

General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5038

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

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

- 1 Section 1. Subdivision (2) of subsection (g) of section 10-266aa of the
- 2 2022 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is
- 3 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):
 - (2) (A) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, and each fiscal year thereafter, the department shall provide, within available appropriations, an annual grant to the local or regional board of education for each receiving district if one of the following conditions are met as follows: [(A)] (i) Three thousand dollars for each out-ofdistrict student who attends school in the receiving district under the program if the number of such out-of-district students is less than two per cent of the total student population of such receiving district plus any amount available pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, [(B)] (ii) four thousand dollars for each out-of-district student who attends school in the receiving district under the program if the number of such out-of-district students is greater than or equal to two per cent but less than three per cent of the total student population of such receiving district plus any amount available pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, [(C)] (iii) six thousand dollars for each out-of-

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- 35 (B) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, and each fiscal year 36 thereafter, the department shall, in order to assist the state in meeting 37 its obligations under commitment 9B of the Comprehensive School 38 Choice Plan pursuant to the settlement in Sheff v. O'Neill, HHD-X07-CV89-4026240-S, provide, within available appropriations, an 39 additional grant to the local or regional board of education for each 40 41 receiving district in the amount of two thousand dollars for each out-of-42 district student who resides in the Hartford region and attends school 43 in the receiving district under the program.
- Sec. 2. Subsections (a) to (c), inclusive, of section 10-262u of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):
 - (a) As used in this section and section 10-262i:
- 48 (1) "Alliance district" means a school district for a town that [(A)] is 49 among the towns with the [thirty] thirty-three lowest accountability 50 index scores, as calculated by the Department of Education. [, or (B) was

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- 51 previously designated as an alliance district by the Commissioner of
- 52 Education for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2013, to June 30, 2017,
- 53 inclusive.]
- 54 (2) "Graduated alliance district" means a school district for a town
- 55 that (A) was previously designated as an alliance district by the
- 56 commissioner for (i) the fiscal years ending June 30, 2013, to June 30,
- 57 2017, inclusive, or (ii) the fiscal years ending June 30, 2018, to June 30,
- 58 <u>2022</u>, inclusive, and (B) on and after July 1, 2022, is no longer among the
- 59 towns with the thirty-three lowest accountability index scores, as
- 60 calculated by the department.
- [(2)] (3) "Accountability index" has the same meaning as provided in
- 62 section 10-223e.
- 63 [(3)] (4) "Mastery test data of record" has the same meaning as
- 64 provided in section 10-262f, as amended by this act.
- [(4)] (5) "Educational reform district" means a school district that is in
- a town that is among the ten lowest accountability index scores when
- all towns are ranked highest to lowest in accountability index scores.
- (b) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, the Commissioner of
- 69 Education shall designate thirty school districts as alliance districts. Any
- 70 school district designated as an alliance district shall be so designated
- for a period of five years. On or before June 30, 2016, the Department of
- 72 Education shall determine if there are any additional alliance districts.
- 73 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the commissioner shall
- 74 designate thirty-three school districts as alliance districts. Any school
- 75 district designated as an alliance district shall be so designated for a
- 76 period of five years.
- 77 (3) (A) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the commissioner shall
- designate thirty-three school districts as alliance districts. Any school
- 79 district designated as an alliance district shall be so designated for a
- 80 period of five years.

- (B) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the commissioner shall designate any school districts that are no longer among the towns with the thirty-three lowest accountability index scores, as calculated by the department, on and after July 1, 2022, as graduated alliance districts. Any school district designated as a graduated alliance district shall be so designated for a period of five years.
- (c) (1) (A) (i) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, the Comptroller shall withhold from a town designated as an alliance district any increase in funds received over the amount the town received for the prior fiscal year pursuant to section 10-262h, as amended by this act. The Comptroller shall transfer such funds to the Commissioner of Education. [(B)] (ii) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2014, to June 30, 2016, inclusive, the Comptroller shall withhold from a town designated as an alliance district any increase in funds received over the amount the town received for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, pursuant to subsection (a) of section 10-262i. [(C)] (iii) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the Comptroller shall withhold from a town designated as an alliance district any increase in funds received over the amount the town received for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, pursuant to subsection (a) of section 10-262i, minus the aid reduction, as described in subsection (d) of section 10-262i. [(D)] (iv) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, and each fiscal year thereafter, the Comptroller shall withhold from a town designated as an alliance district any increase in funds received over the amount the town received for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, pursuant to subsection (a) of section 10-262i. The Comptroller shall transfer such funds to the Commissioner of Education.
 - (B) (i) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the Comptroller shall withhold from a town designated as a graduated alliance district an amount equal to the amount the Comptroller withheld from such graduated alliance during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, pursuant to clause (iv) of subparagraph (A) of this subdivision. (ii) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the Comptroller shall withhold from a town designated as a graduated alliance district an amount equal to seventy-

