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Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:

Request of the Governor Pursuant
to Joint Rule 9

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

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (g) of section 10-266aa of the 2024 supplement
2 to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

4 [(g) (1) Except as provided in subdivisions (2) and (3) of this
5 subsection, the Department of Education shall provide, within available
6 appropriations, an annual grant to the local or regional board of
7 education for each receiving district (A) for the fiscal year ending June
8 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars
9 for each out-of-district student who attends school in the receiving
10 district under the program, and (B) for the fiscal year ending June 30,
11 2025, and each fiscal year thereafter, in an amount at least two thousand
12 five hundred dollars for each out-of-district student who attends school
13 in the receiving district under the program.]

14 [(2)] (g) (1) (A) For the fiscal year ending June 30, [2013] 2024, and

15 each fiscal year thereafter, the department shall provide, within
16 available appropriations, an annual grant to the local or regional board
17 of education for each receiving district if one of the following conditions
18 are met as follows: [(i) (I) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, three
19 thousand dollars, and (II) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and
20 each fiscal year thereafter, at least three thousand dollars for each out-
21 of-district student who attends school in the receiving district under the
22 program if the number of such out-of-district students is less than two
23 per cent of the total student population of such receiving district plus
24 any amount available pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this subdivision,
25 (ii) (I) for] (i) (I) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, four thousand
26 dollars, and (II) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal
27 year thereafter, at least four thousand one hundred twenty dollars for
28 each out-of-district student who attends school in the receiving district
29 under the program if the number of such out-of-district students is
30 [greater than or equal to two per cent but] less than three per cent of the
31 total student population of such receiving district plus any amount
32 available pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, [(iii)] (ii) (I)
33 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, six thousand dollars, and (II) for
34 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year thereafter, at
35 least six thousand one hundred eighty dollars for each out-of-district
36 student who attends school in the receiving district under the program
37 if the number of such out-of-district students is greater than or equal to
38 three per cent but less than four per cent of the total student population
39 of such receiving district plus any amount available pursuant to
40 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, [(iv)] (iii) (I) for the fiscal year
41 ending June 30, 2024, six thousand dollars, and (II) for the fiscal year
42 ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year thereafter, at least six
43 thousand one hundred eighty dollars for each out-of-district student
44 who attends school in the receiving district under the program if the
45 Commissioner of Education determines that the receiving district has an
46 enrollment of greater than four thousand students and has increased the
47 number of students in the program by at least fifty per cent from the
48 previous fiscal year plus any amount available pursuant to
49 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, or [(v)] (iv) (I) for the fiscal year

50 ending June 30, 2024, eight thousand dollars, and (II) for the fiscal year
51 ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year thereafter, at least eight
52 thousand two hundred forty dollars for each out-of-district student who
53 attends school in the receiving district under the program if the number
54 of such out-of-district students is greater than or equal to four per cent
55 of the total student population of such receiving district plus any
56 amount available pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this subdivision.

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

66 [(3)] (2) (A) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the department
67 shall provide a grant to the local or regional board of education for each
68 receiving district described in subdivision (4) of subsection (c) of this
69 section in an amount of four thousand dollars for each out-of-district
70 student who resides in Danbury or Norwalk and attends school in the
71 receiving district under the pilot program.

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

79 (C) Not later than January 1, 2025, the department shall submit a
80 report on the pilot program in operation in Danbury and Norwalk,
81 pursuant to subdivision (4) of subsection (c) of this section, to the joint

82 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
83 matters relating to education and appropriations, in accordance with the
84 provisions of section 11-4a. Such report shall include, but need not be
85 limited to, the total number of students participating in the pilot
86 program, the number of students from each town participating in the
87 pilot program, the total amount of the grant paid under the pilot
88 program and the amount of the grant paid to each town participating in
89 the pilot program.

90 [(4)] (3) Each town which receives funds pursuant to this subsection
91 shall make such funds available to its local or regional board of
92 education in supplement to any other local appropriation, other state or
93 federal grant or other revenue to which the local or regional board of
94 education is entitled.

95 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 10-65 of the 2024 supplement to the
96 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
97 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

98 (b) Each local or regional board of education not maintaining an
99 agricultural science and technology education center shall provide
100 opportunities for its students to enroll in one or more such centers in a
101 number that is at least equal to the number specified in any written
102 agreement with each such center or centers, or in the absence of such an
103 agreement, a number that is at least equal to the average number of its
104 students that the board of education enrolled in each such center or
105 centers during the previous three school years, provided, in addition to
106 such number, each such board of education shall provide opportunities
107 for its students to enroll in the ninth grade in a number that is at least
108 equal to the number specified in any written agreement with each such
109 center or centers, or in the absence of such an agreement, a number that
110 is at least equal to the average number of students that the board of
111 education enrolled in the ninth grade in each such center or centers
112 during the previous three school years. If a local or regional board of
113 education provided opportunities for students to enroll in more than
114 one center for the school year commencing July 1, 2007, such board of

115 education shall continue to provide such opportunities to students in
116 accordance with this subsection. The board of education operating an
117 agricultural science and technology education center may charge,
118 subject to the provisions of section 10-65b, tuition for a school year in an
119 amount not to exceed fifty-nine and two-tenths per cent of the
120 foundation level pursuant to subdivision (9) of section 10-262f, per
121 student for the fiscal year in which the tuition is paid, except that [(1)]
122 such board may charge tuition for [(A)] (1) students enrolled under
123 shared-time arrangements on a pro rata basis, and [(B)] (2) special
124 education students which shall not exceed the actual costs of educating
125 such students minus the amounts received pursuant to subdivision (2)
126 of subsection (a) of this section and subsection (c) of this section, and
127 (2) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year
128 thereafter, such board may charge such tuition in an amount not to
129 exceed fifty-eight per cent of the amount such board charged during the
130 fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.] Any tuition paid by such board for
131 special education students in excess of the tuition paid for non-special-
132 education students shall be reimbursed pursuant to section 10-76g.

