



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5212

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AN ACT CONCERNING EDUCATION FUNDING.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2024*) (a) As used in this section,
2 sections 10-65 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, 10-264l of
3 the general statutes, as amended by this act, and 10-266aa of the general
4 statutes, as amended by this act and section 2 of this act:

5 (1) "Choice program" means (A) an interdistrict magnet school
6 program, (B) a regional agricultural science and technology center, or
7 (C) on and after July 1, 2025, the interdistrict public school attendance
8 program established pursuant to section 10-266aa of the general
9 statutes, as amended by this act.

10 (2) "Foundation" has the same meaning as provided in section 10-262f
11 of the general statutes, except that for an interdistrict magnet school
12 operator that is not a local or regional board of education, the
13 foundation is (A) for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2025, and June 30,
14 2026, eleven thousand five hundred twenty-five dollars, (B) for the fiscal
15 year ending June 30, 2027, eleven thousand five hundred twenty-five
16 dollars adjusted by the percentage increase in personal income, as
17 defined in section 2-33a of the general statutes, or the percentage
18 increase in inflation, as defined in section 2-33a of the general statutes,

19 whichever is greater, and (C) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2028,
20 and each fiscal year thereafter, the amount of the foundation for the
21 prior fiscal year adjusted by the percentage increase in personal income,
22 as defined in section 2-33a of the general statutes, or the percentage
23 increase in inflation, as defined in section 2-33a of the general statutes,
24 whichever is greater.

25 (3) "Resident students" has the same meaning as provided in section
26 10-262f of the general statutes.

27 (4) "Resident choice program students" means the number of part-
28 time and full-time students of a town enrolled or participating in a
29 particular choice program.

30 (5) "Total need students" has the same meaning as provided in section
31 10-262f of the general statutes.

32 (6) "Total magnet school program need students" means the sum of
33 (A) the number of part-time and full-time students enrolled in the
34 interdistrict magnet school program of the interdistrict magnet school
35 operator that is (i) not a local or regional board of education, (ii) the
36 board of governors for an independent institution of higher education,
37 as defined in subsection (a) of section 10a-173 of the general statutes, or
38 the equivalent of such a board, on behalf of the independent institution
39 of higher education, or (iii) any other third-party, not-for-profit
40 corporation approved by the Commissioner of Education, for the school
41 year, and (B) for the school year commencing July 1, 2024, and each
42 school year thereafter, (i) thirty per cent of the number of part-time and
43 full-time students enrolled in such interdistrict magnet school program
44 eligible for free or reduced price meals or free milk, (ii) fifteen per cent
45 of the number of such part-time and full-time students eligible for free
46 or reduced price meals or free milk in excess of the number of such part-
47 time and full-time students eligible for free or reduced price meals or
48 free milk that is equal to sixty per cent of the total number of students
49 enrolled in such interdistrict magnet school program, (iii) twenty-five
50 per cent of the number of part-time and full-time students enrolled in

51 such interdistrict magnet school program who are English language
52 learners, and (iv) if such interdistrict magnet school program is assisting
53 the state in meeting its obligations pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v.*
54 *O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect,
55 as determined by the commissioner, (I) for the fiscal years ending June
56 30, 2025, and June 30, 2026, thirty per cent of the number of part-time
57 and full-time students enrolled in such interdistrict magnet school
58 program, (II) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, twenty-eight per
59 cent of the number of part-time and full-time students enrolled in such
60 interdistrict magnet school program, (III) for the fiscal year ending June
61 30, 2028, twenty-six per cent of the number of part-time and full-time
62 students enrolled in such interdistrict magnet school program, (IV) for
63 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2029, twenty-four per cent of the number
64 of part-time and full-time students enrolled in such interdistrict magnet
65 school program, (V) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2030, twenty-two
66 per cent of the number of part-time and full-time students enrolled in
67 such interdistrict magnet school program, and (VI) for the fiscal year
68 ending June 30, 2031, and each fiscal year thereafter, twenty per cent of
69 the number of part-time and full-time students enrolled in such
70 interdistrict magnet school program.

71 (7) "Sending town" means the town that sends resident choice
72 program students, which it would otherwise be legally responsible for
73 educating, to a choice program.

74 (8) "Receiving district" has the same meaning as provided in section
75 10-266aa of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

76 (9) "Weighted funding amount per pupil" means the quotient of (A)
77 the product of the foundation and a town's total need students for the
78 fiscal year prior to the year in which the grant is to be paid, and (B) the
79 number of resident students of the town.

80 (10) "In-district student" means a student enrolled or participating in
81 a choice program operated or maintained by a local or regional board of
82 education and for whom such local or regional board of education is

83 legally responsible for educating.

84 (11) "Out-of-district student" means a student enrolled or
85 participating in a choice program operated or maintained by a local or
86 regional board of education and who does not reside in the town or a
87 member town of such local or regional board of education.

88 (12) "Total revenue per pupil" means the sum of (A) the per student
89 amount of the grant for a choice program student for the fiscal year
90 ending June 30, 2024, (B) the per student amount of any general
91 education tuition for a student in such choice program for the fiscal year
92 ending June 30, 2024, and (C) the per child amount of any tuition
93 charged for a child enrolled in a preschool program offered by a regional
94 educational service center operating an interdistrict magnet school
95 preschool program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, pursuant to
96 section 10-264l of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

97 (13) "Sending town adjustment factor" means the product of (A) the
98 weighted funding amount per pupil or the total revenue per pupil,
99 whichever is greater, for a sending town, and (B) the number of its
100 resident choice program students.

101 (b) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, an interdistrict magnet
102 school program operator that is not a local or regional board of
103 education shall be entitled to a grant in an amount equal to the sum of
104 (A) forty-two per cent of the difference between (i) the product of the
105 foundation and its total magnet school program need students, and (ii)
106 the per student amount such operator received under section 10-264l of
107 the general statutes, as amended by this act, for the fiscal year ending
108 June 30, 2024, multiplied by the number of students enrolled in such
109 program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and (B) the amount
110 described in subparagraph (A)(ii) of this subdivision, except that, for
111 each student enrolled in the interdistrict magnet school program of such
112 operator, such operator shall not receive less than the total revenue per
113 pupil.

114 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and each fiscal year
115 thereafter, an interdistrict magnet school program operator that is not a
116 local or regional board of education shall be entitled to a grant in an
117 amount equal to the product of the foundation and its total magnet
118 school program need students, except that, for each student enrolled in
119 the interdistrict magnet school program of such operator, such operator
120 shall not receive less than the quotient of (A) the sum of the total revenue
121 per pupil for each student enrolled in such program of such operator
122 during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, and (B) the total number of
123 students enrolled in such interdistrict magnet school program of such
124 operator during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

125 (c) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, an interdistrict magnet
126 school operator that is a local or regional board of education shall be
127 entitled to a grant in an amount equal to the sum of (A) forty-two per
128 cent of the difference between (i) the sum of (I) the sending town
129 adjustment factor for each sending town, and (II) the product of the
130 number of in-district students enrolled in the interdistrict magnet school
131 program of such board and the per student amount of the grant under
132 section 10-264l of the general statutes, as amended by this act, for an in-
133 district student enrolled in such interdistrict magnet school program for
134 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, and (ii) the appropriate per student
135 amounts, for in-district students and out-of-district students, such
136 operator received under section 10-264l of the general statutes, as
137 amended by this act, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, multiplied
138 by the appropriate numbers of in-district students and out-of-district
139 students enrolled in such program for the fiscal year ending June 30,
140 2025, and (B) the amount described in subparagraph (A)(ii) of this
141 subdivision, except that, for each student enrolled in the interdistrict
142 magnet school program of such board, such operator shall not receive
143 less than the total revenue per pupil.

144 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and each fiscal year
145 thereafter, an interdistrict magnet school operator that is a local or
146 regional board of education shall be entitled to a grant in an amount

147 equal to the sum of (A) the sum of the sending town adjustment factor
148 for each sending town, and (B) the product of (i) the number of in-
149 district students enrolled in the interdistrict magnet school program of
150 such board, and (ii) the per student amount of the grant under section
151 10-264~~l~~ of the general statutes, as amended by this act, for an in-district
152 student enrolled in such interdistrict magnet school program for the
153 fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, except that, for each student enrolled in
154 the interdistrict magnet school program of such board, such operator
155 shall not receive less than the total revenue per pupil.

156 (d) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, a local or regional
157 board of education that operates a regional agricultural science and
158 technology center shall be entitled to a grant in an amount equal to the
159 sum of (A) forty-two per cent of the difference between (i) the sum of (I)
160 the sending town adjustment factors for each sending town, and (II) the
161 product of the number of in-district students enrolled in such center and
162 five thousand two hundred, and (ii) five thousand two hundred
163 multiplied by the number of students enrolled in such center for the
164 fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and (B) the amount described in
165 subparagraph (A)(ii) of this subdivision, except that, for each student
166 enrolled in the center, such operator shall not receive less than the total
167 revenue per pupil.

168 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and each fiscal year
169 thereafter, a local or regional board of education that operates a regional
170 agricultural science and technology center shall be entitled to a grant in
171 an amount equal to the sum of (A) the sum of the sending town
172 adjustment factors for each sending town, and (B) the product of (i) the
173 number of in-district students enrolled in such center, and (ii) the
174 greater of the per student amount of the grant under section 10-65 of the
175 general statutes, as amended by this act, for the fiscal year ending June
176 30, 2024, or five thousand two hundred, except that, for each student
177 enrolled in the center, such operator shall not receive less than the total
178 revenue per pupil.

179 (e) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and each fiscal year

180 thereafter, the local or regional board of education for each receiving
181 district that accepts students under the interdistrict public school
182 attendance program pursuant to section 10-266aa of the general statutes,
183 as amended by this act, shall be entitled to a grant in an amount equal
184 to the sum of the sending town adjustment factors for each sending
185 town.

186 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than June 30, 2024,
187 and each February first thereafter, the Department of Education shall
188 calculate an estimated amount of each grant under section 1 of this act
189 for the next fiscal year using data collected during the current fiscal year,
190 and notify each local and regional board of education and interdistrict
191 magnet school program operator that is not a local or regional board of
192 education of such estimated amounts.

193 (b) Not later than June 30, 2024, and each December thirty-first
194 thereafter, the Department of Education shall calculate an estimated
195 amount that each town is entitled to receive under the provisions of
196 section 10-262h of the general statutes, for the next fiscal year using data
197 collected during the current fiscal year, and notify each such town of
198 such estimated amount.