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five per cent of the amount the Comptroller withheld from such 114 115 graduated alliance during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, pursuant to clause (iv) of subparagraph (A) of this subdivision. (iii) For the fiscal 116 vear ending June 30, 2025, the Comptroller shall withhold from a town 117 118 designated as a graduated alliance district an amount equal to fifty per 119 cent of the amount the Comptroller withheld from such graduated 120 alliance during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, pursuant to clause (iv) of subparagraph (A) of this subdivision. (iv) For the fiscal year 121 122 ending June 30, 2026, the Comptroller shall withhold from a town designated as a graduated alliance district an amount equal to twenty-123 124 five per cent of the amount the Comptroller withheld from such 125 graduated alliance during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, pursuant to clause (iv) of subparagraph (A) of this subdivision. (v) For the fiscal 126 year ending June 30, 2027, the Comptroller shall not withhold any such 127 amount from a town designated as a graduated alliance district. The 128 129 Comptroller shall transfer any funds withheld to the Commissioner of Education. The Commissioner of Education may pay any such funds to 130 131 each such town designated as a graduated alliance district and such town shall pay any such funds to the local or regional board of education 132 133 for such town upon receipt of an application, at such time and in such manner as the commissioner prescribes. 134

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

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- Sec. 3. Subsection (c) of section 10-262j of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):
- (c) Except as otherwise provided under the provisions of subsections
 (g) and (h) of this section, a town designated as an alliance district or a
 graduated alliance district, as those terms are defined in section 10-262u,
 as amended by this act, shall not reduce its budgeted appropriation for
 education pursuant to this section.
- Sec. 4. Section 10-262h of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July* 1, 2022):
 - (a) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, each town maintaining public schools according to law shall be entitled to an equalization aid grant as follows: (1) Any town designated as an alliance district, as defined in section 10-262u, as amended by this act, shall be entitled to an equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its base grant amount; and (2) any town not designated as an alliance district shall be entitled to an equalization aid grant in an amount equal to ninety-five per cent of its base grant amount.
 - (b) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, each town maintaining public schools according to law shall be entitled to an equalization aid grant as follows: (1) Any town whose fully funded grant is greater than its base grant amount shall be entitled to an equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its base grant amount plus four and one-tenth per cent of its grant adjustment; and (2) any town whose fully funded grant is less than its base grant amount shall be entitled to an equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its base grant amount minus twenty-five per cent of its grant adjustment, except any such town designated as an alliance district shall be entitled to an equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its base grant amount.
 - (c) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2020, and June 30, 2021, each

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

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

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

designated as an alliance district shall be entitled to an equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its base grant amount.]

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

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

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

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

(i) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, each town maintaining public schools according to law shall be entitled to an equalization aid

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grant as follows: (1) Any town whose fully funded grant is greater than its equalization aid grant amount for the previous fiscal year shall be entitled to an equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its equalization aid grant amount for the previous fiscal year plus fifty per cent of its grant adjustment; (2) any town whose fully funded grant is less than its equalization aid grant amount for the previous fiscal year shall be entitled to an equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its equalization aid grant amount for the previous fiscal year minus twenty-five per cent of its grant adjustment; and (3) any town designated as an alliance district or a graduated alliance district shall be entitled to an equalization aid grant in an amount that is the greater of (A) the amount described in either subdivision (1) of this subsection or subdivision (2) of this subsection, as applicable, (B) its base grant amount, or (C) its equalization aid grant entitlement for the previous fiscal year.

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

[(f)] (k) For the fiscal [years ending June 30, 2028, and] year ending June 30, 2029, each town maintaining public schools according to law

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shall be entitled to an equalization aid grant as follows: (1) Any town whose fully funded grant is greater than its [base grant amount] equalization aid grant amount for the previous fiscal year shall be entitled to an equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its fully funded grant; [and] (2) any town whose fully funded grant is less than its [base grant amount] equalization aid grant amount for the previous fiscal year shall be entitled to an equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its equalization aid grant amount for the previous fiscal year minus [eight and thirty-three-one-hundredths] fifty per cent of its grant adjustment; [, except any such town designated as an alliance district shall be entitled to an equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its base grant amount] and (3) any town designated as an alliance district or a graduated alliance district shall be entitled to an equalization aid grant in an amount that is the greater of (A) the amount described in either subdivision (1) of this subsection or subdivision (2) of this subsection, as applicable, (B) its base grant amount, or (C) its equalization aid grant entitlement for the previous fiscal year.

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

- Sec. 5. Subdivision (2) of section 10-262f of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):
- 342 (2) "Base aid ratio" means **[**(A) for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2008, to June 30, 2013, inclusive, one minus the ratio of a town's wealth

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344 to the state guaranteed wealth level, provided no town's aid ratio shall 345 be less than nine one-hundredths, except for towns which rank from one 346 to twenty when all towns are ranked in descending order from one to 347 one hundred sixty-nine based on the ratio of the number of children 348 below poverty to the number of children age five to seventeen, inclusive, 349 the town's aid ratio shall not be less than thirteen one-hundredths when 350 based on data used to determine the grants pursuant to section 10-262h 351 of the general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2013, for 352 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, (B) for the fiscal years ending June 353 30, 2014, to June 30, 2017, inclusive, one minus the town's wealth 354 adjustment factor, except that a town's aid ratio shall not be less than (i) 355 ten one-hundredths for a town designated as an alliance district, as 356 defined in section 10-262u, and (ii) two one-hundredths for a town that 357 is not designated as an alliance district, and (C)] for the fiscal year 358 ending June 30, 2018, and each fiscal year thereafter, the sum of [(i)] (A) 359 one minus the town's wealth adjustment factor, and [(ii)] (B) the town's 360 base aid ratio adjustment factor, if any, except that a town's base aid 361 ratio shall not be less than [(I)] (i) ten per cent for a town designated as 362 an alliance district, as defined in section 10-262u, as amended by this act, 363 or a priority school district, as described in section 10-266p, and [(II)] (ii) 364 one per cent for a town that is not designated as an alliance district or a 365 priority school district.