133 Sec. 3. Section 10-264l of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes
134 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
135 *1, 2024*):

136 (a) The Department of Education shall, within available
137 appropriations, establish a grant program (1) to assist (A) local and
138 regional boards of education, (B) regional educational service centers,
139 (C) the Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges on
140 behalf of Quinebaug Valley Community College and Three Rivers
141 Community College, and (D) cooperative arrangements pursuant to
142 section 10-158a, and (2) in assisting the state in meeting its obligations
143 pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any
144 related stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the
145 commissioner, to assist (A) the Board of Trustees of the Community-
146 Technical Colleges on behalf of a regional community-technical college,
147 (B) the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University System on
148 behalf of a state university, (C) the Board of Trustees of The University

149 of Connecticut on behalf of the university, (D) the board of governors
150 for an independent institution of higher education, as defined in
151 subsection (a) of section 10a-173, or the equivalent of such a board, on
152 behalf of the independent institution of higher education, and (E) any
153 other third-party not-for-profit corporation approved by the
154 commissioner with the operation of interdistrict magnet school
155 programs. All interdistrict magnet schools shall be operated in
156 conformance with the same laws and regulations applicable to public
157 schools. For the purposes of this section "an interdistrict magnet school
158 program" means a program which (i) supports racial, ethnic and
159 economic diversity, (ii) offers a special and high quality curriculum, and
160 (iii) requires students who are enrolled to attend at least half-time. An
161 interdistrict magnet school program does not include a regional
162 agricultural science and technology school, a technical education and
163 career school or a regional special education center. For the school year
164 commencing July 1, 2017, and each school year thereafter, the governing
165 authority for each interdistrict magnet school program shall (I) restrict
166 the number of students that may enroll in the school from a participating
167 district to seventy-five per cent of the total school enrollment, and (II)
168 maintain a total school enrollment that is in accordance with the
169 reduced-isolation setting standards for interdistrict magnet school
170 programs, developed by the Commissioner of Education pursuant to
171 section 10-264r.

172 (b) (1) Applications for interdistrict magnet school program
173 operating grants awarded pursuant to this section shall be submitted
174 annually to the Commissioner of Education at such time and in such
175 manner as the commissioner prescribes, except that on and after July 1,
176 2009, applications for such operating grants for new interdistrict magnet
177 schools, other than those that the commissioner determines will assist
178 the state in meeting its obligations pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v.*
179 *O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect,
180 as determined by the commissioner, shall not be accepted until the
181 commissioner develops a comprehensive state-wide interdistrict
182 magnet school plan. The commissioner shall submit such

183 comprehensive state-wide interdistrict magnet school plan on or before
184 October 1, 2016, to the joint standing committees of the General
185 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education and
186 appropriations.

187 (2) In determining whether an application shall be approved and
188 funds awarded pursuant to this section, the commissioner shall
189 consider, but such consideration shall not be limited to: (A) Whether the
190 program offered by the school is likely to increase student achievement;
191 (B) whether the program is likely to reduce racial, ethnic and economic
192 isolation; (C) the percentage of the student enrollment in the program
193 from each participating district; and (D) the proposed operating budget
194 and the sources of funding for the interdistrict magnet school. For a
195 magnet school not operated by a local or regional board of education,
196 the commissioner shall only approve a proposed operating budget that,
197 on a per pupil basis, does not exceed the maximum allowable threshold
198 established in accordance with this subdivision. The maximum
199 allowable threshold shall be an amount equal to one hundred twenty
200 per cent of the state average of the quotient obtained by dividing net
201 current expenditures, as defined in section 10-261, by average daily
202 membership, as defined in said section, for the fiscal year two years
203 prior to the fiscal year for which the operating grant is requested. The
204 Department of Education shall establish the maximum allowable
205 threshold no later than December fifteenth of the fiscal year prior to the
206 fiscal year for which the operating grant is requested. If requested by an
207 applicant that is not a local or regional board of education, the
208 commissioner may approve a proposed operating budget that exceeds
209 the maximum allowable threshold if the commissioner determines that
210 there are extraordinary programmatic needs. For the fiscal years ending
211 June 30, 2017, June 30, 2018, June 30, 2020, and June 30, 2021, in the case
212 of an interdistrict magnet school that will assist the state in meeting its
213 obligations pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1
214 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the
215 commissioner, the commissioner shall also consider whether the school
216 is meeting the reduced-isolation setting standards for interdistrict

217 magnet school programs, developed by the commissioner pursuant to
218 section 10-264r. If such school has not met such reduced-isolation setting
219 standards, it shall not be entitled to receive a grant pursuant to this
220 section unless the commissioner finds that it is appropriate to award a
221 grant for an additional year or years and approves a plan to bring such
222 school into compliance with such reduced-isolation setting standards. If
223 requested by the commissioner, the applicant shall meet with the
224 commissioner or the commissioner's designee to discuss the budget and
225 sources of funding.