199 (c) Not later than June 30, 2024, and each February first thereafter, the
200 Department of Education shall calculate an estimated amount of the
201 grant under subsection (d) of section 10-66ee of the general statutes, as
202 amended by this act, for each fiscal authority for a state charter school
203 for the next fiscal year using data collected during the current fiscal year,
204 and notify each such fiscal authority of such product.

205 Sec. 3. Section 10-264l of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes
206 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
207 *1, 2024*):

208 (a) The Department of Education shall, within available
209 appropriations, establish a grant program (1) to assist (A) local and
210 regional boards of education, (B) regional educational service centers,

211 (C) the Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges on
212 behalf of Quinebaug Valley Community College and Three Rivers
213 Community College, and (D) cooperative arrangements pursuant to
214 section 10-158a, and (2) in assisting the state in meeting its obligations
215 pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any
216 related stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the
217 commissioner, to assist (A) the Board of Trustees of the Community-
218 Technical Colleges on behalf of a regional community-technical college,
219 (B) the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University System on
220 behalf of a state university, (C) the Board of Trustees of The University
221 of Connecticut on behalf of the university, (D) the board of governors
222 for an independent institution of higher education, as defined in
223 subsection (a) of section 10a-173, or the equivalent of such a board, on
224 behalf of the independent institution of higher education, and (E) any
225 other third-party not-for-profit corporation approved by the
226 commissioner with the operation of interdistrict magnet school
227 programs. All interdistrict magnet schools shall be operated in
228 conformance with the same laws and regulations applicable to public
229 schools. For the purposes of this section "an interdistrict magnet school
230 program" means a program which (i) supports racial, ethnic and
231 economic diversity, (ii) offers a special and high quality curriculum, and
232 (iii) requires students who are enrolled to attend at least half-time. An
233 interdistrict magnet school program does not include a regional
234 agricultural science and technology school, a technical education and
235 career school or a regional special education center. For the school year
236 commencing July 1, 2017, and each school year thereafter, the governing
237 authority for each interdistrict magnet school program shall (I) restrict
238 the number of students that may enroll in the school from a participating
239 district to seventy-five per cent of the total school enrollment, and (II)
240 maintain a total school enrollment that is in accordance with the
241 reduced-isolation setting standards for interdistrict magnet school
242 programs, developed by the Commissioner of Education pursuant to
243 section 10-264r.

244 (b) (1) Applications for interdistrict magnet school program

245 operating grants awarded pursuant to this section shall be submitted
246 annually to the Commissioner of Education at such time and in such
247 manner as the commissioner prescribes, except that on and after July 1,
248 2009, applications for such operating grants for new interdistrict magnet
249 schools, other than those that the commissioner determines will assist
250 the state in meeting its obligations pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v.*
251 *O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect,
252 as determined by the commissioner, shall not be accepted until the
253 commissioner develops a comprehensive state-wide interdistrict
254 magnet school plan. The commissioner shall submit such
255 comprehensive state-wide interdistrict magnet school plan on or before
256 October 1, 2016, to the joint standing committees of the General
257 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education and
258 appropriations.

259 (2) In determining whether an application shall be approved and
260 funds awarded pursuant to this section, the commissioner shall
261 consider, but such consideration shall not be limited to: (A) Whether the
262 program offered by the school is likely to increase student achievement;
263 (B) whether the program is likely to reduce racial, ethnic and economic
264 isolation; (C) the percentage of the student enrollment in the program
265 from each participating district; and (D) the proposed operating budget
266 and the sources of funding for the interdistrict magnet school. For a
267 magnet school not operated by a local or regional board of education,
268 the commissioner shall only approve a proposed operating budget that,
269 on a per pupil basis, does not exceed the maximum allowable threshold
270 established in accordance with this subdivision. The maximum
271 allowable threshold shall be an amount equal to one hundred twenty
272 per cent of the state average of the quotient obtained by dividing net
273 current expenditures, as defined in section 10-261, by average daily
274 membership, as defined in said section, for the fiscal year two years
275 prior to the fiscal year for which the operating grant is requested. The
276 Department of Education shall establish the maximum allowable
277 threshold no later than December fifteenth of the fiscal year prior to the
278 fiscal year for which the operating grant is requested. If requested by an

279 applicant that is not a local or regional board of education, the
280 commissioner may approve a proposed operating budget that exceeds
281 the maximum allowable threshold if the commissioner determines that
282 there are extraordinary programmatic needs. For the fiscal years ending
283 June 30, 2017, June 30, 2018, June 30, 2020, and June 30, 2021, in the case
284 of an interdistrict magnet school that will assist the state in meeting its
285 obligations pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1
286 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the
287 commissioner, the commissioner shall also consider whether the school
288 is meeting the reduced-isolation setting standards for interdistrict
289 magnet school programs, developed by the commissioner pursuant to
290 section 10-264r. If such school has not met such reduced-isolation setting
291 standards, it shall not be entitled to receive a grant pursuant to this
292 section unless the commissioner finds that it is appropriate to award a
293 grant for an additional year or years and approves a plan to bring such
294 school into compliance with such reduced-isolation setting standards. If
295 requested by the commissioner, the applicant shall meet with the
296 commissioner or the commissioner's designee to discuss the budget and
297 sources of funding.

298 (3) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2018, to June 30, 2025,
299 inclusive, the commissioner shall not award a grant to an interdistrict
300 magnet school program that (A) has more than seventy-five per cent of
301 the total school enrollment from one school district, or (B) does not
302 maintain a total school enrollment that is in accordance with the
303 reduced-isolation setting standards for interdistrict magnet school
304 programs, developed by the Commissioner of Education pursuant to
305 section 10-264r, except the commissioner may award a grant to such
306 school for an additional year or years if the commissioner finds it is
307 appropriate to do so and approves a plan to bring such school into
308 compliance with such residency or reduced-isolation setting standards.

309 (4) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2018, to June 30, 2021,
310 inclusive, if an interdistrict magnet school program does not maintain a
311 total school enrollment that is in accordance with the reduced-isolation

312 setting standards for interdistrict magnet school programs, developed
313 by the commissioner pursuant to section 10-264r, for two or more
314 consecutive years, the commissioner may impose a financial penalty on
315 the operator of such interdistrict magnet school program, or take any
316 other measure, in consultation with such operator, as may be
317 appropriate to assist such operator in complying with such reduced-
318 isolation setting standards.

319 (5) For the purposes of equalization aid under section 10-262h, a
320 student enrolled in an interdistrict magnet school program shall be
321 counted as a resident student, as defined in section 10-262f, of the town
322 in which such student resides.

323 (c) (1) [The maximum amount each interdistrict magnet school
324 program, except those described in subparagraphs (A) to (G), inclusive,
325 of subdivision (3) of this subsection, shall be eligible to receive per
326 enrolled student who is not a resident of the town operating the magnet
327 school shall be (A) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, seven
328 thousand two hundred twenty-seven dollars, and (B) for the fiscal year
329 ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year thereafter, at least seven
330 thousand two hundred twenty-seven dollars. The per pupil grant for
331 each enrolled student who is a resident of the town operating the
332 magnet school program shall be (i) for the fiscal year ending June 30,
333 2024, three thousand sixty dollars, and (ii) for the fiscal year ending June
334 30, 2025, and each fiscal year thereafter, at least three thousand sixty
335 dollars.] For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year
336 thereafter, each interdistrict magnet school operator shall be paid a
337 grant equal to the amount the operator is entitled to receive under the
338 provisions of section 1 of this act.

339 (2) (A) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, and each fiscal year
340 thereafter, any interdistrict magnet school operator that is not a local or
341 regional board of education may charge tuition to the local or regional
342 board of education for a sending town if the grant to which such
343 operator is entitled under section 1 of this act is not calculated using a
344 foundation amount that is adjusted by the greater of either the

345 percentage increase in personal income, as defined in section 2-33a, or
346 the percentage increase in inflation, as defined in section 2-33a. Such
347 tuition charged shall not exceed the difference between the amount of
348 the grant such operator would have been entitled to receive for the fiscal
349 year if such grant was calculated using the foundation, as defined in
350 section 1 of this act, and the amount of the grant that such operator will
351 receive for such fiscal year.

352 (B) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, and each fiscal year
353 thereafter, any interdistrict magnet school operator that is not a local or
354 regional board of education that charges tuition under this subdivision
355 shall notify the Department of Education of the (i) per student amount
356 of tuition charged for the fiscal year, (ii) local or regional boards of
357 education for sending towns that were charged tuition by such operator
358 for such fiscal year, (iii) total amount of tuition charged to each such
359 sending town for such fiscal year, and (iv) total amount of tuition
360 charged for such fiscal year. The department shall develop an annual
361 report of such tuition charged and, not later than January first of each
362 year, submit such report to the joint standing committees of the General
363 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education and
364 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, in accordance with the
365 provisions of section 11-4a.

366 [(2)] (3) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, and each fiscal year
367 thereafter, the commissioner may, within available appropriations,
368 provide supplemental grants for the purposes of enhancing educational
369 programs in such interdistrict magnet schools, as the commissioner
370 determines. Such grants shall be made after the commissioner has
371 conducted a comprehensive financial review and approved the total
372 operating budget for such schools, including all revenue and
373 expenditure estimates.

374 [(3) (A) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraphs (C) to (G),
375 inclusive, of this subdivision, each interdistrict magnet school operated
376 by a regional educational service center that enrolls less than fifty-five
377 per cent of the school's students from a single town shall receive a per

378 pupil grant in the amount of (i) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024,
379 eight thousand fifty-eight dollars, and (ii) for the fiscal year ending June
380 30, 2025, and each fiscal year thereafter, at least eight thousand fifty-
381 eight dollars.

382 (B) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraphs (C) to (G),
383 inclusive, of this subdivision, each interdistrict magnet school operated
384 by a regional educational service center that enrolls at least fifty-five per
385 cent of the school's students from a single town shall receive a per pupil
386 grant for each enrolled student who is not a resident of the district that
387 enrolls at least fifty-five per cent of the school's students in the amount
388 of (i) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, seven thousand two
389 hundred twenty-seven dollars, and (ii) for the fiscal year ending June
390 30, 2025, and each fiscal year thereafter, at least seven thousand two
391 hundred twenty-seven dollars. The per pupil grant for each enrolled
392 student who is a resident of the district that enrolls at least fifty-five per
393 cent of the school's students shall be (I) for the fiscal year ending June
394 30, 2024, three thousand sixty dollars, and (II) for the fiscal year ending
395 June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year thereafter, at least three thousand
396 sixty dollars.

