4-19. The Governor shall appoint the chairperson and may
724 remove a member for inefficiency, neglect of duty or misconduct in
725 office. Members of the board shall not be employees of the Technical
726 Education and Career System.

727 (b) The board shall advise the superintendent of the Technical
728 Education and Career System and the executive director of the Technical
729 Education and Career System on matters relating to vocational,
730 technical, technological and postsecondary education and training. The
731 board may create any advisory boards or appoint any committees as it
732 deems necessary for the efficient conduct of its business. The executive
733 director, in conjunction with the superintendent, may arrange for
734 training to be provided to the board at such times, and on such matters,
735 as are deemed appropriate to assist the board in the conduct of its
736 business.

737 (c) The board may recommend to the executive director and
738 superintendent policies to attract and retain students who will pursue
739 careers that meet workforce needs and govern the admission of students
740 to any technical education and career school in compliance with state
741 and federal law.

742 (d) The board shall establish specific achievement goals for students
743 at the technical education and career schools at each grade level. The
744 board shall measure the performance of each technical education and
745 career school and shall identify a set of quantifiable measures to be used.
746 The measures shall include factors such as the performance of students
747 [in grade ten or eleven on the mastery examination, under section 10-
748 14n] on standardized academic assessments, trade-related assessment
749 tests, dropout rates and graduation rates.

750 Sec. 22. Section 10-96c of the general statutes is repealed and the
751 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

752 The [Commissioner of Education] executive director of the Technical
753 Education and Career System may indemnify and hold harmless any
754 person, as defined in section 1-79, who makes a gift of tangible property
755 or properties with a fair market value in excess of one thousand dollars
756 to [the Department of Education or] the Technical Education and Career
757 System for instructional purposes. Any indemnification under this
758 section shall be solely for any damages caused as a result of the use of

759 such tangible property, provided there shall be no indemnification for
760 any liability resulting from (1) intentional or wilful misconduct by the
761 person providing such tangible property to the department or the
762 Technical Education and Career System, or (2) hidden defects in such
763 tangible property that are known to and not disclosed by the person
764 providing such tangible property to the department or the Technical
765 Education and Career System at the time the gift is made.

766 Sec. 23. Section 10-97a of the general statutes is repealed and the
767 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

768 [On or before July 15, 2010, and annually thereafter, the State Board
769 of Education] The superintendent of the Technical Education and
770 Career System shall arrange for the annual inspection, in accordance
771 with the provisions of section 14-282a, of those school buses, as defined
772 in section 14-275, in operation in the Technical Education and Career
773 System.

774 Sec. 24. Section 10-97b of the general statutes is repealed and the
775 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

776 (a) [On and after July 1, 2010, the State Board of Education] The
777 executive director of the Technical Education and Career System shall
778 take the necessary steps to replace any school bus that (1) is twelve years
779 or older and is in service at any technical education and career school,
780 or (2) has been subject to an out-of-service order, as defined in section
781 14-1, for two consecutive years for the same reason.

782 (b) [On or before July 1, 2011, and annually thereafter, the
783 superintendent] The executive director of the Technical Education and
784 Career System shall annually submit, in accordance with the provisions
785 of section 11-4a, to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management
786 and to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
787 cognizance of matters relating to education and finance, revenue and
788 bonding a report on the replacement of school buses in service in the
789 Technical Education and Career System, pursuant to subsection (a) of

790 this section. Such report shall include the number of school buses
791 replaced in the previous school year and a projection of the number of
792 school buses anticipated to be replaced in the upcoming school year.

793 Sec. 25. Section 10-98a of the general statutes is repealed and the
794 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

795 The principal of each technical education and career school, or the
796 principal's designee, shall meet with members of the business
797 community, representatives of electric, gas, water and wastewater
798 utilities and representatives from state colleges and universities offering
799 courses in public utility management within the geographic area served
800 by the technical education and career school to develop a plan to assess
801 workforce needs of the community and such utilities and implement
802 curriculum modifications to address those needs. The executive director
803 of the Technical Education and Career System may convene regional or
804 state-wide meetings to address the workforce needs of such utilities.

805 Sec. 26. Section 10-98b of the general statutes is repealed and the
806 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

807 The [superintendent] executive director of the Technical Education
808 and Career System shall consult with each (1) regional community-
809 technical college, and (2) local or regional board of education (A) for a
810 town in which a technical education and career school is located, and
811 (B) that offers any career technical education programs, for the purpose
812 of establishing partnerships, reducing redundancies and consolidating
813 programmatic offerings and to fulfill workforce needs in the state.