226 (3) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2018, to June 30, 2025,
227 inclusive, the commissioner shall not award a grant to an interdistrict
228 magnet school program that (A) has more than seventy-five per cent of
229 the total school enrollment from one school district, or (B) does not
230 maintain a total school enrollment that is in accordance with the
231 reduced-isolation setting standards for interdistrict magnet school
232 programs, developed by the Commissioner of Education pursuant to
233 section 10-264r, except the commissioner may award a grant to such
234 school for an additional year or years if the commissioner finds it is
235 appropriate to do so and approves a plan to bring such school into
236 compliance with such residency or reduced-isolation setting standards.

237 (4) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2018, to June 30, 2021,
238 inclusive, if an interdistrict magnet school program does not maintain a
239 total school enrollment that is in accordance with the reduced-isolation
240 setting standards for interdistrict magnet school programs, developed
241 by the commissioner pursuant to section 10-264r, for two or more
242 consecutive years, the commissioner may impose a financial penalty on
243 the operator of such interdistrict magnet school program, or take any
244 other measure, in consultation with such operator, as may be
245 appropriate to assist such operator in complying with such reduced-
246 isolation setting standards.

247 (c) (1) The maximum amount each interdistrict magnet school
248 program, except those described in subparagraphs (A) to (G), inclusive,
249 of subdivision (3) of this subsection, shall be eligible to receive per

250 enrolled student who is not a resident of the town operating the magnet
251 school shall be (A) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, seven
252 thousand two hundred twenty-seven dollars, and (B) for the fiscal year
253 ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year thereafter, at least seven
254 thousand [two hundred twenty-seven] four hundred forty-four dollars.
255 The per pupil grant for each enrolled student who is a resident of the
256 town operating the magnet school program shall be (i) for the fiscal year
257 ending June 30, 2024, three thousand sixty dollars, and (ii) for the fiscal
258 year ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year thereafter, at least three
259 thousand [sixty] one hundred fifty-two dollars.

260 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, and each fiscal year
261 thereafter, the commissioner may, within available appropriations,
262 provide supplemental grants for the purposes of enhancing educational
263 programs in such interdistrict magnet schools, as the commissioner
264 determines. Such grants shall be made after the commissioner has
265 conducted a comprehensive financial review and approved the total
266 operating budget for such schools, including all revenue and
267 expenditure estimates.

268 (3) (A) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraphs (C) to (G),
269 inclusive, of this subdivision, each interdistrict magnet school operated
270 by a regional educational service center that enrolls less than fifty-five
271 per cent of the school's students from a single town shall receive a per
272 pupil grant in the amount of (i) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024,
273 eight thousand fifty-eight dollars, and (ii) for the fiscal year ending June
274 30, 2025, and each fiscal year thereafter, at least eight thousand [fifty-
275 eight] three hundred dollars.

276 (B) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraphs (C) to (G),
277 inclusive, of this subdivision, each interdistrict magnet school operated
278 by a regional educational service center that enrolls at least fifty-five per
279 cent of the school's students from a single town shall receive a per pupil
280 grant for each enrolled student who is not a resident of the district that
281 enrolls at least fifty-five per cent of the school's students in the amount
282 of (i) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, seven thousand two

283 hundred twenty-seven dollars, and (ii) for the fiscal year ending June
284 30, 2025, and each fiscal year thereafter, at least seven thousand [two
285 hundred twenty-seven] four hundred forty-four dollars. The per pupil
286 grant for each enrolled student who is a resident of the district that
287 enrolls at least fifty-five per cent of the school's students shall be (I) for
288 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, three thousand sixty dollars, and
289 (II) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year
290 thereafter, at least three thousand [sixty] one hundred fifty-two dollars.

291 (C) (i) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2015, to June 30, 2019,
292 inclusive, each interdistrict magnet school operated by a regional
293 educational service center that began operations for the school year
294 commencing July 1, 2001, and that for the school year commencing July
295 1, 2008, enrolled at least fifty-five per cent, but no more than eighty per
296 cent of the school's students from a single town, shall receive a per pupil
297 grant (I) for each enrolled student who is a resident of the district that
298 enrolls at least fifty-five per cent, but no more than eighty per cent of the
299 school's students, up to an amount equal to the total number of such
300 enrolled students as of October 1, 2013, using the data of record, in the
301 amount of eight thousand one hundred eighty dollars, (II) for each
302 enrolled student who is a resident of the district that enrolls at least fifty-
303 five per cent, but not more than eighty per cent of the school's students,
304 in an amount greater than the total number of such enrolled students as
305 of October 1, 2013, using the data of record, in the amount of three
306 thousand dollars, (III) for each enrolled student who is not a resident of
307 the district that enrolls at least fifty-five per cent, but no more than
308 eighty per cent of the school's students, up to an amount equal to the
309 total number of such enrolled students as of October 1, 2013, using the
310 data of record, in the amount of eight thousand one hundred eighty
311 dollars, and (IV) for each enrolled student who is not a resident of the
312 district that enrolls at least fifty-five per cent, but not more than eighty
313 per cent of the school's students, in an amount greater than the total
314 number of such enrolled students as of October 1, 2013, using the data
315 of record, in the amount of seven thousand eighty-five dollars.