397 (C) (i) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2015, to June 30, 2019,
398 inclusive, each interdistrict magnet school operated by a regional
399 educational service center that began operations for the school year
400 commencing July 1, 2001, and that for the school year commencing July
401 1, 2008, enrolled at least fifty-five per cent, but no more than eighty per
402 cent of the school's students from a single town, shall receive a per pupil
403 grant (I) for each enrolled student who is a resident of the district that
404 enrolls at least fifty-five per cent, but no more than eighty per cent of the
405 school's students, up to an amount equal to the total number of such
406 enrolled students as of October 1, 2013, using the data of record, in the
407 amount of eight thousand one hundred eighty dollars, (II) for each
408 enrolled student who is a resident of the district that enrolls at least fifty-
409 five per cent, but not more than eighty per cent of the school's students,
410 in an amount greater than the total number of such enrolled students as

411 of October 1, 2013, using the data of record, in the amount of three
412 thousand dollars, (III) for each enrolled student who is not a resident of
413 the district that enrolls at least fifty-five per cent, but no more than
414 eighty per cent of the school's students, up to an amount equal to the
415 total number of such enrolled students as of October 1, 2013, using the
416 data of record, in the amount of eight thousand one hundred eighty
417 dollars, and (IV) for each enrolled student who is not a resident of the
418 district that enrolls at least fifty-five per cent, but not more than eighty
419 per cent of the school's students, in an amount greater than the total
420 number of such enrolled students as of October 1, 2013, using the data
421 of record, in the amount of seven thousand eighty-five dollars.

422 (ii) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2020, to June 30, 2022,
423 inclusive, each interdistrict magnet school operated by a regional
424 educational service center that began operations for the school year
425 commencing July 1, 2001, and that for the school year commencing July
426 1, 2008, enrolled at least fifty-five per cent, but not more than eighty per
427 cent of the school's students from a single town, shall receive a per pupil
428 grant (I) for each enrolled student who is a resident of the district that
429 enrolls at least fifty-five per cent, but not more than eighty per cent of
430 the school's students, up to an amount equal to the total number of such
431 enrolled students as of October 1, 2013, using the data of record, in the
432 amount of eight thousand three hundred forty-four dollars, (II) for each
433 enrolled student who is a resident of the district that enrolls at least fifty-
434 five per cent, but not more than eighty per cent of the school's students,
435 in an amount greater than the total number of such enrolled students as
436 of October 1, 2013, using the data of record, in the amount of three
437 thousand sixty dollars, (III) for each enrolled student who is not a
438 resident of the district that enrolls at least fifty-five per cent, but no more
439 than eighty per cent of the school's students, up to an amount equal to
440 the total number of such enrolled students as of October 1, 2013, using
441 the data of record, in the amount of eight thousand three hundred forty-
442 four dollars, and (IV) for each enrolled student who is not a resident of
443 the district that enrolls at least fifty-five per cent, but not more than
444 eighty per cent of the school's students, in an amount greater than the

445 total number of such enrolled students as of October 1, 2013, using the
446 data of record, in the amount of seven thousand two hundred twenty-
447 seven dollars.

448 (D) (i) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (D)(ii) of this
449 subdivision, each interdistrict magnet school operated by (I) a regional
450 educational service center, (II) the Board of Trustees of the Community-
451 Technical Colleges on behalf of a regional community-technical college,
452 (III) the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University System on
453 behalf of a state university, (IV) the Board of Trustees for The University
454 of Connecticut on behalf of the university, (V) the board of governors
455 for an independent institution of higher education, as defined in
456 subsection (a) of section 10a-173, or the equivalent of such a board, on
457 behalf of the independent institution of higher education, except as
458 otherwise provided in subparagraph (E) of this subdivision, (VI)
459 cooperative arrangements pursuant to section 10-158a, (VII) any other
460 third-party not-for-profit corporation approved by the commissioner,
461 and (VIII) the Hartford school district for the operation of Great Path
462 Academy on behalf of Manchester Community College, that enrolls less
463 than sixty per cent of its students from Hartford shall receive a per pupil
464 grant in the amount of ten thousand six hundred fifty-two dollars for
465 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, and at least ten thousand six
466 hundred fifty-two dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and
467 each fiscal year thereafter, except the commissioner may make grants
468 under this subparagraph to an interdistrict magnet school operator
469 described in this subparagraph that enrolls more than sixty per cent of
470 its students from Hartford.

471 (ii) Any interdistrict magnet school described in subparagraph (D)(i)
472 of this subdivision that enrolls less than fifty per cent of its incoming
473 students from Hartford shall receive a per pupil grant (I) for the fiscal
474 year ending June 30, 2024, in the amount of eight thousand fifty-eight
475 dollars for one-half of the total number of non-Hartford students
476 enrolled in the school over fifty per cent of the total school enrollment
477 and shall receive a per pupil grant in the amount of ten thousand six

478 hundred fifty-two dollars for the remainder of the total school
479 enrollment, and (II) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and each
480 fiscal year thereafter, in the amount of at least eight thousand fifty-eight
481 dollars for one-half of the total number of non-Hartford students
482 enrolled in the school over fifty per cent of the total school enrollment
483 and shall receive a per pupil grant in the amount of at least ten thousand
484 six hundred fifty-two dollars for the remainder of the total school
485 enrollment, except the commissioner may, upon the written request of
486 an operator of such school, waive such fifty per cent enrollment
487 minimum for good cause.

488 (E) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, and each fiscal year
489 thereafter, each interdistrict magnet school operated by the board of
490 governors for an independent institution of higher education, as defined
491 in subsection (a) of section 10a-173, or the equivalent of such a board, on
492 behalf of the independent institution of higher education, that (i) began
493 operations for the school year commencing July 1, 2014, (ii) enrolls less
494 than sixty per cent of its students from Hartford pursuant to the decision
495 in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation or order
496 in effect, as determined by the commissioner, and (iii) enrolls students
497 at least half-time, shall be eligible to receive a per pupil grant (I) equal
498 to sixty-five per cent of the grant amount determined pursuant to
499 subparagraph (D) of this subdivision for each student who is enrolled
500 at such school for at least two semesters in each school year, and (II)
501 equal to thirty-two and one-half per cent of the grant amount
502 determined pursuant to subparagraph (D) of this subdivision for each
503 student who is enrolled at such school for one semester in each school
504 year.

505 (F) Each interdistrict magnet school operated by a local or regional
506 board of education, pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238
507 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect, shall receive
508 a per pupil grant for each enrolled student who is not a resident of the
509 district in the amount of (i) thirteen thousand three hundred fifteen
510 dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, and (ii) for the fiscal year

511 ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year thereafter, at least thirteen
512 thousand three hundred fifteen dollars.

513 (G) In addition to the grants described in subparagraph (E) of this
514 subdivision, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, the commissioner
515 may, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
516 Management and the Finance Advisory Committee, established
517 pursuant to section 4-93, provide supplemental grants to the Hartford
518 school district of up to one thousand fifty-four dollars for each student
519 enrolled at an interdistrict magnet school operated by the Hartford
520 school district who is not a resident of such district.

521 (H) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, and each fiscal year
522 thereafter, the half-day Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts
523 interdistrict magnet school operated by the Capital Region Education
524 Council shall be eligible to receive a per pupil grant equal to sixty-five
525 per cent of the per pupil grant specified in subparagraph (A) of this
526 subdivision.

527 (I) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2016, to June 30, 2018, inclusive,
528 the half-day Greater Hartford Academy of Mathematics and Science
529 interdistrict magnet school operated by the Capitol Region Education
530 Council shall be eligible to receive a per pupil grant equal to six
531 thousand seven hundred eighty-seven dollars for (i) students enrolled
532 in grades ten to twelve, inclusive, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016,
533 (ii) students enrolled in grades eleven and twelve for the fiscal year
534 ending June 30, 2017, and (iii) students enrolled in grade twelve for the
535 fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016,
536 and each fiscal year thereafter, the half-day Greater Hartford Academy
537 of Mathematics and Science interdistrict magnet school shall not be
538 eligible for any additional grants pursuant to subsection (c) of this
539 section.

540 (4) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2015, and June 30, 2016, the
541 department may limit payment to an interdistrict magnet school
542 operator to an amount equal to the grant that such magnet school

543 operator was eligible to receive based on the enrollment level of the
544 interdistrict magnet school program on October 1, 2013. Approval of
545 funding for enrollment above such enrollment level shall be prioritized
546 by the department as follows: (A) Increases in enrollment in an
547 interdistrict magnet school program that is adding planned new grade
548 levels for the school years commencing July 1, 2015, and July 1, 2016; (B)
549 increases in enrollment in an interdistrict magnet school program that
550 added planned new grade levels for the school year commencing July 1,
551 2014, and was funded during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015; (C)
552 increases in enrollment in an interdistrict magnet school program that
553 is moving into a permanent facility for the school years commencing
554 July 1, 2014, to July 1, 2016, inclusive; (D) increases in enrollment in an
555 interdistrict magnet school program to ensure compliance with
556 subsection (a) of this section; and (E) new enrollments for a new
557 interdistrict magnet school program commencing operations on or after
558 July 1, 2014, pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1
559 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the
560 commissioner. Any interdistrict magnet school program operating less
561 than full-time, but at least half-time, shall be eligible to receive a grant
562 equal to sixty-five per cent of the grant amount determined pursuant to
563 this subsection.

564 (5) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the department may limit
565 payment to an interdistrict magnet school operator to an amount equal
566 to the grant that such magnet school operator was eligible to receive
567 based on the enrollment level of the interdistrict magnet school program
568 on October 1, 2013, or October 1, 2015, whichever is lower. Approval of
569 funding for enrollment above such enrollment level shall be prioritized
570 by the department as follows: (A) Increases in enrollment in an
571 interdistrict magnet school program that is adding planned new grade
572 levels for the school years commencing July 1, 2015, and July 1, 2016; (B)
573 increases in enrollment in an interdistrict magnet school program that
574 added planned new grade levels for the school year commencing July 1,
575 2014, and was funded during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015; (C)
576 increases in enrollment in an interdistrict magnet school program that

577 added planned new grade levels for the school year commencing July 1,
578 2015, and was funded during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016; and
579 (D) increases in enrollment in an interdistrict magnet school program to
580 ensure compliance with subsection (a) of this section. Any interdistrict
581 magnet school program operating less than full-time, but at least half-
582 time, shall be eligible to receive a grant equal to sixty-five per cent of the
583 grant amount determined pursuant to this subsection.