814 Sec. 27. Section 10-99 of the general statutes is repealed and the
815 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

816 The [State Board of Education] Technical Education and Career
817 System shall use the industrial account within the Vocational Education
818 Extension Fund, established in connection with its administration of
819 vocational, technical and technological education and training, as a
820 revolving account in securing personal services, contractual services

821 and materials and supplies, with such equipment as may be chargeable
822 to the cost of a specific production contract or equipment of a nature
823 which may be properly chargeable to the account in general, provided
824 the account shall not incur a deficit in securing equipment which may
825 be properly chargeable to the account in general, in the establishment
826 and continuance of such productive work as such schools perform in
827 connection with the board's educational program for such schools.
828 Claims against the state on behalf of [said board] the Technical
829 Education and Career System shall be paid by order of the Comptroller
830 drawn against said account. The proceeds of all sales resulting from the
831 productive work of the schools shall be paid into the State Treasury and
832 credited to said account. Within ten months after the close of each fiscal
833 period any balance, as of the close of such fiscal period, in excess of five
834 hundred thousand dollars, as shown by the inventory of manufactured
835 articles, material on hand or in process of being manufactured, bills
836 receivable and cash balance, after deduction of obligations, in the
837 industrial account shall revert to the General Fund.

838 Sec. 28. Section 10-99h of the general statutes is repealed and the
839 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

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

852 [(b) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, and each fiscal year
853 thereafter, the] The executive director of the Technical Education and

854 Career System shall create and maintain a list that includes an inventory
855 of all technical and vocational equipment, supplies and materials
856 purchased or obtained and used in the provision of career technical
857 education in each technical education and career school and across the
858 Technical Education and Career System. The executive director shall
859 consult such list (1) during the preparation of the budget for the
860 Technical Education and Career System, pursuant to section 10-99g, (2)
861 prior to purchasing or obtaining any new equipment, supplies or
862 materials, and (3) for the purpose of sharing equipment, supplies and
863 materials among technical education and career schools.

864 Sec. 29. Subdivision (14) of section 10-183b of the 2022 supplement to
865 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
866 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

867 (14) "Employer" means an elected school committee, a board of
868 education, the State Board of Education, the Technical Education and
869 Career System, the Office of Early Childhood, the Board of Regents for
870 Higher Education or any of the constituent units, the governing body of
871 the Children's Center and its successors, the E. O. Smith School and any
872 other activity, institution or school employing members.

873 Sec. 30. Subdivision (20) of section 10-183b of the 2022 supplement to
874 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
875 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

876 (20) "Public school" means any day school conducted within or
877 without this state under the orders and superintendence of a duly
878 elected school committee, a board of education, the State Board of
879 Education, the Technical Education and Career System, the Office of
880 Early Childhood, the board of governors or any of its constituent units,
881 the E. O. Smith School, the Children's Center and its successors, the State
882 Education Resource Center established pursuant to section 10-4q of the
883 2014 supplement to the general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to
884 January 1, 2013, the State Education Resource Center established
885 pursuant to section 10-357a, joint activities of boards of education

886 authorized by subsection (b) of section 10-158a and any institution
887 supported by the state at which teachers are employed or any
888 incorporated secondary school not under the orders and
889 superintendence of a duly elected school committee or board of
890 education but located in a town not maintaining a high school and
891 providing free tuition to pupils of the town in which it is located, and
892 which has been approved by the State Board of Education under the
893 provisions of part II of chapter 164, provided that such institution or
894 such secondary school is classified as a public school by the retirement
895 board.

896 Sec. 31. Subdivision (26) of section 10-183b of the 2022 supplement to
897 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
898 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

899 (26) "Teacher" means (A) any teacher, permanent substitute teacher,
900 principal, assistant principal, supervisor, assistant superintendent or
901 superintendent employed by the public schools in a professional
902 capacity while possessing a certificate or permit issued by the State
903 Board of Education, provided on and after July 1, 1975, such certificate
904 shall be for the position in which the person is then employed, except as
905 provided for in section 10-183qq, (B) certified personnel who provide
906 health and welfare services for children in nonprofit schools, as
907 provided in section 10-217a, under an oral or written agreement, (C) any
908 person who is engaged in teaching or supervising schools for adults if
909 the annual salary paid for such service is equal to or greater than the
910 minimum salary paid for a regular, full-time teaching position in the
911 day schools in the town where such service is rendered, (D) a member
912 of the professional staff of the State Board of Education, the Technical
913 Education and Career System, the Office of Early Childhood, or of the
914 Board of Regents for Higher Education or any of the constituent units,
915 and (E) a member of the staff of the State Education Resource Center
916 established pursuant to section 10-4q of the 2014 supplement to the
917 general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2013, or the State
918 Education Resource Center established pursuant to section 10-357a,

919 employed in a professional capacity while possessing a certificate or
920 permit issued by the State Board of Education. A "permanent substitute
921 teacher" is one who serves as such for at least ten months during any
922 school year.