- Sec. 6. Subdivision (49) of section 10-262f of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):
 - (49) "Grant adjustment" means the absolute value of the difference between a town's [base grant amount] <u>equalization aid grant entitlement for the previous fiscal year</u> and its fully funded grant.
- Sec. 7. Subsection (b) of section 10-9 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):
- 374 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, 375 the State Board of Education may receive in the name of the state any

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- money or property given or bequeathed to the State Board of Education.
- [or to any of the technical education and career schools.] Said board shall
- 378 transfer any such money to the State Treasurer who shall invest the
- money in accordance with the provisions of section 3-31a. Said board
- may use any such property for educational purposes.
- Sec. 8. Section 10-55 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):
- No pupil from any town belonging to a regional school district shall,
- at the expense of such town, attend any other school in lieu of that
- provided by said district except a technical education and career school
- 386 operated by the Technical Education and Career System established
- pursuant to section 10-95 approved by the State Board of Education,
- unless his attendance at such other school is approved by the regional
- 389 board of education.
- 390 Sec. 9. Subsection (c) of section 10-74d of the general statutes is
- 391 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*,
- 392 2022):
- 393 (c) The Department of Education may retain (1) up to one per cent of
- 394 the amount appropriated for interdistrict cooperative grants pursuant
- 395 to this section for state-wide technical assistance, program monitoring
- and evaluation, and administration, and (2) up to one per cent of such
- amount for use by the Technical [High School] Education and Career
- 398 System for interdistrict summer school, weekend and after-school
- 399 programs.
- Sec. 10. Subsection (a) of section 10-76q of the 2022 supplement to the
- 401 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
- 402 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):
- 403 (a) The State Board of Education, in accordance with regulations
- 404 adopted by said board Technical Education and Career System,
- 405 <u>established pursuant to section 10-95</u>, shall: (1) Provide the professional
- 406 services necessary to identify, in accordance with section 10-76a,

- 407 children requiring special education who are enrolled at a technical 408 education and career school; (2) identify each such child; (3) determine 409 the appropriateness of the technical education and career school for the 410 educational needs of each such child; (4) provide an appropriate 411 educational program for each such child; (5) maintain a record thereof; 412 and (6) annually evaluate the progress and accomplishments of special 413 education programs provided by the Technical Education and Career 414 System.
- Sec. 11. Section 10-95a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):
- [The State Board of Education shall establish] There shall be a student activity program established at each technical education and career school. Such programs shall consist of athletic and nonathletic activities.

 State funds may be expended for the purposes of this section.
- Sec. 12. Section 10-95e of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):
- 423 (a) The [State Board of Education shall] executive director of the 424 Technical Education and Career System shall take the necessary steps to 425 establish a Vocational Education Extension Fund. Within said 426 Vocational Education Extension Fund, there is established an account to 427 be known as the "vocational education extension account". The 428 Vocational Education Extension Fund may include other accounts 429 separate and apart from the vocational education extension account. 430 The vocational education extension account shall be used for the 431 operation of preparatory and supplemental programs, including 432 apprenticeship programs in accordance with subsection (b) of this 433 section, and for the purchase of such materials and equipment required 434 for use in the operation of said programs. All proceeds derived from the 435 operation of said programs and revenue collected for rental or use of 436 school facilities shall be credited to and become a part of the resources 437 of said vocational education extension account, except as provided in 438 subsection (b) of this section. All direct expenses incurred in the conduct

of said programs shall be charged, and any payments of interest and principal of bonds or any sums transferable to any fund for the payment of interest and principal of bonds and any cost of equipment for such operations may be charged, against said vocational education extension account on order of the State Comptroller. Any balance of receipts above expenditures shall remain in said vocational education extension account to be used for said program and for the acquisition, as provided by section 4b-21, alteration and repairs of real property for educational facilities for such programs, except such sums as may be required to be transferred from time to time to any fund for the redemption of bonds and payment of interest on bonds, provided capital projects costing over one hundred thousand dollars shall require the approval of the General Assembly or, when the General Assembly is not in session, of the Finance Advisory Committee. The Technical Education and Career System board shall fix the tuition fees to be charged students for preparatory and supplemental programs including apprenticeship programs. Not less than half of the tuition fee charged for any apprenticeship program shall be paid by the employer.