584 (6) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, and within available
585 appropriations, the department may limit payment to an interdistrict
586 magnet school operator to an amount equal to the grant that such
587 magnet school operator was eligible to receive based on the enrollment
588 level of the interdistrict magnet school program on October 1, 2013,
589 October 1, 2015, or October 1, 2016, whichever is lower. Approval of
590 funding for enrollment above such enrollment level shall be prioritized
591 by the department and subject to the commissioner's approval,
592 including increases in enrollment in an interdistrict magnet school
593 program as a result of planned and approved new grade levels. Any
594 interdistrict magnet school program operating less than full-time, but at
595 least half-time, shall be eligible to receive a grant equal to sixty-five per
596 cent of the grant amount determined pursuant to this subsection.

597 (7) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, and within available
598 appropriations, the department may limit payment to an interdistrict
599 magnet school operator to an amount equal to the grant that such
600 magnet school operator was eligible to receive based on the enrollment
601 level of the interdistrict magnet school program on October 1, 2013,
602 October 1, 2015, October 1, 2016, or October 1, 2017, whichever is lower.
603 Approval of funding for enrollment above such enrollment level shall
604 be prioritized by the department and subject to the commissioner's
605 approval, including increases in enrollment in an interdistrict magnet
606 school program as a result of planned and approved new grade levels.
607 Any interdistrict magnet school program operating less than full-time,
608 but at least half-time, shall be eligible to receive a grant equal to sixty-
609 five per cent of the grant amount determined pursuant to this

610 subsection.

611 (8) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, and within available
612 appropriations, the department may limit payment to an interdistrict
613 magnet school operator to an amount equal to the grant that such
614 magnet school operator was eligible to receive based on the enrollment
615 level of the interdistrict magnet school program on October 1, 2013,
616 October 1, 2015, October 1, 2016, October 1, 2017, or October 1, 2018,
617 whichever is lower. Approval of funding for enrollment above such
618 enrollment level shall be prioritized by the department and subject to
619 the commissioner's approval, including increases in enrollment in an
620 interdistrict magnet school program as a result of planned and
621 approved new grade levels. Any interdistrict magnet school program
622 operating less than full-time, but at least half-time, shall be eligible to
623 receive a grant equal to sixty-five per cent of the grant amount
624 determined pursuant to this subsection.

625 (9) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, and within available
626 appropriations, the department may limit payment to an interdistrict
627 magnet school operator to an amount equal to the grant that such
628 magnet school operator was eligible to receive based on the enrollment
629 level of the interdistrict magnet school program on October 1, 2013,
630 October 1, 2015, October 1, 2016, October 1, 2017, October 1, 2018, or
631 October 1, 2019, whichever is lower. Approval of funding for enrollment
632 above such enrollment level shall be prioritized by the department and
633 subject to the commissioner's approval, including increases in
634 enrollment in an interdistrict magnet school program as a result of
635 planned and approved new grade levels. Any interdistrict magnet
636 school program operating less than full-time, but at least half-time, shall
637 be eligible to receive a grant equal to sixty-five per cent of the grant
638 amount determined pursuant to this subsection.]

639 [(10)] (4) Within available appropriations, the commissioner may
640 make grants to the following entities that operate an interdistrict magnet
641 school that assists the state in meeting its obligations pursuant to the
642 decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation

643 or order in effect, as determined by the commissioner and that provide
644 academic support programs and summer school educational programs
645 approved by the commissioner to students participating in such
646 interdistrict magnet school program: (A) Regional educational service
647 centers, (B) local and regional boards of education, (C) the Board of
648 Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges on behalf of a regional
649 community-technical college, (D) the Board of Trustees of the
650 Connecticut State University System on behalf of a state university, (E)
651 the Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut on behalf of the
652 university, (F) the board of governors for an independent institution of
653 higher education, as defined in subsection (a) of section 10a-173, or the
654 equivalent of such a board, on behalf of the independent institution of
655 higher education, (G) cooperative arrangements pursuant to section 10-
656 158a, and (H) any other third-party not-for-profit corporation approved
657 by the commissioner.

658 ~~[(11)]~~ (5) Within available appropriations, the Commissioner of
659 Education may make grants, in an amount not to exceed seventy-five
660 thousand dollars, for start-up costs associated with the development of
661 new interdistrict magnet school programs that assist the state in meeting
662 its obligations pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1
663 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the
664 commissioner, to the following entities that develop such a program: (A)
665 Regional educational service centers, (B) local and regional boards of
666 education, (C) the Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical
667 Colleges on behalf of a regional community-technical college, (D) the
668 Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University System on behalf
669 of a state university, (E) the Board of Trustees for The University of
670 Connecticut on behalf of the university, (F) the board of governors for
671 an independent institution of higher education, as defined in subsection
672 (a) of section 10a-173, or the equivalent of such a board, on behalf of the
673 independent institution of higher education, (G) cooperative
674 arrangements pursuant to section 10-158a, and (H) any other third-party
675 not-for-profit corporation approved by the commissioner.

676 [(12)] (6) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, and each fiscal year
677 thereafter, the department shall make grants determined pursuant to
678 this subsection within available appropriations, and in no case shall the
679 total grant paid to an interdistrict magnet school operator pursuant to
680 this section exceed the aggregate total of the reasonable operating
681 budgets of the interdistrict magnet school programs of such operator,
682 less revenues from other sources.

683 [(13) Any interdistrict magnet school program operating less than
684 full-time, but at least half-time, shall be eligible to receive a grant equal
685 to sixty-five per cent of the grant amount determined pursuant to this
686 subsection.]

687 (d) [(1)] Grants made pursuant to this section [, except those made
688 pursuant to subdivision (7) of subsection (c) of this section and
689 subdivision (2) of this subsection,] and section 1 of this act shall be paid
690 as follows: Seventy per cent not later than September first and the
691 balance not later than May first of each fiscal year. The May first
692 payment shall be adjusted to reflect actual interdistrict magnet school
693 program enrollment as of the preceding October first using the data of
694 record as of the intervening January thirty-first, if the actual level of
695 enrollment is lower than the projected enrollment stated in the
696 approved grant application. The May first payment shall be further
697 adjusted for the difference between the total grant received by the
698 magnet school operator in the prior fiscal year and the revised total
699 grant amount calculated for the prior fiscal year in cases where the
700 aggregate financial audit submitted by the interdistrict magnet school
701 operator pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (n) of this section
702 indicates an overpayment by the department. Notwithstanding the
703 provisions of this section to the contrary, grants made pursuant to this
704 section may be paid to each interdistrict magnet school operator as an
705 aggregate total of the amount that the interdistrict magnet schools
706 operated by each such operator are eligible to receive under this section.
707 Each interdistrict magnet school operator may distribute such aggregate
708 grant among the interdistrict magnet school programs that such

709 operator is operating pursuant to a distribution plan approved by the
710 Commissioner of Education.

711 [(2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, and each fiscal year
712 thereafter, grants made pursuant to subparagraph (E) of subdivision (3)
713 of subsection (c) of this section shall be paid as follows: Fifty per cent of
714 the amount not later than September first based on estimated student
715 enrollment for the first semester on September first, and another fifty
716 per cent not later than May first of each fiscal year based on actual
717 student enrollment for the second semester on February first. The May
718 first payment shall be adjusted to reflect actual interdistrict magnet
719 school program enrollment for those students who have been enrolled
720 at such school for at least two semesters of the school year, using the
721 data of record, and actual student enrollment for those students who
722 have been enrolled at such school for only one semester, using data of
723 record. The May first payment shall be further adjusted for the
724 difference between the total grant received by the magnet school
725 operator in the prior fiscal year and the revised total grant amount
726 calculated for the prior fiscal year where the financial audit submitted
727 by the interdistrict magnet school operator pursuant to subdivision (1)
728 of subsection (n) of this section indicates an overpayment by the
729 department.]

730 (e) The Department of Education may retain up to one-half of one per
731 cent of the amount appropriated, in an amount not to exceed five
732 hundred thousand dollars, for purposes of this section for program
733 evaluation and administration.

734 (f) Each local or regional school district in which an interdistrict
735 magnet school is located shall provide the same kind of transportation
736 to its children enrolled in such interdistrict magnet school as it provides
737 to its children enrolled in other public schools in such local or regional
738 school district. The parent or guardian of a child denied the
739 transportation services required to be provided pursuant to this
740 subsection may appeal such denial in the manner provided in sections
741 10-186 and 10-187.

742 (g) On or before October fifteenth of each year, the Commissioner of
743 Education shall determine if interdistrict magnet school enrollment is
744 below the number of students for which funds were appropriated. If the
745 commissioner determines that the enrollment is below such number, the
746 additional funds shall not lapse but shall be used by the commissioner
747 for grants for interdistrict cooperative programs pursuant to section 10-
748 74d.

749 (h) (1) In the case of a student identified as requiring special
750 education, the school district in which the student resides shall: (A)
751 Hold the planning and placement team meeting for such student and
752 shall invite representatives from the interdistrict magnet school to
753 participate in such meeting; and (B) pay the interdistrict magnet school
754 an amount equal to the difference between the reasonable cost of
755 educating such student and the sum of the amount received by the
756 interdistrict magnet school for such student pursuant to subsection (c)
757 of this section and amounts received from other state, federal, local or
758 private sources calculated on a per pupil basis. Such school district shall
759 be eligible for reimbursement pursuant to section 10-76g. If a student
760 requiring special education attends an interdistrict magnet school on a
761 full-time basis, such interdistrict magnet school shall be responsible for
762 ensuring that such student receives the services mandated by the
763 student's individualized education program whether such services are
764 provided by the interdistrict magnet school or by the school district in
765 which the student resides.

766 (2) In the case of a student with a plan pursuant to Section 504 of the
767 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended from time to time, the school
768 district in which the student resides shall pay the interdistrict magnet
769 school an amount equal to the difference between the reasonable cost of
770 educating such student and the sum of the amount received by the
771 interdistrict magnet school for such student pursuant to subsection (c)
772 of this section and amounts received from other state, federal, local or
773 private sources calculated on a per pupil basis. If a student with a plan
774 pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended

775 from time to time, attends an interdistrict magnet school on a full-time
776 basis, such interdistrict magnet school shall be responsible for ensuring
777 that such student receives the services mandated by the student's plan,
778 whether such services are provided by the interdistrict magnet school
779 or by the school district in which the student resides.