316 (ii) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2020, to June 30, 2022,

317 inclusive, each interdistrict magnet school operated by a regional
318 educational service center that began operations for the school year
319 commencing July 1, 2001, and that for the school year commencing July
320 1, 2008, enrolled at least fifty-five per cent, but not more than eighty per
321 cent of the school's students from a single town, shall receive a per pupil
322 grant (I) for each enrolled student who is a resident of the district that
323 enrolls at least fifty-five per cent, but not more than eighty per cent of
324 the school's students, up to an amount equal to the total number of such
325 enrolled students as of October 1, 2013, using the data of record, in the
326 amount of eight thousand three hundred forty-four dollars, (II) for each
327 enrolled student who is a resident of the district that enrolls at least fifty-
328 five per cent, but not more than eighty per cent of the school's students,
329 in an amount greater than the total number of such enrolled students as
330 of October 1, 2013, using the data of record, in the amount of three
331 thousand sixty dollars, (III) for each enrolled student who is not a
332 resident of the district that enrolls at least fifty-five per cent, but no more
333 than eighty per cent of the school's students, up to an amount equal to
334 the total number of such enrolled students as of October 1, 2013, using
335 the data of record, in the amount of eight thousand three hundred forty-
336 four dollars, and (IV) for each enrolled student who is not a resident of
337 the district that enrolls at least fifty-five per cent, but not more than
338 eighty per cent of the school's students, in an amount greater than the
339 total number of such enrolled students as of October 1, 2013, using the
340 data of record, in the amount of seven thousand two hundred twenty-
341 seven dollars.

342 (D) (i) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (D)(ii) of this
343 subdivision, each interdistrict magnet school operated by (I) a regional
344 educational service center, (II) the Board of Trustees of the Community-
345 Technical Colleges on behalf of a regional community-technical college,
346 (III) the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University System on
347 behalf of a state university, (IV) the Board of Trustees for The University
348 of Connecticut on behalf of the university, (V) the board of governors
349 for an independent institution of higher education, as defined in
350 subsection (a) of section 10a-173, or the equivalent of such a board, on

351 behalf of the independent institution of higher education, except as
352 otherwise provided in subparagraph (E) of this subdivision, (VI)
353 cooperative arrangements pursuant to section 10-158a, (VII) any other
354 third-party not-for-profit corporation approved by the commissioner,
355 and (VIII) the Hartford school district for the operation of Great Path
356 Academy on behalf of Manchester Community College, that enrolls less
357 than sixty per cent of its students from Hartford shall receive a per pupil
358 grant in the amount of ten thousand six hundred fifty-two dollars for
359 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, and at least ten thousand [six
360 hundred fifty-two] nine hundred seventy-two dollars for the fiscal year
361 ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year thereafter, except the
362 commissioner may make grants under this subparagraph to an
363 interdistrict magnet school operator described in this subparagraph that
364 enrolls more than sixty per cent of its students from Hartford.

365 (ii) Any interdistrict magnet school described in subparagraph (D)(i)
366 of this subdivision that enrolls less than fifty per cent of its incoming
367 students from Hartford shall receive a per pupil grant (I) for the fiscal
368 year ending June 30, 2024, in the amount of eight thousand fifty-eight
369 dollars for one-half of the total number of non-Hartford students
370 enrolled in the school over fifty per cent of the total school enrollment
371 and shall receive a per pupil grant in the amount of ten thousand six
372 hundred fifty-two dollars for the remainder of the total school
373 enrollment, and (II) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and each
374 fiscal year thereafter, in the amount of at least eight thousand [fifty-
375 eight] three hundred dollars for one-half of the total number of non-
376 Hartford students enrolled in the school over fifty per cent of the total
377 school enrollment and shall receive a per pupil grant in the amount of
378 at least ten thousand [six hundred fifty-two] nine hundred seventy-two
379 dollars for the remainder of the total school enrollment, except the
380 commissioner may, upon the written request of an operator of such
381 school, waive such fifty per cent enrollment minimum for good cause.

382 (E) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, and each fiscal year
383 thereafter, each interdistrict magnet school operated by the board of
384 governors for an independent institution of higher education, as defined

385 in subsection (a) of section 10a-173, or the equivalent of such a board, on
386 behalf of the independent institution of higher education, that (i) began
387 operations for the school year commencing July 1, 2014, (ii) enrolls less
388 than sixty per cent of its students from Hartford pursuant to the decision
389 in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation or order
390 in effect, as determined by the commissioner, and (iii) enrolls students
391 at least half-time, shall be eligible to receive a per pupil grant (I) equal
392 to sixty-five per cent of the grant amount determined pursuant to
393 subparagraph (D) of this subdivision for each student who is enrolled
394 at such school for at least two semesters in each school year, and (II)
395 equal to thirty-two and one-half per cent of the grant amount
396 determined pursuant to subparagraph (D) of this subdivision for each
397 student who is enrolled at such school for one semester in each school
398 year.

399 (F) Each interdistrict magnet school operated by a local or regional
400 board of education, pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238
401 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect, shall receive
402 a per pupil grant for each enrolled student who is not a resident of the
403 district in the amount of (i) thirteen thousand three hundred fifteen
404 dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, and (ii) for the fiscal year
405 ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year thereafter, at least thirteen
406 thousand [three] seven hundred [fifteen] fourteen dollars.

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

415 (H) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, and each fiscal year
416 thereafter, the half-day Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts
417 interdistrict magnet school operated by the Capital Region Education

418 Council shall be eligible to receive a per pupil grant equal to sixty-five
419 per cent of the per pupil grant specified in subparagraph (A) of this
420 subdivision.