- (b) The [State Board of Education shall] executive director shall take the necessary steps to establish an apprenticeship account within the Vocational Education Extension Fund. All proceeds derived from the operation of apprenticeship programs shall be deposited in the Vocational Education Extension Fund and shall be credited to and become a part of the resources of the apprenticeship account which shall be used for the operation of apprenticeship programs and for the purchase of materials and equipment required for such programs.
- Sec. 13. Section 10-95h of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July* 1, 2022):
 - (a) Not later than November thirtieth each year, the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education, higher education and employment advancement and labor shall meet with the chairperson of the Technical Education

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- and Career System board, [and] the superintendent of the Technical
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- 474 <u>Education and Career System</u>, the Labor Commissioner and such other
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- pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

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- (b) On or before November fifteenth, annually:
 - (1) The Labor Commissioner shall submit the following to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education, higher education and employment advancement and labor: (A) Information identifying general economic trends in the state; (B) occupational information regarding the public and private sectors, such as continuous data on occupational movements; and (C) information identifying emerging regional, state and national workforce needs over the next ten years.
 - (2) The [superintendent] executive director of the Technical Education and Career System shall submit the following to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education, higher education and employment advancement and labor: (A) Information ensuring that the curriculum of the Technical Education and Career System is incorporating those workforce skills that will be needed for the next ten years, as identified by the Labor Commissioner in subdivision (1) of this subsection, into the technical education and career schools; (B) information regarding the employment status of students who graduate from or complete an approved program of study at the Technical Education and Career System, including, but not limited to: (i) Demographics such as age and gender, (ii) course and program enrollment and completion, (iii) employment status, and (iv) wages prior to enrolling and after graduating; (C) an assessment of the adequacy of the resources available to the Technical Education and Career System as the system develops and refines programs to meet existing and emerging workforce needs; (D) recommendations to the Technical Education and Career System board to carry out the provisions of subparagraphs (A) to (C), inclusive,

- 505 of this subdivision; (E) information regarding staffing at each technical 506 education and career school for the current academic year; and (F) 507 information regarding the transition process of the Technical Education 508 and Career System as an independent agency, including, but not limited 509 to, the actions taken by the Technical Education and Career System 510 board and the [superintendent] executive director to create a budget 511 process and maintain programmatic consistency for students enrolled 512 in the technical education and career system. The [superintendent] 513 executive director shall collaborate with the Labor Commissioner to 514 obtain information as needed to carry out the provisions of this 515 subsection.
- Sec. 14. Section 10-95j of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*, 2022):
- The [State Board of Education] <u>Technical Education and Career</u> System board shall include in the report required pursuant to section 10-95k, a summary of the following:
- 521 (1) Admissions policies for the Technical Education and Career 522 System;
- 523 (2) Recruitment and retention of faculty;
- (3) Efforts to strengthen consideration of the needs of and to develop
 greater public awareness of the Technical Education and Career System;
 and
- 527 (4) Efforts to strengthen the role of [school craft committees] <u>career</u> 528 <u>and technical education advisory committees</u> and increase employer 529 participation.
- Sec. 15. Section 10-95*l* of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):
- The [Department of Education] <u>superintendent of the Technical</u> 533 <u>Education and Career System</u> shall provide in-service training

- programs, in accordance with subsection (a) of section 10-220a, for the teachers, administrators and pupil personnel employed in the [Technical Education and Career System] system who hold the initial educator, provisional educator or professional educator certificate. In addition, the [department] system shall provide programs to enhance the knowledge and skill level of such teachers in their vocational or technical field.
 - Sec. 16. Section 10-950 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):
 - (a) (1) The [State Board of Education] executive director of the Technical Education and Career System shall not close or suspend operations of any technical education and career school for more than six months unless the Technical Education and Career System board (A) holds a public hearing at the school that may be closed or whose operations may be suspended, (B) develops and makes available a comprehensive plan for such school in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, and (C) affirmatively votes to recommend that the executive director close or suspend operations at a meeting duly called. Such public hearing shall be held after normal school hours and at least thirty days prior to any vote of the board pursuant to subparagraph (C) of this subdivision. The executive director may close or suspend operations following receipt of the recommendation from the board.
 - (2) The [board] executive director shall not extend the closure or suspension of operations of a technical education and career school beyond the period set forth in the comprehensive plan described in subsection (b) of this section unless the board (A) holds another public hearing at a location in the town in which the school is located, after normal school hours and at least thirty days prior to any vote of the board [pursuant to subparagraph (C) of this subdivision] to recommend that the executive director extend such closure or suspension of operations, (B) develops and makes available a new comprehensive plan for such school in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b)

of this section, and (C) affirmatively votes to <u>recommend that the</u> <u>executive director</u> extend such closure or suspension of [school] operations at a meeting duly called.

(b) The [State Board of Education] executive director shall develop a comprehensive plan regarding the closure or suspension of operations of any technical education and career school prior to the public hearing described in subsection (a) of this section. Such comprehensive plan shall include, but not be limited to, (1) an explanation of the reasons for the school closure or suspension of operations, including a cost-benefit analysis of such school closing or suspension of operations, (2) the length of the school closure or suspension of operations, (3) the financial plan for the school during the closure or suspension of operations, including, but not limited to, the costs of such school closure or suspension of operations, (4) a description of the transitional phase to school closure or suspension of operations and a description of the transitional phase to reopening the school, (5) an explanation of what will happen to students currently enrolled at such school during the school closure or suspension of operations, including, but not limited to, available technical education and career schools for such students to attend and transportation for such students to such schools, (6) an explanation of what will happen to school personnel during the school closure or suspension of operations, including, but not limited to, employment at other schools, and (7) an explanation of how the school building and property will be used during the school closure or suspension of operations. The [State Board of Education] executive director shall provide for the mailing of such comprehensive plan to parents and guardians of students enrolled at the school and to school personnel employed at such school, and make such comprehensive plan available on the school's web site at least fourteen days prior to the public hearing described in subsection (a) of this section.