923 Sec. 32. Subsection (a) of section 10-183n of the general statutes is
924 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
925 *2022*):

926 (a) Each employer shall: (1) Before employing a teacher notify such
927 teacher of the provisions of this chapter applicable to such teacher; (2)
928 distribute, post or otherwise disseminate in a timely manner, to teachers
929 in its employ, any notices, bulletins, newsletters, annual statements of
930 account and other information supplied by the board for the purpose of
931 properly notifying teachers of their rights and obligations under the
932 system; (3) furnish to the board at times designated by said board such
933 reports and information as the board deems necessary or desirable for
934 the proper administration of the system; and (4) deduct each month
935 seven and one-fourth per cent of one-tenth of such teacher's annual
936 salary rate as directed by said board and any additional voluntary
937 deductions as authorized by such teacher, except that no deductions
938 shall be made from any amounts received by regularly employed
939 teachers for special teaching assignments rendered for the State Board
940 of Education, the Technical Education and Career System or the Board
941 of Regents for Higher Education unless the salary for such special
942 teaching assignment is equal to or greater than the minimum salary paid
943 for such teacher's regular teaching assignment.

944 Sec. 33. Subsection (b) of section 10-183v of the 2022 supplement to
945 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
946 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

947 (b) A teacher receiving retirement benefits from the system may be
948 reemployed for up to one full school year by a local board of education,
949 the State Board of Education, the Technical Education and Career
950 System or by any constituent unit of the state system of higher education

951 (1) in a position designated by the Commissioner of Education as a
952 subject shortage area for the school year in which the teacher is being
953 employed, (2) at a school located in a school district identified as a
954 priority school district, pursuant to section 10-266p, for the school year
955 in which the teacher is being employed, (3) if the teacher graduated from
956 a public high school in an educational reform district, as defined in
957 section 10-262u, as amended by this act, or (4) if the teacher graduated
958 from an historically black college or university or a Hispanic-serving
959 institution, as those terms are defined in the Higher Education Act of
960 1965, P.L. 89-329, as amended from time to time, and reauthorized by
961 the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008, P.L. 110-315, as
962 amended from time to time. Notice of such reemployment shall be sent
963 to the board by the employer and by the retired teacher at the time of
964 hire and at the end of the assignment. Such reemployment may be
965 extended for one additional school year, not to exceed two school years
966 over the lifetime of the retiree, provided the local board of education (A)
967 submits a written request for approval to the Teachers' Retirement
968 Board, (B) certifies that no qualified candidates are available prior to the
969 reemployment of such teacher, and (C) indicates the type of assignment
970 to be performed, the anticipated date of rehire and the expected
971 duration of the assignment.

972 Sec. 34. Section 5-177 of the general statutes is repealed and the
973 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

974 Any person in the unclassified service employed full time by the
975 Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut, the State Board of
976 Education, the Technical Education and Career System, the Department
977 of Rehabilitative Services, the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment
978 Station, the American School for the Deaf, the Connecticut Institute for
979 the Blind, the Newington Children's Hospital, the Board of Trustees of
980 the Connecticut State University System or the Board of Trustees of the
981 Community-Technical Colleges, as a teacher or administrator in a
982 position directly involved in educational activities in any state-operated
983 institution or the Board of Regents for Higher Education, who served

984 prior to such person's employment by the state in a full-time teaching,
985 administrative or research position in an educational institution in or
986 under the authority of a state department of education or a department
987 of education for the blind in the United States approved by the
988 Retirement Commission, or who was employed by such institution but
989 served all or part of such service time in a foreign country, for which
990 service such person has received or will receive no retirement benefit or
991 pension, may gain credit for such prior service, not to exceed ten years
992 in the aggregate, by making retirement contributions for each year of
993 such prior service equal to six per cent of such person's annual rate of
994 compensation when such person first became a full-time employee of
995 this state; provided such payment shall be made within one year of such
996 person's first full-time employment with the state, or before July 1, 1968,
997 whichever is later, but for the Board of Higher Education and Technical
998 Colleges, July 1, 1974. When a person who has gained credit for such
999 prior service retires, not more than one year of such service may be
1000 counted for each two years of state service; provided, if such person has
1001 purchased more of such service than can be counted, refund on the
1002 amount paid on the extra years of service shall be made.