780 (i) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the
781 enrollment of nonpublic school students in an interdistrict magnet
782 school program that operates less than full-time, provided (1) such
783 students constitute no more than five per cent of the full-time equivalent
784 enrollment in such magnet school program, and (2) such students are
785 not counted for purposes of determining the amount of grants pursuant
786 to this section and section 10-264i.

787 (j) After accommodating students from participating districts in
788 accordance with an approved enrollment agreement, an interdistrict
789 magnet school operator that has unused student capacity may enroll
790 directly into its program any interested student. A student from a
791 district that is not participating in an interdistrict magnet school or the
792 interdistrict student attendance program pursuant to section 10-266aa,
793 as amended by this act, to an extent determined by the Commissioner
794 of Education shall be given preference. ~~[The]~~ For the fiscal year ending
795 June 30, 2025, the local or regional board of education otherwise
796 responsible for educating such student shall contribute funds to support
797 the operation of the interdistrict magnet school in an amount equal to
798 the per student tuition, if any, charged to participating districts, ~~[except~~
799 ~~for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year thereafter,]~~
800 provided any such per student tuition charged to such participating
801 districts shall not exceed fifty-eight per cent the per student tuition
802 charged during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

803 (k) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, ~~[2014, and each fiscal year~~
804 ~~thereafter]~~ 2025, any tuition charged to a local or regional board of
805 education by ~~(A)~~ a regional educational service center operating an
806 interdistrict magnet school, ~~[or any tuition charged by]~~ ~~(B)~~ the Hartford
807 school district operating the Great Path Academy on behalf of

808 Manchester Community College, or (C) any interdistrict magnet school
809 operator described in section 10-264s, for any student enrolled in
810 kindergarten to grade twelve, inclusive, in such interdistrict magnet
811 school shall be in an amount [equal to the difference between (A) the
812 average per pupil expenditure of the magnet school for the prior fiscal
813 year, and (B) the amount of any per pupil state subsidy calculated under
814 subsection (c) of this section plus any revenue from other sources
815 calculated on a per pupil basis, except for the fiscal year ending June 30,
816 2025, and each fiscal year thereafter, the per student tuition charged to
817 a local or regional board of education shall] not to exceed fifty-eight per
818 cent the per student tuition charged during the fiscal year ending June
819 30, 2024. If any such board of education fails to pay such tuition, the
820 commissioner may withhold from such board's town or towns a sum
821 payable under section 10-262i in an amount not to exceed the amount of
822 the unpaid tuition to the magnet school and pay such money to the fiscal
823 agent for the magnet school as a supplementary grant for the operation
824 of the interdistrict magnet school program. In no case shall the sum of
825 such tuitions exceed the difference between (i) the total expenditures of
826 the magnet school for the prior fiscal year, and (ii) the total per pupil
827 state subsidy calculated under subsection (c) of this section plus any
828 revenue from other sources. The commissioner may conduct a
829 comprehensive financial review of the operating budget of a magnet
830 school to verify such tuition rate.

831 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and each fiscal year
832 thereafter, a regional educational service center operating an
833 interdistrict magnet school, the Hartford school district operating the
834 Great Path Academy on behalf of Manchester Community College or an
835 interdistrict magnet school operator described in section 10-264s, shall
836 not charge tuition to any local or regional board of education for any
837 student enrolled in kindergarten to grade twelve, inclusive, in such
838 interdistrict magnet school.

839 [(2) (A) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2013, and June 30, 2014, a
840 regional educational service center operating an interdistrict magnet

841 school offering a preschool program that is not located in the Sheff
842 region may charge tuition to the Department of Education for a child
843 enrolled in such preschool program in an amount not to exceed an
844 amount equal to the difference between (i) the average per pupil
845 expenditure of the preschool program offered at the magnet school for
846 the prior fiscal year, and (ii) the amount of any per pupil state subsidy
847 calculated under subsection (c) of this section plus any revenue from
848 other sources calculated on a per pupil basis. The commissioner may
849 conduct a comprehensive financial review of the operating budget of
850 any such magnet school charging such tuition to verify such tuition rate.
851 For purposes of this subdivision, "Sheff region" means the school
852 districts for the towns of Avon, Bloomfield, Canton, East Granby, East
853 Hartford, East Windsor, Ellington, Farmington, Glastonbury, Granby,
854 Hartford, Manchester, Newington, Rocky Hill, Simsbury, South
855 Windsor, Suffield, Vernon, West Hartford, Wethersfield, Windsor and
856 Windsor Locks.

857 (B) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, a regional educational
858 service center operating an interdistrict magnet school offering a
859 preschool program that is not located in the Sheff region may charge
860 tuition to the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in such preschool
861 program in an amount that is in accordance with the sliding tuition scale
862 adopted by the State Board of Education pursuant to section 10-264p.
863 The Department of Education shall be financially responsible for any
864 unpaid portion of the tuition not charged to such parent or guardian
865 under such sliding tuition scale. Such tuition shall not exceed an amount
866 equal to the difference between (i) the average per pupil expenditure of
867 the preschool program offered at the magnet school for the prior fiscal
868 year, and (ii) the amount of any per pupil state subsidy calculated under
869 subsection (c) of this section plus any revenue from other sources
870 calculated on a per pupil basis. The commissioner may conduct a
871 comprehensive financial review of the operating budget of any such
872 magnet school charging such tuition to verify such tuition rate.]

873 [(C)] (3) For the fiscal year ending June 30, [2016, and each fiscal year

874 thereafter] 2025, a regional educational service center operating an
875 interdistrict magnet school offering a preschool program that is not
876 located in the Sheff region shall [charge tuition to the parent or guardian
877 of a child enrolled in such preschool program in an amount up to four
878 thousand fifty-three dollars, except such regional educational service
879 center shall (i)] (A) not charge tuition to such parent or guardian with a
880 family income at or below seventy-five per cent of the state median
881 income, and [(ii) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal
882 year thereafter,] (B) charge tuition to such parent or guardian in an
883 amount not to exceed fifty-eight per cent of the tuition charged during
884 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. The Department of Education shall,
885 within available appropriations, be financially responsible for any
886 unpaid tuition charged to such parent or guardian with a family income
887 at or below seventy-five per cent of the state median income. The
888 commissioner may conduct a comprehensive financial review of the
889 operating budget of any such magnet school charging such tuition to
890 verify such tuition rate.

891 (4) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and each fiscal year
892 thereafter, a regional educational service center operating an
893 interdistrict magnet school offering a preschool program that is not
894 located in the Sheff region shall not charge tuition for any child enrolled
895 in such preschool program.

896 (l) A participating district shall provide opportunities for its students
897 to attend an interdistrict magnet school in a number that is at least equal
898 to the number specified in any written agreement with an interdistrict
899 magnet school operator or in a number that is at least equal to the
900 average number of students that the participating district enrolled in
901 such magnet school during the previous three school years.

902 (m) (1) On or before May 15, 2010, and annually thereafter, each
903 interdistrict magnet school operator shall provide written notification to
904 any school district that is otherwise responsible for educating a student
905 who resides in such school district and will be enrolled in an interdistrict
906 magnet school under the operator's control for the following school

907 year. Such notification shall include (A) the number of any such
908 students, by grade, who will be enrolled in an interdistrict magnet
909 school under the control of such operator, (B) the name of the school in
910 which such student has been placed, and (C) the amount of tuition to be
911 charged to the local or regional board of education for such student.
912 Such notification shall represent an estimate of the number of students
913 expected to attend such interdistrict magnet schools in the following
914 school year, but shall not be deemed to limit the number of students
915 who may enroll in such interdistrict magnet schools for such year.

916 (2) [For the school year commencing July 1, 2015, and each school
917 year thereafter] (A) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, any
918 interdistrict magnet school operator that is a local or regional board of
919 education [and did not charge tuition to another local or regional board
920 of education for the school year commencing July 1, 2014, may] shall not
921 charge tuition to such board unless [(A)] (i) such operator [receives] has
922 previously received authorization from the Commissioner of Education
923 to charge the proposed tuition, and [(B)] (ii) if such authorization is
924 granted, such operator provides written notification on or before
925 September first of the school year prior to the school year in which such
926 tuition is to be charged to such board of the tuition to be charged to such
927 board for each student that such board is otherwise responsible for
928 educating and is enrolled at the interdistrict magnet school under such
929 operator's control, except [for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and
930 each fiscal year thereafter,] the amount of such tuition charged to such
931 other local or regional board of education shall not exceed fifty-eight per
932 cent the per student tuition charged during the fiscal year ending June
933 30, 2024. In deciding whether to authorize an interdistrict magnet school
934 operator to charge tuition under this subdivision, the commissioner
935 shall consider [(i)] (I) the average per pupil expenditure of such operator
936 for each interdistrict magnet school under the control of such operator,
937 and [(ii)] (II) the amount of any per pupil state subsidy and any revenue
938 from other sources received by such operator. The commissioner may
939 conduct a comprehensive financial review of the operating budget of
940 the magnet school of such operator to verify that the tuition is

941 appropriate. The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to any
942 interdistrict magnet school operator that is a regional educational
943 service center or assisting the state in meeting its obligations pursuant
944 to the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related
945 stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the Commissioner of
946 Education.

947 (B) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and each fiscal year
948 thereafter, any interdistrict magnet school operator that is a local or
949 regional board of education shall not charge tuition to another local or
950 regional board of education.

951 (3) Not later than two weeks following an enrollment lottery for an
952 interdistrict magnet school conducted by a magnet school operator, the
953 parent or guardian of a student (A) who will enroll in such interdistrict
954 magnet school in the following school year, or (B) whose name has been
955 placed on a waiting list for enrollment in such interdistrict magnet
956 school for the following school year, shall provide written notification
957 of such prospective enrollment or waiting list placement to the school
958 district in which such student resides and is otherwise responsible for
959 educating such student.

960 (n) (1) Each interdistrict magnet school operator shall annually file
961 with the Commissioner of Education, at such time and in such manner
962 as the commissioner prescribes, (A) a financial audit for each
963 interdistrict magnet school operated by such operator, and (B) an
964 aggregate financial audit for all of the interdistrict magnet schools
965 operated by such operator.