(c) The [State Board of Education] <u>Technical Education and Career System</u> shall be responsible for transporting any student enrolled in a technical education and career school that is closed or whose operations

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- are suspended pursuant to this section to another technical education and career school during such period of closure or suspension of operations, and the board shall be responsible for the costs associated with such transportation.
- Sec. 17. Section 10-95q of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):
- 606 I(a) (1) On or after July 1, 2017, until June 30, 2023, the Technical 607 Education and Career System board may recommend a candidate for 608 superintendent of the Technical Education and Career System to the 609 Commissioner of Education. The commissioner may hire or reject any 610 candidate for superintendent recommended by the board. If the 611 commissioner rejects a candidate for superintendent, the board shall 612 recommend another candidate for superintendent to the commissioner. 613 The term of office of the superintendent hired under this subdivision 614 shall expire on June 30, 2023.]
- 615 [(2)] (a) (1) On and after July 1, [2023] 2022, the Technical Education 616 and Career System board shall recommend a candidate for 617 superintendent of the Technical Education and Career System to the 618 executive director of the Technical Education and Career System. The 619 executive director may hire or reject any candidate for superintendent 620 recommended by the board. If the executive director rejects a candidate 621 for superintendent, the board shall recommend another candidate for 622 superintendent to the executive director until the executive director 623 hires a candidate for superintendent.
 - (2) The term of office of the superintendent [hired under this subdivision] shall be three years and may be extended by the executive director, after consultation with the Technical Education and Career System board regarding such extension, for no more than three years at any one time.
- 629 (3) (A) No candidate may be hired as, or assume the duties and responsibilities of, the superintendent until the executive director

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- receives written confirmation from the Commissioner of Education that such candidate is properly certified under chapter 166 or has been granted a waiver of certification by the commissioner pursuant to subsection (c) of section 10-157.
 - (B) The board may recommend, and the executive director may hire, a candidate who is not properly certified under chapter 166 to serve as acting superintendent for a probationary period not to exceed one school year, provided the executive director receives approval from the Commissioner of Education. During such probationary period such acting superintendent shall assume all duties of the superintendent for the time specified and shall successfully complete a school leadership program, approved by the State Board of Education, offered at a public or private institution of higher education in the state. At the conclusion of such probationary period, the executive director may request the commissioner to grant a waiver of certification for such acting superintendent pursuant to subsection (c) of section 10-157, or a one-time extension of such probationary period, not to exceed one additional school year, if the commissioner determines that the executive director has demonstrated a significant need or hardship for such extension.
 - (b) (1) The superintendent of the Technical Education and Career System shall be responsible for the operation, supervision and administration of the technical education and career schools and all other matters relating to vocational, technical, technological and postsecondary education in the system. The superintendent, in consultation with the executive director, shall develop and revise, as necessary, administrative policies for the operation of the technical education and career schools and programs offered in the system. Any such administrative policies developed or revised under this subdivision shall not be deemed to be regulations, as defined in section 4-166.
 - (2) The executive director, in consultation with the board, shall evaluate, at least annually, the performance of the superintendent in accordance with guidelines and criteria established by the executive

- 664 <u>director and the board.</u>
- Sec. 18. Subsection (a) of section 10-95r of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*, 2022):
- 668 (a) The Technical Education and Career System shall be under the 669 direction of the executive director of the Technical Education and Career 670 System, whose appointment shall be made by the Governor. Such 671 appointment shall be in accordance with the provisions of sections 4-5 672 to 4-8, inclusive. Any person appointed to be the executive director shall 673 have experience with educational systems. The executive director of the 674 Technical Education and Career System shall be responsible for the 675 operation, supervision and administration and the financial 676 accountability and oversight of the Technical Education and Career 677 System in matters relating to the central office, system-wide 678 management and other noneducational matters. The executive director 679 shall organize the Technical Education and Career System into such 680 bureaus, divisions and other units as may be necessary for the efficient 681 conduct of the business of the system, and may, from time to time, 682 create, abolish, transfer or consolidate within the system any bureau, 683 division or other unit as may be necessary for the efficient conduct of 684 the business of the system. The executive director may appoint, and may 685 prescribe the duties of any subordinates, agents and employees as he or 686 she finds necessary in the conduct of the system.
- Sec. 19. Subsection (e) of section 10-95r of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*, 2022):
- (e) The executive director shall [establish] ensure that the superintendent of the Technical Education and Career System establishes a master schedule for the Technical Education and Career System and may amend such master schedule from time to time.
- Sec. 20. Section 10-95s of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes

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

- (a) The Technical Education and Career System shall be advised by a Technical Education and Career System board. The board shall consist of eleven members [and shall include at least the following,] as follows: (1) [two] Two members [with] appointed by the Governor who shall have experience in manufacturing or a trade offered by the Technical Education and Career System, or who are alumni of the system, (2) two members appointed by the Governor who are executives of Connecticut-based employers and who [shall be] have been nominated by the Governor's Workforce Council, established pursuant to section 31-3h, [. The Commissioners] (3) the Commissioner of Education, [and] or the commissioner's designee, (4) the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, or the commissioner's designee, (5) the Labor Commissioner, [and] or the commissioner's designee, (6) the Chief Workforce Officer, or [their respective designees, shall serve as exofficio members of the board] the officer's designee, and (7) three members appointed by the Governor. Members of the board [shall be] appointed by the Governor shall be so appointed with the advice and consent of the General Assembly, in accordance with the provisions of section 4-7. Any vacancy shall be filled in the manner provided in section 4-19. The Governor shall appoint the chairperson and may remove a member for inefficiency, neglect of duty or misconduct in office. Members of the board shall not be employees of the Technical Education and Career System.
- (b) The board shall advise the superintendent of the Technical Education and Career System and the executive director of the Technical Education and Career System on matters relating to vocational, technical, technological and postsecondary education and training. The board may create any advisory boards or appoint any committees as it deems necessary for the efficient conduct of its business. The executive director, in conjunction with the superintendent, may arrange for training to be provided to the board at such times, and on such matters,

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- as are deemed appropriate to assist the board in the conduct of its business.
- (c) The board may recommend to the executive director and superintendent policies to attract and retain students who will pursue careers that meet workforce needs and govern the admission of students to any technical education and career school in compliance with state and federal law.
- 735 (d) The board shall establish specific achievement goals for students 736 at the technical education and career schools at each grade level. The 737 board shall measure the performance of each technical education and career school and shall identify a set of quantifiable measures to be used. 738 739 The measures shall include factors such as the performance of students 740 [in grade ten or eleven on the mastery examination, under section 10-741 14n] on standardized academic assessments, trade-related assessment 742 tests, dropout rates and graduation rates.
- Sec. 21. Section 10-96c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):
 - The [Commissioner of Education] executive director of the Technical Education and Career System may indemnify and hold harmless any person, as defined in section 1-79, who makes a gift of tangible property or properties with a fair market value in excess of one thousand dollars to [the Department of Education or] the Technical Education and Career System for instructional purposes. Any indemnification under this section shall be solely for any damages caused as a result of the use of such tangible property, provided there shall be no indemnification for any liability resulting from (1) intentional or wilful misconduct by the person providing such tangible property to the department or the Technical Education and Career System, or (2) hidden defects in such tangible property that are known to and not disclosed by the person providing such tangible property to the department or the Technical Education and Career System at the time the gift is made.

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- Sec. 22. Section 10-97a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):
- [On or before July 15, 2010, and annually thereafter, the State Board of Education] The superintendent of the Technical Education and Career System shall arrange for the annual inspection, in accordance with the provisions of section 14-282a, of those school buses, as defined
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- Sec. 23. Section 10-97b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):
- (a) [On and after July 1, 2010, the State Board of Education] The executive director of the Technical Education and Career System shall take the necessary steps to replace any school bus that (1) is twelve years or older and is in service at any technical education and career school, or (2) has been subject to an out-of-service order, as defined in section 14-1, for two consecutive years for the same reason.
 - (b) [On or before July 1, 2011, and annually thereafter, the superintendent] The executive director of the Technical Education and Career System shall annually submit, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education and finance, revenue and bonding a report on the replacement of school buses in service in the Technical Education and Career System, pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. Such report shall include the number of school buses replaced in the previous school year and a projection of the number of school buses anticipated to be replaced in the upcoming school year.
- Sec. 24. Section 10-98a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*, 2022):
- The principal of each technical education and career school, or the principal's designee, shall meet with members of the business

community, representatives of electric, gas, water and wastewater utilities and representatives from state colleges and universities offering courses in public utility management within the geographic area served by the technical education and career school to develop a plan to assess workforce needs of the community and such utilities and implement curriculum modifications to address those needs. The executive director of the Technical Education and Career System may convene regional or state-wide meetings to address the workforce needs of such utilities.

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

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

Sec. 26. Section 10-99 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

The [State Board of Education] <u>Technical Education and Career System</u> shall use the industrial account within the Vocational Education Extension Fund, established in connection with its administration of vocational, technical and technological education and training, as a revolving account in securing personal services, contractual services and materials and supplies, with such equipment as may be chargeable to the cost of a specific production contract or equipment of a nature which may be properly chargeable to the account in general, provided the account shall not incur a deficit in securing equipment which may be properly chargeable to the account in general, in the establishment and continuance of such productive work as such schools perform in connection with the board's educational program for such schools. Claims against the state on behalf of [said board] <u>the Technical</u>