421 (I) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2016, to June 30, 2018, inclusive,
422 the half-day Greater Hartford Academy of Mathematics and Science
423 interdistrict magnet school operated by the Capitol Region Education
424 Council shall be eligible to receive a per pupil grant equal to six
425 thousand seven hundred eighty-seven dollars for (i) students enrolled
426 in grades ten to twelve, inclusive, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016,
427 (ii) students enrolled in grades eleven and twelve for the fiscal year
428 ending June 30, 2017, and (iii) students enrolled in grade twelve for the
429 fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016,
430 and each fiscal year thereafter, the half-day Greater Hartford Academy
431 of Mathematics and Science interdistrict magnet school shall not be
432 eligible for any additional grants pursuant to subsection (c) of this
433 section.

434 (4) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2015, and June 30, 2016, the
435 department may limit payment to an interdistrict magnet school
436 operator to an amount equal to the grant that such magnet school
437 operator was eligible to receive based on the enrollment level of the
438 interdistrict magnet school program on October 1, 2013. Approval of
439 funding for enrollment above such enrollment level shall be prioritized
440 by the department as follows: (A) Increases in enrollment in an
441 interdistrict magnet school program that is adding planned new grade
442 levels for the school years commencing July 1, 2015, and July 1, 2016; (B)
443 increases in enrollment in an interdistrict magnet school program that
444 added planned new grade levels for the school year commencing July 1,
445 2014, and was funded during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015; (C)
446 increases in enrollment in an interdistrict magnet school program that
447 is moving into a permanent facility for the school years commencing
448 July 1, 2014, to July 1, 2016, inclusive; (D) increases in enrollment in an
449 interdistrict magnet school program to ensure compliance with
450 subsection (a) of this section; and (E) new enrollments for a new
451 interdistrict magnet school program commencing operations on or after

452 July 1, 2014, pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1
453 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the
454 commissioner. Any interdistrict magnet school program operating less
455 than full-time, but at least half-time, shall be eligible to receive a grant
456 equal to sixty-five per cent of the grant amount determined pursuant to
457 this subsection.

458 (5) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the department may limit
459 payment to an interdistrict magnet school operator to an amount equal
460 to the grant that such magnet school operator was eligible to receive
461 based on the enrollment level of the interdistrict magnet school program
462 on October 1, 2013, or October 1, 2015, whichever is lower. Approval of
463 funding for enrollment above such enrollment level shall be prioritized
464 by the department as follows: (A) Increases in enrollment in an
465 interdistrict magnet school program that is adding planned new grade
466 levels for the school years commencing July 1, 2015, and July 1, 2016; (B)
467 increases in enrollment in an interdistrict magnet school program that
468 added planned new grade levels for the school year commencing July 1,
469 2014, and was funded during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015; (C)
470 increases in enrollment in an interdistrict magnet school program that
471 added planned new grade levels for the school year commencing July 1,
472 2015, and was funded during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016; and
473 (D) increases in enrollment in an interdistrict magnet school program to
474 ensure compliance with subsection (a) of this section. Any interdistrict
475 magnet school program operating less than full-time, but at least half-
476 time, shall be eligible to receive a grant equal to sixty-five per cent of the
477 grant amount determined pursuant to this subsection.

478 (6) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, and within available
479 appropriations, the department may limit payment to an interdistrict
480 magnet school operator to an amount equal to the grant that such
481 magnet school operator was eligible to receive based on the enrollment
482 level of the interdistrict magnet school program on October 1, 2013,
483 October 1, 2015, or October 1, 2016, whichever is lower. Approval of
484 funding for enrollment above such enrollment level shall be prioritized
485 by the department and subject to the commissioner's approval,

486 including increases in enrollment in an interdistrict magnet school
487 program as a result of planned and approved new grade levels. Any
488 interdistrict magnet school program operating less than full-time, but at
489 least half-time, shall be eligible to receive a grant equal to sixty-five per
490 cent of the grant amount determined pursuant to this subsection.

491 (7) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, and within available
492 appropriations, the department may limit payment to an interdistrict
493 magnet school operator to an amount equal to the grant that such
494 magnet school operator was eligible to receive based on the enrollment
495 level of the interdistrict magnet school program on October 1, 2013,
496 October 1, 2015, October 1, 2016, or October 1, 2017, whichever is lower.
497 Approval of funding for enrollment above such enrollment level shall
498 be prioritized by the department and subject to the commissioner's
499 approval, including increases in enrollment in an interdistrict magnet
500 school program as a result of planned and approved new grade levels.
501 Any interdistrict magnet school program operating less than full-time,
502 but at least half-time, shall be eligible to receive a grant equal to sixty-
503 five per cent of the grant amount determined pursuant to this
504 subsection.

505 (8) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, and within available
506 appropriations, the department may limit payment to an interdistrict
507 magnet school operator to an amount equal to the grant that such
508 magnet school operator was eligible to receive based on the enrollment
509 level of the interdistrict magnet school program on October 1, 2013,
510 October 1, 2015, October 1, 2016, October 1, 2017, or October 1, 2018,
511 whichever is lower. Approval of funding for enrollment above such
512 enrollment level shall be prioritized by the department and subject to
513 the commissioner's approval, including increases in enrollment in an
514 interdistrict magnet school program as a result of planned and
515 approved new grade levels. Any interdistrict magnet school program
516 operating less than full-time, but at least half-time, shall be eligible to
517 receive a grant equal to sixty-five per cent of the grant amount
518 determined pursuant to this subsection.