966 (2) Annually, the commissioner shall randomly select one
967 interdistrict magnet school operated by a regional educational service
968 center to be subject to a comprehensive financial audit conducted by an
969 auditor selected by the commissioner. The regional educational service
970 center shall be responsible for all costs associated with the audit
971 conducted pursuant to the provisions of this subdivision.

972 (o) For the [school year commencing July 1, 2023] fiscal year ending
973 June 30, 2026, and each fiscal year thereafter, any local or regional board
974 of education operating an interdistrict magnet school pursuant to the
975 decision in Sheff v. O'Neill, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation
976 or order in effect, shall not charge tuition for any student enrolled in a
977 preschool program or in kindergarten to grade twelve, inclusive, in an
978 interdistrict magnet school operated by such school district. [, except the
979 Hartford school district may charge tuition for any student enrolled in
980 the Great Path Academy.]

981 (p) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, and each fiscal year
982 thereafter, if the East Hartford school district or the Manchester school
983 district has greater than four per cent of its resident students, as defined
984 in section 10-262f, enrolled in an interdistrict magnet school program,
985 then the board of education for the town of East Hartford or the town of
986 Manchester shall not be financially responsible for four thousand four
987 hundred dollars of the portion of the per student tuition charged for
988 each such student in excess of such four per cent. The Department of
989 Education shall, within available appropriations, be financially
990 responsible for such excess per student tuition. Notwithstanding the
991 provisions of this subsection, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023,
992 and each fiscal year thereafter, the amount of the grants payable to the
993 boards of education for the towns of East Hartford and Manchester in
994 accordance with this subsection shall be reduced proportionately if the
995 total of such grants in such year exceeds the amount appropriated for
996 purposes of this subsection.

997 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, if the local or regional
998 board of education for (A) the town of Windsor, (B) the town of New
999 Britain, (C) the town of New London, and (D) the town of Bloomfield,
1000 has greater than four per cent of its resident students, as defined in
1001 section 10-262f, enrolled in an interdistrict magnet school program, then
1002 such board of education shall not be financially responsible for four
1003 thousand four hundred dollars of the portion of the per student tuition
1004 charged for each such student in excess of such four per cent. The

1005 Department of Education shall, within available appropriations, be
1006 financially responsible for such excess per student tuition.
1007 Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, for the fiscal year
1008 ending June 30, 2024, the amount of the grants payable to any such
1009 board of education in accordance with this subsection shall be reduced
1010 proportionately if the total of such grants in such year exceeds the
1011 amount appropriated for purposes of this subsection.

1012 Sec. 4. Section 10-264o of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes
1013 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
1014 *1, 2024*):

1015 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, interdistrict
1016 magnet schools that begin operations on or after July 1, 2008, pursuant
1017 to the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related
1018 stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the Commissioner of
1019 Education, may operate without district participation agreements and
1020 enroll students from any district through a lottery designated by the
1021 commissioner.

1022 (b) [For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, and each fiscal year
1023 thereafter] (1) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (2) of
1024 subsection (c) of section 10-264l, as amended by this act, for the fiscal
1025 year ending June 30, 2025, any tuition charged to a local or regional
1026 board of education by a regional educational service center operating an
1027 interdistrict magnet school assisting the state in meeting its obligations
1028 pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any
1029 related stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the
1030 Commissioner of Education, for any student enrolled in kindergarten to
1031 grade twelve, inclusive, in such interdistrict magnet school shall be in
1032 an amount equal to the difference between [(1)] (A) the average per
1033 pupil expenditure of the magnet school for the prior fiscal year, and [(2)]
1034 (B) the amount of any per pupil state subsidy calculated under
1035 subsection (c) of section 10-264l, as amended by this act, plus any
1036 revenue from other sources calculated on a per pupil basis, [except for
1037 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year thereafter,]

1038 provided the per student tuition charged to a local or regional board of
1039 education shall not exceed fifty-eight per cent the per student tuition
1040 charged during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. If any such board
1041 of education fails to pay such tuition, the commissioner may withhold
1042 from such board's town or towns a sum payable under section 10-262i
1043 in an amount not to exceed the amount of the unpaid tuition to the
1044 magnet school and pay such money to the fiscal agent for the magnet
1045 school as a supplementary grant for the operation of the interdistrict
1046 magnet school program. In no case shall the sum of such tuitions exceed
1047 the difference between [(A)] (i) the total expenditures of the magnet
1048 school for the prior fiscal year, and [(B)] (ii) the total per pupil state
1049 subsidy calculated under subsection (c) of section 10-264l, as amended
1050 by this act, plus any revenue from other sources. The commissioner may
1051 conduct a comprehensive review of the operating budget of a magnet
1052 school to verify such tuition rate.

1053 (2) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (2) of subsection (c)
1054 of section 10-264l, as amended by this act, for the fiscal year ending June
1055 30, 2026, and each fiscal year thereafter, a regional educational service
1056 center operating an interdistrict magnet school assisting the state in
1057 meeting its obligations pursuant to the decision in Sheff v. O'Neill, 238
1058 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect, as
1059 determined by the Commissioner of Education, shall not charge tuition
1060 to a local or regional board of education for any student enrolled in
1061 kindergarten to grade twelve, inclusive, in such interdistrict magnet
1062 school.

1063 [(c) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, a regional educational
1064 service center operating an interdistrict magnet school assisting the state
1065 in meeting its obligations pursuant to the decision in Sheff v. O'Neill,
1066 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect, as
1067 determined by the Commissioner of Education, and offering a preschool
1068 program shall not charge tuition for a child enrolled in such preschool
1069 program.

1070 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, a regional educational

1071 service center operating an interdistrict magnet school assisting the state
1072 in meeting its obligations pursuant to the decision in Sheff v. O'Neill,
1073 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect, as
1074 determined by the Commissioner of Education, and offering a preschool
1075 program may charge tuition to the Department of Education for a child
1076 enrolled in such preschool program in an amount not to exceed an
1077 amount equal to the difference between (A) the average per pupil
1078 expenditure of the preschool program offered at the magnet school for
1079 the prior fiscal year, and (B) the amount of any per pupil state subsidy
1080 calculated under subsection (c) of section 10-264*l*, plus any revenue from
1081 other sources calculated on a per pupil basis. The commissioner may
1082 conduct a comprehensive review of the operating budget of any such
1083 magnet school charging such tuition to verify such tuition rate.

1084 (3) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, a regional educational
1085 service center operating an interdistrict magnet school assisting the state
1086 in meeting its obligations pursuant to the decision in Sheff v. O'Neill,
1087 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect, as
1088 determined by the Commissioner of Education, and offering a preschool
1089 program may charge tuition to the parent or guardian of a child enrolled
1090 in such preschool program in an amount that is in accordance with the
1091 sliding tuition scale adopted by the State Board of Education pursuant
1092 to section 10-264*p*. The Department of Education shall be financially
1093 responsible for any unpaid portion of the tuition not charged to such
1094 parent or guardian under such sliding tuition scale. Such tuition shall
1095 not exceed an amount equal to the difference between (A) the average
1096 per pupil expenditure of the preschool program offered at the magnet
1097 school for the prior fiscal year, and (B) the amount of any per pupil state
1098 subsidy calculated under subsection (c) of section 10-264*l*, plus any
1099 revenue from other sources calculated on a per pupil basis. The
1100 commissioner may conduct a comprehensive review of the operating
1101 budget of any such magnet school charging such tuition to verify such
1102 tuition rate.]

1103 [(4)] (c) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, [2016, and each fiscal

1104 year thereafter] 2025, a regional educational service center operating an
1105 interdistrict magnet school assisting the state in meeting its obligations
1106 pursuant to the decision in Sheff v. O'Neill, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any
1107 related stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the
1108 Commissioner of Education, and offering a preschool program shall
1109 charge tuition to the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in such
1110 preschool program in an amount [up to four thousand fifty-three
1111 dollars] not to exceed fifty-eight per cent the per child tuition charged
1112 during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, except such regional
1113 educational service center shall not charge tuition to such parent or
1114 guardian with a family income at or below seventy-five per cent of the
1115 state median income. The Department of Education shall, within
1116 available appropriations, be financially responsible for any unpaid
1117 tuition charged to such parent or guardian with a family income at or
1118 below seventy-five per cent of the state median income. The
1119 commissioner may conduct a comprehensive financial review of the
1120 operating budget of any such magnet school charging such tuition to
1121 verify such tuition rate.

1122 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and each fiscal year
1123 thereafter, a regional educational service center operating an
1124 interdistrict magnet school assisting the state in meeting its obligations
1125 pursuant to the decision in Sheff v. O'Neill, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any
1126 related stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the
1127 Commissioner of Education, and offering a preschool program shall not
1128 charge tuition to the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in such
1129 preschool program.

1130 (d) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, any interdistrict
1131 magnet school operator described in section 10-264s that offers a
1132 preschool program shall charge tuition to the parent or guardian of a
1133 child enrolled in such preschool program in an amount not to exceed
1134 fifty-eight per cent the per child tuition charged during the fiscal year
1135 ending June 30, 2024, except such interdistrict magnet school operator
1136 shall not charge tuition to such parent or guardian with a family income

1137 at or below seventy-five per cent of the state median income. The
1138 Department of Education shall, within available appropriations, be
1139 financially responsible for any unpaid tuition charged to such parent or
1140 guardian with a family income at or below seventy-five per cent of the
1141 state median income. The commissioner may conduct a comprehensive
1142 financial review of the operating budget of any such interdistrict magnet
1143 school operator charging such tuition to verify such tuition rate.

1144 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and each fiscal year
1145 thereafter, any interdistrict magnet school operator described in section
1146 10-264s that offers a preschool program shall not charge tuition to the
1147 parent or guardian of a child enrolled in such preschool program.

1148 Sec. 5. Subsection (d) of section 10-66ee of the 2024 supplement to the
1149 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1150 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

1151 (d) (1) As used in this subsection:

1152 (A) "Total charter need students" means the sum of (i) the number of
1153 students enrolled in state charter schools under the control of the
1154 governing authority for such state charter schools for the school year,
1155 and (ii) for the school year commencing July 1, 2021, and each school
1156 year thereafter, (I) thirty per cent of the number of children enrolled in
1157 such state charter schools eligible for free or reduced price meals or free
1158 milk, (II) fifteen per cent of the number of such children eligible for free
1159 or reduced price meals or free milk in excess of the number of such
1160 children eligible for free or reduced price meals or free milk that is equal
1161 to sixty per cent of the total number of children enrolled in such state
1162 charter schools, and (III) twenty-five per cent of the number of students
1163 enrolled in such state charter schools who are multilingual learners, as
1164 defined in section 10-76kk.