- Education and Career System shall be paid by order of the Comptroller drawn against said account. The proceeds of all sales resulting from the productive work of the schools shall be paid into the State Treasury and credited to said account. Within ten months after the close of each fiscal period any balance, as of the close of such fiscal period, in excess of five hundred thousand dollars, as shown by the inventory of manufactured articles, material on hand or in process of being manufactured, bills receivable and cash balance, after deduction of obligations, in the industrial account shall revert to the General Fund.
- Sec. 27. Section 10-99h of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):
 - [(a) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2018, to June 30, 2022, inclusive, the superintendent of the Technical Education and Career System shall create and maintain a list that includes an inventory of all technical and vocational equipment, supplies and materials purchased or obtained and used in the provision of career technical education in each technical education and career school and across the Technical Education and Career System. The board shall consult such list (1) during the preparation of the budget for the Technical Education and Career System, pursuant to section 10-99g, (2) prior to purchasing or obtaining any new equipment, supplies or materials, and (3) for the purpose of sharing equipment, supplies and materials among technical education and career schools.]
 - [(b) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, and each fiscal year thereafter, the] <u>The</u> executive director of the Technical Education and Career System shall create and maintain a list that includes an inventory of all technical and vocational equipment, supplies and materials purchased or obtained and used in the provision of career technical education in each technical education and career school and across the Technical Education and Career System. The executive director shall consult such list (1) during the preparation of the budget for the Technical Education and Career System, pursuant to section 10-99g, (2) prior to purchasing or obtaining any new equipment, supplies or

- materials, and (3) for the purpose of sharing equipment, supplies and materials among technical education and career schools.
- Sec. 28. Subdivision (14) of section 10-183b of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):
- (14) "Employer" means an elected school committee, a board of education, the State Board of Education, the Technical Education and Career System, the Office of Early Childhood, the Board of Regents for Higher Education or any of the constituent units, the governing body of the Children's Center and its successors, the E. O. Smith School and any other activity, institution or school employing members.
- Sec. 29. Subdivision (20) of section 10-183b of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):
 - (20) "Public school" means any day school conducted within or without this state under the orders and superintendence of a duly elected school committee, a board of education, the State Board of Education, the Technical Education and Career System, the Office of Early Childhood, the board of governors or any of its constituent units, the E. O. Smith School, the Children's Center and its successors, the State Education Resource Center established pursuant to section 10-4q of the 2014 supplement to the general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2013, the State Education Resource Center established pursuant to section 10-357a, joint activities of boards of education authorized by subsection (b) of section 10-158a and any institution supported by the state at which teachers are employed or any incorporated secondary school not under the orders superintendence of a duly elected school committee or board of education but located in a town not maintaining a high school and providing free tuition to pupils of the town in which it is located, and which has been approved by the State Board of Education under the provisions of part II of chapter 164, provided that such institution or

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- such secondary school is classified as a public school by the retirement board.
- Sec. 30. Subdivision (26) of section 10-183b of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):
 - (26) "Teacher" means (A) any teacher, permanent substitute teacher, principal, assistant principal, supervisor, assistant superintendent or superintendent employed by the public schools in a professional capacity while possessing a certificate or permit issued by the State Board of Education, provided on and after July 1, 1975, such certificate shall be for the position in which the person is then employed, except as provided for in section 10-183qq, (B) certified personnel who provide health and welfare services for children in nonprofit schools, as provided in section 10-217a, under an oral or written agreement, (C) any person who is engaged in teaching or supervising schools for adults if the annual salary paid for such service is equal to or greater than the minimum salary paid for a regular, full-time teaching position in the day schools in the town where such service is rendered, (D) a member of the professional staff of the State Board of Education, the Technical Education and Career System, the Office of Early Childhood, or of the Board of Regents for Higher Education or any of the constituent units, and (E) a member of the staff of the State Education Resource Center established pursuant to section 10-4q of the 2014 supplement to the general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2013, or the State Education Resource Center established pursuant to section 10-357a, employed in a professional capacity while possessing a certificate or permit issued by the State Board of Education. A "permanent substitute teacher" is one who serves as such for at least ten months during any school year.
 - Sec. 31. Subsection (a) of section 10-183n of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

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

Sec. 32. Subsection (b) of section 10-183v of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*, 2022):

(b) A teacher receiving retirement benefits from the system may be reemployed for up to one full school year by a local board of education, the State Board of Education, the Technical Education and Career System or by any constituent unit of the state system of higher education (1) in a position designated by the Commissioner of Education as a subject shortage area for the school year in which the teacher is being employed, (2) at a school located in a school district identified as a priority school district, pursuant to section 10-266p, for the school year in which the teacher is being employed, (3) if the teacher graduated from a public high school in an educational reform district, as defined in section 10-262u, as amended by this act, or (4) if the teacher graduated from an historically black college or university or a Hispanic-serving

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952 institution, as those terms are defined in the Higher Education Act of 953 1965, P.L. 89-329, as amended from time to time, and reauthorized by 954 the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008, P.L. 110-315, as 955 amended from time to time. Notice of such reemployment shall be sent 956 to the board by the employer and by the retired teacher at the time of 957 hire and at the end of the assignment. Such reemployment may be extended for one additional school year, not to exceed two school years 958 959 over the lifetime of the retiree, provided the local board of education (A) 960 submits a written request for approval to the Teachers' Retirement 961 Board, (B) certifies that no qualified candidates are available prior to the 962 reemployment of such teacher, and (C) indicates the type of assignment 963 to be performed, the anticipated date of rehire and the expected 964 duration of the assignment.