519 (9) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, and within available
520 appropriations, the department may limit payment to an interdistrict
521 magnet school operator to an amount equal to the grant that such
522 magnet school operator was eligible to receive based on the enrollment
523 level of the interdistrict magnet school program on October 1, 2013,
524 October 1, 2015, October 1, 2016, October 1, 2017, October 1, 2018, or
525 October 1, 2019, whichever is lower. Approval of funding for enrollment
526 above such enrollment level shall be prioritized by the department and
527 subject to the commissioner's approval, including increases in
528 enrollment in an interdistrict magnet school program as a result of
529 planned and approved new grade levels. Any interdistrict magnet
530 school program operating less than full-time, but at least half-time, shall
531 be eligible to receive a grant equal to sixty-five per cent of the grant
532 amount determined pursuant to this subsection.

533 (10) Within available appropriations, the commissioner may make
534 grants to the following entities that operate an interdistrict magnet
535 school that assists the state in meeting its obligations pursuant to the
536 decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation
537 or order in effect, as determined by the commissioner and that provide
538 academic support programs and summer school educational programs
539 approved by the commissioner to students participating in such
540 interdistrict magnet school program: (A) Regional educational service
541 centers, (B) local and regional boards of education, (C) the Board of
542 Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges on behalf of a regional
543 community-technical college, (D) the Board of Trustees of the
544 Connecticut State University System on behalf of a state university, (E)
545 the Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut on behalf of the
546 university, (F) the board of governors for an independent institution of
547 higher education, as defined in subsection (a) of section 10a-173, or the
548 equivalent of such a board, on behalf of the independent institution of
549 higher education, (G) cooperative arrangements pursuant to section 10-
550 158a, and (H) any other third-party not-for-profit corporation approved
551 by the commissioner.

552 (11) Within available appropriations, the Commissioner of Education

553 may make grants, in an amount not to exceed seventy-five thousand
554 dollars, for start-up costs associated with the development of new
555 interdistrict magnet school programs that assist the state in meeting its
556 obligations pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1
557 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the
558 commissioner, to the following entities that develop such a program: (A)
559 Regional educational service centers, (B) local and regional boards of
560 education, (C) the Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical
561 Colleges on behalf of a regional community-technical college, (D) the
562 Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University System on behalf
563 of a state university, (E) the Board of Trustees for The University of
564 Connecticut on behalf of the university, (F) the board of governors for
565 an independent institution of higher education, as defined in subsection
566 (a) of section 10a-173, or the equivalent of such a board, on behalf of the
567 independent institution of higher education, (G) cooperative
568 arrangements pursuant to section 10-158a, and (H) any other third-party
569 not-for-profit corporation approved by the commissioner.

570 (12) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, and each fiscal year
571 thereafter, the department shall make grants determined pursuant to
572 this subsection within available appropriations, and in no case shall the
573 total grant paid to an interdistrict magnet school operator pursuant to
574 this section exceed the aggregate total of the reasonable operating
575 budgets of the interdistrict magnet school programs of such operator,
576 less revenues from other sources.

577 (13) Any interdistrict magnet school program operating less than full-
578 time, but at least half-time, shall be eligible to receive a grant equal to
579 sixty-five per cent of the grant amount determined pursuant to this
580 subsection.

581 (d) (1) Grants made pursuant to this section, except those made
582 pursuant to subdivision (7) of subsection (c) of this section and
583 subdivision (2) of this subsection, shall be paid as follows: Seventy per
584 cent not later than September first and the balance not later than May
585 first of each fiscal year. The May first payment shall be adjusted to reflect

586 actual interdistrict magnet school program enrollment as of the
587 preceding October first using the data of record as of the intervening
588 January thirty-first, if the actual level of enrollment is lower than the
589 projected enrollment stated in the approved grant application. The May
590 first payment shall be further adjusted for the difference between the
591 total grant received by the magnet school operator in the prior fiscal year
592 and the revised total grant amount calculated for the prior fiscal year in
593 cases where the aggregate financial audit submitted by the interdistrict
594 magnet school operator pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection [(n)]
595 (m) of this section indicates an overpayment by the department.
596 Notwithstanding the provisions of this section to the contrary, grants
597 made pursuant to this section may be paid to each interdistrict magnet
598 school operator as an aggregate total of the amount that the interdistrict
599 magnet schools operated by each such operator are eligible to receive
600 under this section. Each interdistrict magnet school operator may
601 distribute such aggregate grant among the interdistrict magnet school
602 programs that such operator is operating pursuant to a distribution plan
603 approved by the Commissioner of Education.

604 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, and each fiscal year
605 thereafter, grants made pursuant to subparagraph (E) of subdivision (3)
606 of subsection (c) of this section shall be paid as follows: Fifty per cent of
607 the amount not later than September first based on estimated student
608 enrollment for the first semester on September first, and another fifty
609 per cent not later than May first of each fiscal year based on actual
610 student enrollment for the second semester on February first. The May
611 first payment shall be adjusted to reflect actual interdistrict magnet
612 school program enrollment for those students who have been enrolled
613 at such school for at least two semesters of the school year, using the
614 data of record, and actual student enrollment for those students who
615 have been enrolled at such school for only one semester, using data of
616 record. The May first payment shall be further adjusted for the
617 difference between the total grant received by the magnet school
618 operator in the prior fiscal year and the revised total grant amount
619 calculated for the prior fiscal year where the financial audit submitted

620 by the interdistrict magnet school operator pursuant to subdivision (1)
621 of subsection [(n)] (m) of this section indicates an overpayment by the
622 department.