1165 (B) "Foundation" [has the same meaning as provided in section 10-
1166 262f] means (i) for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2025, and June 30,
1167 2026, eleven thousand five hundred twenty-five dollars, (ii) for the fiscal

1168 year ending June 30, 2027, eleven thousand five hundred twenty-five
1169 dollars adjusted by the percentage increase in personal income, as
1170 defined in section 2-33a, or the percentage increase in inflation, as
1171 defined in section 2-33a, whichever is greater, and (iii) for the fiscal year
1172 ending June 30, 2028, and each fiscal year thereafter, the amount of the
1173 foundation for the prior fiscal year adjusted by the percentage increase
1174 in personal income, as defined in section 2-33a, or the percentage
1175 increase in inflation, as defined in section 2-33a, whichever is greater.

1176 (C) "Charter full weighted funding per student" means the quotient
1177 of (i) the product of the total charter need students and the foundation,
1178 and (ii) the number of students enrolled in state charter schools under
1179 the control of the governing authority for such state charter schools for
1180 the school year.

1181 (D) "Charter grant adjustment" means the absolute value of the
1182 difference between the foundation and charter full weighted funding
1183 per student for state charter schools under the control of the governing
1184 authority for such state charter schools for the school year.

1185 (2) For the fiscal year ending July 1, 2022, the state shall pay in
1186 accordance with this subsection, to the fiscal authority for a state charter
1187 school for each student enrolled in such school, the foundation plus four
1188 and one-tenth per cent of its charter grant adjustment.

1189 (3) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the state shall pay in
1190 accordance with this subsection, to the fiscal authority for a state charter
1191 school for each student enrolled in such school, the foundation plus
1192 twenty-five and forty-two-one-hundredths per cent of its charter grant
1193 adjustment.

1194 (4) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the state shall pay in
1195 accordance with this subsection, to the fiscal authority for a state charter
1196 school for each student enrolled in such school, the foundation plus
1197 thirty-six and eight-one-hundredths per cent of its charter grant
1198 adjustment.

1199 (5) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, [and each fiscal year
1200 thereafter,] the state shall pay in accordance with this subsection, to the
1201 fiscal authority for a state charter school for each student enrolled in
1202 such school, the foundation plus fifty-six and seven tenths per cent of its
1203 charter grant adjustment.

1204 (6) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and each fiscal year
1205 thereafter, the state shall pay in accordance with this subsection, to the
1206 fiscal authority for a state charter school, the product of the foundation
1207 and its total charter need students.

1208 ~~[(6)]~~ (7) Payments under subdivisions (2) to ~~[(5)]~~ (6), inclusive, of this
1209 subsection shall be paid as follows: Twenty-five per cent of the amount
1210 not later than July fifteenth and September first based on estimated
1211 student enrollment on May first, and twenty-five per cent of the amount
1212 not later than January first and the remaining amount not later than
1213 April first, each based on student enrollment on October first.

1214 ~~[(7)]~~ (8) In the case of a student identified as requiring special
1215 education, the school district in which the student resides shall: (A)
1216 Hold the planning and placement team meeting for such student and
1217 shall invite representatives from the charter school to participate in such
1218 meeting; and (B) pay the state charter school, on a quarterly basis, an
1219 amount equal to the difference between the reasonable cost of educating
1220 such student and the sum of the amount received by the state charter
1221 school for such student pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection
1222 and amounts received from other state, federal, local or private sources
1223 calculated on a per pupil basis. Such school district shall be eligible for
1224 reimbursement pursuant to section 10-76g. The charter school a student
1225 requiring special education attends shall be responsible for ensuring
1226 that such student receives the services mandated by the student's
1227 individualized education program whether such services are provided
1228 by the charter school or by the school district in which the student
1229 resides.

1230 Sec. 6. Section 10-65 of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes is

1231 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
1232 *2024*):

1233 (a) Each local or regional school district operating an agricultural
1234 science and technology education center approved by the State Board of
1235 Education for program, educational need, location and area to be served
1236 shall be eligible for the following grants: (1) In accordance with the
1237 provisions of chapter 173, through progress payments in accordance
1238 with the provisions of section 10-287i, (A) for projects for which an
1239 application was filed prior to July 1, 2011, ninety-five per cent, and (B)
1240 for projects for which an application was filed on or after July 1, 2011,
1241 eighty per cent of the net eligible costs of constructing, acquiring,
1242 renovating and equipping approved facilities to be used exclusively for
1243 such agricultural science and technology education center, for the
1244 expansion or improvement of existing facilities or for the replacement
1245 or improvement of equipment therein, and (2) subject to the provisions
1246 of section 10-65b, [and within available appropriations, (A) for the fiscal
1247 year ending June 30, 2024, in an amount equal to five thousand two
1248 hundred dollars per student for every secondary school student who
1249 was enrolled in such center on October first of the previous year, and
1250 (B) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year
1251 thereafter, in an amount equal to at least five thousand two hundred
1252 dollars per student for every secondary school student who was
1253 enrolled in such center on October first of the previous year] for the
1254 fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year thereafter, a grant
1255 equal to the amount such board is entitled to receive under the
1256 provisions of section 1 of this act.

1257 (b) (1) Each local or regional board of education not maintaining an
1258 agricultural science and technology education center shall provide
1259 opportunities for its students to enroll in one or more such centers, [in a
1260 number that is at least equal to the number specified in any written
1261 agreement with each such center or centers, or in the absence of such an
1262 agreement, a number that is at least equal to the average number of its
1263 students that the board of education enrolled in each such center or

1264 centers during the previous three school years, provided, in addition to
1265 such number, each such board of education shall provide opportunities
1266 for its students to enroll in the ninth grade in a number that is at least
1267 equal to the number specified in any written agreement with each such
1268 center or centers, or in the absence of such an agreement, a number that
1269 is at least equal to the average number of students that the board of
1270 education enrolled in the ninth grade in each such center or centers
1271 during the previous three school years.] If a local or regional board of
1272 education provided opportunities for students to enroll in more than
1273 one center for the school year commencing July 1, 2007, such board of
1274 education shall continue to provide such opportunities to students in
1275 accordance with this subsection.

1276 [The] (2) (A) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the board of
1277 education operating an agricultural science and technology education
1278 center may charge, subject to the provisions of section 10-65b, tuition for
1279 a school year in an amount not to exceed fifty-nine and two-tenths per
1280 cent of the foundation level pursuant to subdivision (9) of section 10-
1281 262f, per student for the fiscal year in which the tuition is paid, except
1282 that [(1)] (i) such board may charge tuition for [(A)] (I) students enrolled
1283 under shared-time arrangements on a pro rata basis, and [(B)] (II) special
1284 education students which shall not exceed the actual costs of educating
1285 such students minus the amounts received pursuant to subdivision (2)
1286 of subsection (a) of this section and subsection (c) of this section, and [(2)
1287 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year thereafter,]
1288 (ii) such board may charge such tuition in an amount not to exceed fifty-
1289 eight per cent of the amount such board charged during the fiscal year
1290 ending June 30, 2024. Any tuition paid by such board for special
1291 education students in excess of the tuition paid for non-special-
1292 education students shall be reimbursed pursuant to section 10-76g.

1293 (B) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and each fiscal year
1294 thereafter, the board of education operating an agricultural science and
1295 technology education center shall not charge, subject to the provisions
1296 of section 10-65b, tuition to another local or regional board of education,

1297 except that such board may charge tuition for special education students
1298 which shall not exceed the actual costs of educating such students minus
1299 the amounts received pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of
1300 this section. Any tuition paid by such board for special education
1301 students shall be reimbursed pursuant to section 10-76g.

1302 [(c) In addition to the grants described in subsection (a) of this section,
1303 within available appropriations, (1) each local or regional board of
1304 education operating an agricultural science and technology education
1305 center in which more than one hundred fifty of the students in the prior
1306 school year were out-of-district students shall be eligible to receive a
1307 grant (A) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, in an amount equal to
1308 five hundred dollars for every secondary school student enrolled in
1309 such center on October first of the previous year, and (B) for the fiscal
1310 year ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year thereafter, in an amount
1311 equal to at least five hundred dollars for every secondary school student
1312 enrolled in such center on October first of the previous year, (2) on and
1313 after July 1, 2000, if a local or regional board of education operating an
1314 agricultural science and technology education center that received a
1315 grant pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection no longer qualifies
1316 for such a grant, such local or regional board of education shall receive
1317 a grant in an amount determined as follows: (A) For the first fiscal year
1318 such board of education does not qualify for a grant under said
1319 subdivision (1), a grant in the amount equal to four hundred dollars for
1320 every secondary school student enrolled in its agricultural science and
1321 technology education center on October first of the previous year, (B)
1322 for the second successive fiscal year such board of education does not
1323 so qualify, a grant in an amount equal to three hundred dollars for every
1324 such secondary school student enrolled in such center on said date, (C)
1325 for the third successive fiscal year such board of education does not so
1326 qualify, a grant in an amount equal to two hundred dollars for every
1327 such secondary school student enrolled in such center on said date, and
1328 (D) for the fourth successive fiscal year such board of education does
1329 not so qualify, a grant in an amount equal to one hundred dollars for
1330 every such secondary school student enrolled in such center on said

1331 date, and (3) each local and regional board of education operating an
1332 agricultural science and technology education center that does not
1333 receive a grant pursuant to subdivision (1) or (2) of this subsection shall
1334 receive a grant in an amount equal to sixty dollars for every secondary
1335 school student enrolled in such center on said date.