Sec. 33. Section 5-177 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

Any person in the unclassified service employed full time by the Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut, the State Board of Education, the Technical Education and Career System, the Department of Rehabilitative Services, the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, the American School for the Deaf, the Connecticut Institute for the Blind, the Newington Children's Hospital, the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University System or the Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges, as a teacher or administrator in a position directly involved in educational activities in any state-operated institution or the Board of Regents for Higher Education, who served prior to such person's employment by the state in a full-time teaching, administrative or research position in an educational institution in or under the authority of a state department of education or a department of education for the blind in the United States approved by the Retirement Commission, or who was employed by such institution but served all or part of such service time in a foreign country, for which service such person has received or will receive no retirement benefit or pension, may gain credit for such prior service, not to exceed ten years

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in the aggregate, by making retirement contributions for each year of such prior service equal to six per cent of such person's annual rate of compensation when such person first became a full-time employee of this state; provided such payment shall be made within one year of such person's first full-time employment with the state, or before July 1, 1968, whichever is later, but for the Board of Higher Education and Technical Colleges, July 1, 1974. When a person who has gained credit for such prior service retires, not more than one year of such service may be counted for each two years of state service; provided, if such person has purchased more of such service than can be counted, refund on the amount paid on the extra years of service shall be made.

- 996 Sec. 34. Subdivision (12) of section 5-198 of the general statutes is 997 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*, 998 2022):
- 999 (12) All members of the professional and technical staffs of the 1000 constituent units of the state system of higher education, as defined in 1001 section 10a-1, of all other state institutions of learning, of the Board of 1002 Regents for Higher Education, and of the agricultural experiment 1003 station at New Haven, professional and managerial employees of the 1004 Department of Education and the Office of Early Childhood, teachers 1005 and administrators employed by the Technical Education and Career 1006 System and teachers certified by the State Board of Education and 1007 employed in teaching positions at state institutions;
- Sec. 35. Subsection (a) of section 5-242 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*, 2022):
- (a) Any board of trustees of a state institution and any state agency other than the State Board of Education, the Technical Education and Career System or the Board of Governors of Higher Education or its constituent units, hereinafter referred to as the "employer", may authorize the superintendent or supervising agent to employ personnel for unclassified positions requiring a certificate under section 10-145

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below the rank of superintendent. Any superintendent or supervising agent not authorized to employ such persons shall submit to such employer nominations for such positions under his jurisdiction and, from the persons so nominated, such employer may employ persons to fill such positions. Such employer shall accept or reject such nominations within one month from their submission. If such nominations are rejected, the superintendent or supervising agent shall submit to such employer other nominations, and such employer may employ persons from among those nominated to fill such positions and shall accept or reject such nominations within one month from their submission. The contract of employment of such unclassified personnel below the rank of superintendent shall be in writing and may be terminated at any time for any of the reasons enumerated in subdivisions (1) to (6), inclusive, of subsection (b) of this section, but otherwise it shall be renewed for a second, third or fourth year unless such employee has been notified in writing prior to March first in one school year that such contract will not be renewed for the following year, provided, upon the employee's written request, such notice shall be supplemented within five days after receipt of such request by a statement of the reason or reasons for such failure to renew. Such employee may, upon written request filed with the employer within ten days after the receipt of such notice, be entitled to a hearing before the board to be held within fifteen days of such request. The employee shall have the right to appear with counsel of his choice at such hearing.

Sec. 36. Sections 10-4r, 10-13 and 10-95m of the general statutes are repealed. (*Effective July 1*, 2022)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:			
Section 1	July 1, 2022	10-266aa(g)(2)	
Sec. 2	July 1, 2022	10-262u(a) to (c)	
Sec. 3	July 1, 2022	10-262j(c)	
Sec. 4	July 1, 2022	10-262h	
Sec. 5	July 1, 2022	10-262f(2)	

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Sec. 6	July 1, 2022	10-262f(49)
Sec. 7	July 1, 2022	10-2021(49) 10-9(b)
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	July 1, 2022	10-74d(c)
Sec. 10	July 1, 2022	10-76q(a)
Sec. 11	July 1, 2022	10-95a
Sec. 12	July 1, 2022	10-95e
Sec. 13	July 1, 2022	10-95h
Sec. 14	July 1, 2022	10-95j
Sec. 15	July 1, 2022	10-95 <i>l</i>
Sec. 16	July 1, 2022	10-950
Sec. 17	July 1, 2022	10-95q
Sec. 18	July 1, 2022	10-95r(a)
Sec. 19	July 1, 2022	10-95r(e)
Sec. 20	July 1, 2022	10-95s
Sec. 21	July 1, 2022	10-96c
Sec. 22	July 1, 2022	10-97a
Sec. 23	July 1, 2022	10-97b
Sec. 24	July 1, 2022	10-98a
Sec. 25	July 1, 2022	10-98b
Sec. 26	July 1, 2022	10-99
Sec. 27	July 1, 2022	10-99h
Sec. 28	July 1, 2022	10-183b(14)
Sec. 29	July 1, 2022	10-183b(20)
Sec. 30	July 1, 2022	10-183b(26)
Sec. 31	July 1, 2022	10-183n(a)
Sec. 32	July 1, 2022	10-183v(b)
Sec. 33	July 1, 2022	5-177
Sec. 34	July 1, 2022	5-198(12)
Sec. 35	July 1, 2022	5-242(a)
Sec. 36	July 1, 2022	Repealer section
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Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 2(b)(3)(B), "that are no longer among the towns with the thirty-three lowest accountability index scores, as calculated by the department, on and after July 1, 2022," was added for clarity.

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