623 [(e) The Department of Education may retain up to one-half of one
624 per cent of the amount appropriated, in an amount not to exceed five
625 hundred thousand dollars, for purposes of this section for program
626 evaluation and administration.]

627 [(f)] (e) Each local or regional school district in which an interdistrict
628 magnet school is located shall provide the same kind of transportation
629 to its children enrolled in such interdistrict magnet school as it provides
630 to its children enrolled in other public schools in such local or regional
631 school district. The parent or guardian of a child denied the
632 transportation services required to be provided pursuant to this
633 subsection may appeal such denial in the manner provided in sections
634 10-186 and 10-187.

635 [(g)] (f) On or before October fifteenth of each year, the Commissioner
636 of Education shall determine if interdistrict magnet school enrollment is
637 below the number of students for which funds were appropriated. If the
638 commissioner determines that the enrollment is below such number, the
639 additional funds shall not lapse but shall be used by the commissioner
640 for grants for interdistrict cooperative programs pursuant to section 10-
641 74d.

642 [(h)] (g) (1) In the case of a student identified as requiring special
643 education, the school district in which the student resides shall: (A)
644 Hold the planning and placement team meeting for such student and
645 shall invite representatives from the interdistrict magnet school to
646 participate in such meeting; and (B) pay the interdistrict magnet school
647 an amount equal to the difference between the reasonable cost of
648 educating such student and the sum of the amount received by the
649 interdistrict magnet school for such student pursuant to subsection (c)
650 of this section and amounts received from other state, federal, local or
651 private sources calculated on a per pupil basis. Such school district shall

652 be eligible for reimbursement pursuant to section 10-76g. If a student
653 requiring special education attends an interdistrict magnet school on a
654 full-time basis, such interdistrict magnet school shall be responsible for
655 ensuring that such student receives the services mandated by the
656 student's individualized education program whether such services are
657 provided by the interdistrict magnet school or by the school district in
658 which the student resides.

659 (2) In the case of a student with a plan pursuant to Section 504 of the
660 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended from time to time, the school
661 district in which the student resides shall pay the interdistrict magnet
662 school an amount equal to the difference between the reasonable cost of
663 educating such student and the sum of the amount received by the
664 interdistrict magnet school for such student pursuant to subsection (c)
665 of this section and amounts received from other state, federal, local or
666 private sources calculated on a per pupil basis. If a student with a plan
667 pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended
668 from time to time, attends an interdistrict magnet school on a full-time
669 basis, such interdistrict magnet school shall be responsible for ensuring
670 that such student receives the services mandated by the student's plan,
671 whether such services are provided by the interdistrict magnet school
672 or by the school district in which the student resides.

673 [(i)] (h) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the
674 enrollment of nonpublic school students in an interdistrict magnet
675 school program that operates less than full-time, provided (1) such
676 students constitute no more than five per cent of the full-time equivalent
677 enrollment in such magnet school program, and (2) such students are
678 not counted for purposes of determining the amount of grants pursuant
679 to this section and section 10-264i.

680 [(j)] (i) After accommodating students from participating districts in
681 accordance with an approved enrollment agreement, an interdistrict
682 magnet school operator that has unused student capacity may enroll
683 directly into its program any interested student. A student from a
684 district that is not participating in an interdistrict magnet school or the

685 interdistrict student attendance program pursuant to section 10-266aa,
686 as amended by this act, to an extent determined by the Commissioner
687 of Education shall be given preference. The local or regional board of
688 education otherwise responsible for educating such student shall
689 contribute funds to support the operation of the interdistrict magnet
690 school in an amount equal to the per student tuition, if any, charged to
691 participating districts. [, except for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025,
692 and each fiscal year thereafter, such per student tuition charged to such
693 participating districts shall not exceed fifty-eight per cent the per
694 student tuition charged during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.]

695 [(k)] (j) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, and each fiscal year
696 thereafter, any tuition charged to a local or regional board of education
697 by a regional educational service center operating an interdistrict
698 magnet school or any tuition charged by the Hartford school district
699 operating the Great Path Academy on behalf of Manchester Community
700 College for any student enrolled in kindergarten to grade twelve,
701 inclusive, in such interdistrict magnet school shall be in an amount equal
702 to the difference between (A) the average per pupil expenditure of the
703 magnet school for the prior fiscal year, and (B) the amount of any per
704 pupil state subsidy calculated under subsection (c) of this section plus
705 any revenue from other sources calculated on a per pupil basis. [, except
706 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year thereafter,
707 the per student tuition charged to a local or regional board of education
708 shall not exceed fifty-eight per cent the per student tuition charged
709 during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.] If any such board of
710 education fails to pay such tuition, the commissioner may withhold
711 from such board's town or towns a sum payable under section 10-262i
712 in an amount not to exceed the amount of the unpaid tuition to the
713 magnet school and pay such money to the fiscal agent for the magnet
714 school as a supplementary grant for the operation of the interdistrict
715 magnet school program. In no case shall the sum of such tuitions exceed
716 the difference between (i) the total expenditures of the magnet school
717 for the prior fiscal year, and (ii) the total per pupil state subsidy
718 calculated under subsection (c) of this section plus any revenue from

719 other sources. The commissioner may conduct a comprehensive
720 financial review of the operating budget of a magnet school to verify
721 such tuition rate.