1336 (d) (1) If there are any remaining funds after the amount of the grants
1337 described in subsections (a) and (c) of this section are calculated, within
1338 available appropriations, each local or regional board of education
1339 operating an agricultural science and technology education center shall
1340 be eligible to receive a grant in an amount equal to one hundred dollars
1341 for each student enrolled in such center on October first of the previous
1342 school year. (2) If there are any remaining funds after the amount of the
1343 grants described in subdivision (1) of this subsection are calculated,
1344 within available appropriations, each local or regional board of
1345 education operating an agricultural science and technology education
1346 center that had more than one hundred fifty out-of-district students
1347 enrolled in such center on October first of the previous school year shall
1348 be eligible to receive a grant based on the ratio of the number of out-of-
1349 district students in excess of one hundred fifty out-of-district students
1350 enrolled in such center on said date to the total number of out-of-district
1351 students in excess of one hundred fifty out-of-district students enrolled
1352 in all agricultural science and technology education centers that had in
1353 excess of one hundred fifty out-of-district students enrolled on said
1354 date.]

1355 [(e)] (c) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, and each fiscal year
1356 thereafter, if a local or regional board of education receives an increase
1357 in funds pursuant to this section over the amount it received for the
1358 prior fiscal year such increase shall not be used to supplant local funding
1359 for educational purposes.

1360 (d) For the purposes of equalization aid under section 10-262h, a
1361 student enrolled in an agricultural science and technology education
1362 center shall be counted as a resident student, as defined in section 10-
1363 262f, of the town in which such student resides.

1364 Sec. 7. Subsection (d) of section 10-64 of the general statutes is
1365 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
1366 *2024*):

1367 (d) Any local or regional board of education which does not furnish
1368 agricultural science and technology education approved by the State
1369 Board of Education shall designate a school or schools having such a
1370 course approved by the State Board of Education as the school which
1371 any person may attend who has completed an elementary school course
1372 through the eighth grade. The board of education shall pay [the tuition
1373 and] any tuition charged under section 10-65, as amended by this act,
1374 and the reasonable and necessary cost of transportation of any person
1375 under twenty-one years of age who is not a graduate of a high school or
1376 technical education and career school or an agricultural science and
1377 technology education center and who attends the designated school,
1378 provided transportation services may be suspended in accordance with
1379 the provisions of section 10-233c. Each such board's reimbursement
1380 percentage pursuant to section 10-266m for expenditures in excess of
1381 eight hundred dollars per pupil incurred in the fiscal year beginning
1382 July 1, 2004, and in each fiscal year thereafter, shall be increased by an
1383 additional twenty percentage points.

1384 Sec. 8. Subsection (b) of section 10-97 of the general statutes is
1385 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
1386 *2024*):

1387 (b) Any local or regional board of education which does not furnish
1388 agricultural science and technology education approved by the State
1389 Board of Education shall designate a school or schools having such a
1390 course approved by the State Board of Education as the school which
1391 any person may attend who has completed an elementary school course
1392 through the eighth grade. The board of education shall pay [the tuition
1393 and] any tuition charged under section 10-65, as amended by this act,
1394 and the reasonable and necessary cost of transportation of any person
1395 under twenty-one years of age who is not a graduate of a high school or
1396 technical education and career school and who attends the designated

1397 school, provided transportation services may be suspended in
1398 accordance with the provisions of section 10-233c. Each such board's
1399 reimbursement percentage pursuant to section 10-266m for
1400 expenditures in excess of eight hundred dollars per pupil incurred in
1401 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1987, and in each fiscal year thereafter,
1402 shall be increased by an additional twenty percentage points.

1403 Sec. 9. Subsection (g) of section 10-266aa of the 2024 supplement to
1404 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1405 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

1406 (g) (1) Except as provided in subdivisions (2) and (3) of this
1407 subsection, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the Department of
1408 Education shall provide, within available appropriations, an annual
1409 grant to the local or regional board of education for each receiving
1410 district (A) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, in an amount not to
1411 exceed two thousand five hundred dollars for each out-of-district
1412 student who attends school in the receiving district under the program,
1413 and (B) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year
1414 thereafter, in an amount at least two thousand five hundred dollars for
1415 each out-of-district student who attends school in the receiving district
1416 under the program.

1417 (2) (A) For the fiscal year ending June 30, [2013, and each fiscal year
1418 thereafter] 2025, the department shall provide, within available
1419 appropriations, an annual grant to the local or regional board of
1420 education for each receiving district if one of the following conditions
1421 are met as follows: (i) [(I) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, three
1422 thousand dollars, and (II) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and
1423 each fiscal year thereafter, at] At least three thousand dollars for each
1424 out-of-district student who attends school in the receiving district under
1425 the program if the number of such out-of-district students is less than
1426 two per cent of the total student population of such receiving district
1427 plus any amount available pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this
1428 subdivision, (ii) [(I) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, four
1429 thousand dollars, and (II) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and

1430 each fiscal year thereafter,] at least four thousand dollars for each out-
1431 of-district student who attends school in the receiving district under the
1432 program if the number of such out-of-district students is greater than or
1433 equal to two per cent but less than three per cent of the total student
1434 population of such receiving district plus any amount available
1435 pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, (iii) [(I) for the fiscal
1436 year ending June 30, 2024, six thousand dollars, and (II) for the fiscal
1437 year ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year thereafter,] at least six
1438 thousand dollars for each out-of-district student who attends school in
1439 the receiving district under the program if the number of such out-of-
1440 district students is greater than or equal to three per cent but less than
1441 four per cent of the total student population of such receiving district
1442 plus any amount available pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this
1443 subdivision, (iv) [(I) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, six thousand
1444 dollars, and (II) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal
1445 year thereafter,] at least six thousand dollars for each out-of-district
1446 student who attends school in the receiving district under the program
1447 if the Commissioner of Education determines that the receiving district
1448 has an enrollment of greater than four thousand students and has
1449 increased the number of students in the program by at least fifty per cent
1450 from the previous fiscal year plus any amount available pursuant to
1451 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, or (v) [(I) for the fiscal year ending
1452 June 30, 2024, eight thousand dollars, and (II) for the fiscal year ending
1453 June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year thereafter,] at least eight thousand
1454 dollars for each out-of-district student who attends school in the
1455 receiving district under the program if the number of such out-of-
1456 district students is greater than or equal to four per cent of the total
1457 student population of such receiving district plus any amount available
1458 pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this subdivision.

1459 (B) For the fiscal year ending June 30, [2023, and each fiscal year
1460 thereafter] 2025, the department shall, in order to assist the state in
1461 meeting its obligations under commitment 9B of the Comprehensive
1462 School Choice Plan pursuant to the settlement in Sheff v. O'Neill, HHD-
1463 X07-CV89-4026240-S, provide, within available appropriations, an

1464 additional grant to the local or regional board of education for each
1465 receiving district in the amount of two thousand dollars for each out-of-
1466 district student who resides in the Hartford region and attends school
1467 in the receiving district under the program.

1468 (3) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and each fiscal year
1469 thereafter, each receiving district shall be paid a grant equal to the
1470 amount the receiving district is entitled to receive under the provisions
1471 of section 1 of this act.

1472 [(3) (A) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the department shall
1473 provide a grant to the local or regional board of education for each
1474 receiving district described in subdivision (4) of subsection (c) of this
1475 section in an amount of four thousand dollars for each out-of-district
1476 student who resides in Danbury or Norwalk and attends school in the
1477 receiving district under the pilot program.]

1478 [(B)] (4) (A) For the fiscal year ending June 30, ~~[2024]~~ 2025, and each
1479 fiscal year thereafter, the department shall provide an annual grant to
1480 the local or regional board of education for each receiving district
1481 described in subdivision (4) of subsection (c) of this section for each out-
1482 of-district student who resides in Danbury or Norwalk and attends
1483 school in the receiving district under the pilot program in accordance
1484 with the provisions of subdivisions (1) ~~[and (2)]~~ to (3), inclusive, of this
1485 subsection.

1486 [(C)] (B) Not later than January 1, 2025, the department shall submit
1487 a report on the pilot program in operation in Danbury and Norwalk,
1488 pursuant to subdivision (4) of subsection (c) of this section, to the joint
1489 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
1490 matters relating to education and appropriations, in accordance with the
1491 provisions of section 11-4a. Such report shall include, but need not be
1492 limited to, the total number of students participating in the pilot
1493 program, the number of students from each town participating in the
1494 pilot program, the total amount of the grant paid under the pilot
1495 program and the amount of the grant paid to each town participating in

1496 the pilot program.

1497 ~~[(4)]~~ (5) Each town which receives funds pursuant to this subsection
1498 shall make such funds available to its local or regional board of
1499 education in supplement to any other local appropriation, other state or
1500 federal grant or other revenue to which the local or regional board of
1501 education is entitled.

1502 Sec. 10. Subsection (a) of section 10-65 of the 2024 supplement to the
1503 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1504 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1505 (a) Each local or regional school district operating an agricultural
1506 science and technology education center approved by the State Board of
1507 Education for program, educational need, location and area to be served
1508 shall be eligible for the following grants: (1) In accordance with the
1509 provisions of chapter 173, through progress payments in accordance
1510 with the provisions of section 10-287i, (A) for projects for which an
1511 application was filed prior to July 1, 2011, ninety-five per cent, and (B)
1512 for projects for which an application was filed on or after July 1, 2011,
1513 eighty per cent of the net eligible costs of constructing, acquiring,
1514 renovating and equipping approved facilities to be used exclusively for
1515 such agricultural science and technology education center, for the
1516 expansion or improvement of existing facilities or for the replacement
1517 or improvement of equipment therein, and (2) subject to the provisions
1518 of section 10-65b, [and within available appropriations,] (A) for the fiscal
1519 year ending June 30, 2024, in an amount equal to five thousand two
1520 hundred dollars per student for every secondary school student who
1521 was enrolled in such center on October first of the previous year, and
1522 (B) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year
1523 thereafter, in an amount equal to at least five thousand two hundred
1524 dollars per student for every secondary school student who was
1525 enrolled in such center on October first of the previous year.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	10-264l
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	10-264o
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	10-66ee(d)
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	10-65
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	10-64(d)
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	10-97(b)
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	10-266aa(g)
Sec. 10	<i>from passage</i>	10-65(a)

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 1(a), language was rearranged for consistency of style, Section 1(a)(2), "June 30, 2025, to June 30, 2026, inclusive," was changed to "June 30, 2025, and June 30, 2026" for accuracy, Section 1(a)(6)(B)(i) and (ii), "children" was changed to "students" for consistency, Section (a)(6)(B)(iii), "as defined in section 10-76kk of the general statutes" was deleted for accuracy, and Section 1(b)(1), (c)(1) and (d)(1), "clause (ii) of subparagraph (A)" was changed to "subparagraph (A)(ii)" for consistency of style.

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Joint Favorable Subst. C/R

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