1003 Sec. 35. Subdivision (12) of section 5-198 of the general statutes is
1004 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
1005 *2022*):

1006 (12) All members of the professional and technical staffs of the
1007 constituent units of the state system of higher education, as defined in
1008 section 10a-1, of all other state institutions of learning, of the Board of
1009 Regents for Higher Education, and of the agricultural experiment
1010 station at New Haven, professional and managerial employees of the
1011 Department of Education and the Office of Early Childhood, teachers
1012 and administrators employed by the Technical Education and Career
1013 System and teachers certified by the State Board of Education and
1014 employed in teaching positions at state institutions;

1015 Sec. 36. Subsection (a) of section 5-242 of the general statutes is
1016 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*

1017 2022):

1018 (a) Any board of trustees of a state institution and any state agency
1019 other than the State Board of Education, the Technical Education and
1020 Career System or the Board of Governors of Higher Education or its
1021 constituent units, hereinafter referred to as the "employer", may
1022 authorize the superintendent or supervising agent to employ personnel
1023 for unclassified positions requiring a certificate under section 10-145
1024 below the rank of superintendent. Any superintendent or supervising
1025 agent not authorized to employ such persons shall submit to such
1026 employer nominations for such positions under his jurisdiction and,
1027 from the persons so nominated, such employer may employ persons to
1028 fill such positions. Such employer shall accept or reject such
1029 nominations within one month from their submission. If such
1030 nominations are rejected, the superintendent or supervising agent shall
1031 submit to such employer other nominations, and such employer may
1032 employ persons from among those nominated to fill such positions and
1033 shall accept or reject such nominations within one month from their
1034 submission. The contract of employment of such unclassified personnel
1035 below the rank of superintendent shall be in writing and may be
1036 terminated at any time for any of the reasons enumerated in
1037 subdivisions (1) to (6), inclusive, of subsection (b) of this section, but
1038 otherwise it shall be renewed for a second, third or fourth year unless
1039 such employee has been notified in writing prior to March first in one
1040 school year that such contract will not be renewed for the following
1041 year, provided, upon the employee's written request, such notice shall
1042 be supplemented within five days after receipt of such request by a
1043 statement of the reason or reasons for such failure to renew. Such
1044 employee may, upon written request filed with the employer within ten
1045 days after the receipt of such notice, be entitled to a hearing before the
1046 board to be held within fifteen days of such request. The employee shall
1047 have the right to appear with counsel of his choice at such hearing.

1048 Sec. 37. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2022*) (a) Except as otherwise provided
1049 in subsection (b) of this section, for the school year commencing July 1,

1050 2022, and each school year thereafter, each local and regional board of
1051 education shall require each student who is enrolled in a high school
1052 under the jurisdiction of such board and in his or her final year of high
1053 school to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

1054 (b) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to
1055 any student who (1) submits a waiver, on a form prescribed by the
1056 Commissioner of Education, signed by such minor student's parent or
1057 legal guardian or by such student if such student is a legally
1058 emancipated minor or eighteen years of age or older, provided such
1059 student has met with a school counselor or another school official to
1060 discuss the Free Application for Federal Student Aid prior to submitting
1061 such waiver, (2) has or will complete a career-ready credential or has
1062 been accepted into the military or into a registered apprenticeship
1063 program, or (3) receives an exemption, not earlier than April fifteenth of
1064 the school year, from such requirement from the local or regional board
1065 of education because such student is unable to complete a Free
1066 Application for Federal Student Aid. The Department of Education may
1067 require that local and regional boards of education submit information
1068 to the department regarding the number of students who have been
1069 granted a waiver or have been exempted under this subsection.

1070 (c) For the purposes of subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of this section,
1071 the Commissioner of Education may issue guidance to define career-
1072 ready credentials, and a local or regional board of education may adopt
1073 a definition of career-ready credentials that aligns with any such
1074 guidance.

1075 Sec. 38. Sections 10-4r, 10-13 and 10-95m of the general statutes are
1076 repealed. (Effective July 1, 2022)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2022	10-266aa(g)(2)
Sec. 2	July 1, 2022	10-262u(a) to (c)
Sec. 3	July 1, 2022	10-262j(c)

Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	10-262h
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	10-262f(2)
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	10-262f(49)
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	10-266m(a)(4)
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	10-9(b)
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	10-55
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	10-74d(c)
Sec. 11	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	10-76q(a)
Sec. 12	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	10-95a
Sec. 13	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	10-95e
Sec. 14	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	10-95h
Sec. 15	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	10-95j
Sec. 16	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	10-95l
Sec. 17	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	10-95o
Sec. 18	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	10-95q
Sec. 19	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	10-95r(a)
Sec. 20	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	10-95r(e)
Sec. 21	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	10-95s
Sec. 22	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	10-96c
Sec. 23	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	10-97a
Sec. 24	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	10-97b
Sec. 25	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	10-98a
Sec. 26	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	10-98b
Sec. 27	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	10-99
Sec. 28	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	10-99h
Sec. 29	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	10-183b(14)
Sec. 30	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	10-183b(20)
Sec. 31	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	10-183b(26)
Sec. 32	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	10-183n(a)
Sec. 33	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	10-183v(b)
Sec. 34	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	5-177
Sec. 35	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	5-198(12)
Sec. 36	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	5-242(a)
Sec. 37	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	New section
Sec. 38	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	Repealer section

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