722 (2) (A) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2013, and June 30, 2014, a
723 regional educational service center operating an interdistrict magnet
724 school offering a preschool program that is not located in the Sheff
725 region may charge tuition to the Department of Education for a child
726 enrolled in such preschool program in an amount not to exceed an
727 amount equal to the difference between (i) the average per pupil
728 expenditure of the preschool program offered at the magnet school for
729 the prior fiscal year, and (ii) the amount of any per pupil state subsidy
730 calculated under subsection (c) of this section plus any revenue from
731 other sources calculated on a per pupil basis. The commissioner may
732 conduct a comprehensive financial review of the operating budget of
733 any such magnet school charging such tuition to verify such tuition rate.
734 For purposes of this subdivision, "Sheff region" means the school
735 districts for the towns of Avon, Bloomfield, Canton, East Granby, East
736 Hartford, East Windsor, Ellington, Farmington, Glastonbury, Granby,
737 Hartford, Manchester, Newington, Rocky Hill, Simsbury, South
738 Windsor, Suffield, Vernon, West Hartford, Wethersfield, Windsor and
739 Windsor Locks.

740 (B) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, a regional educational
741 service center operating an interdistrict magnet school offering a
742 preschool program that is not located in the Sheff region may charge
743 tuition to the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in such preschool
744 program in an amount that is in accordance with the sliding tuition scale
745 adopted by the State Board of Education pursuant to section 10-264p.
746 The Department of Education shall be financially responsible for any
747 unpaid portion of the tuition not charged to such parent or guardian
748 under such sliding tuition scale. Such tuition shall not exceed an amount
749 equal to the difference between (i) the average per pupil expenditure of
750 the preschool program offered at the magnet school for the prior fiscal
751 year, and (ii) the amount of any per pupil state subsidy calculated under
752 subsection (c) of this section plus any revenue from other sources

753 calculated on a per pupil basis. The commissioner may conduct a
754 comprehensive financial review of the operating budget of any such
755 magnet school charging such tuition to verify such tuition rate.

756 (C) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, and each fiscal year
757 thereafter, a regional educational service center operating an
758 interdistrict magnet school offering a preschool program that is not
759 located in the Sheff region shall charge tuition to the parent or guardian
760 of a child enrolled in such preschool program in an amount up to four
761 thousand fifty-three dollars, except such regional educational service
762 center shall [(i)] not charge tuition to such parent or guardian with a
763 family income at or below seventy-five per cent of the state median
764 income, [and (ii) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal
765 year thereafter, charge tuition to such parent or guardian in an amount
766 not to exceed fifty-eight per cent of the tuition charged during the fiscal
767 year ending June 30, 2024.] The Department of Education shall, within
768 available appropriations, be financially responsible for any unpaid
769 tuition charged to such parent or guardian with a family income at or
770 below seventy-five per cent of the state median income. The
771 commissioner may conduct a comprehensive financial review of the
772 operating budget of any such magnet school charging such tuition to
773 verify such tuition rate.

774 [(l)] (k) A participating district shall provide opportunities for its
775 students to attend an interdistrict magnet school in a number that is at
776 least equal to the number specified in any written agreement with an
777 interdistrict magnet school operator or in a number that is at least equal
778 to the average number of students that the participating district enrolled
779 in such magnet school during the previous three school years.

780 [(m)] (l) (1) On or before May 15, 2010, and annually thereafter, each
781 interdistrict magnet school operator shall provide written notification to
782 any school district that is otherwise responsible for educating a student
783 who resides in such school district and will be enrolled in an interdistrict
784 magnet school under the operator's control for the following school
785 year. Such notification shall include (A) the number of any such

786 students, by grade, who will be enrolled in an interdistrict magnet
787 school under the control of such operator, (B) the name of the school in
788 which such student has been placed, and (C) the amount of tuition to be
789 charged to the local or regional board of education for such student.
790 Such notification shall represent an estimate of the number of students
791 expected to attend such interdistrict magnet schools in the following
792 school year, but shall not be deemed to limit the number of students
793 who may enroll in such interdistrict magnet schools for such year.

794 (2) For the school year commencing July 1, 2015, and each school year
795 thereafter, any interdistrict magnet school operator that is a local or
796 regional board of education and did not charge tuition to another local
797 or regional board of education for the school year commencing July 1,
798 2014, may not charge tuition to such board unless (A) such operator
799 receives authorization from the Commissioner of Education to charge
800 the proposed tuition, and (B) if such authorization is granted, such
801 operator provides written notification on or before September first of
802 the school year prior to the school year in which such tuition is to be
803 charged to such board of the tuition to be charged to such board for each
804 student that such board is otherwise responsible for educating and is
805 enrolled at the interdistrict magnet school under such operator's control.
806 [, except for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year
807 thereafter, the amount of such tuition charged to such other local or
808 regional board of education shall not exceed fifty-eight per cent the per
809 student tuition charged during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.] In
810 deciding whether to authorize an interdistrict magnet school operator
811 to charge tuition under this subdivision, the commissioner shall
812 consider (i) the average per pupil expenditure of such operator for each
813 interdistrict magnet school under the control of such operator, and (ii)
814 the amount of any per pupil state subsidy and any revenue from other
815 sources received by such operator. The commissioner may conduct a
816 comprehensive financial review of the operating budget of the magnet
817 school of such operator to verify that the tuition is appropriate. The
818 provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to any interdistrict magnet
819 school operator that is a regional educational service center or assisting

820 the state in meeting its obligations pursuant to the decision in Sheff v.
821 O'Neill, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect,
822 as determined by the Commissioner of Education.

823 (3) Not later than two weeks following an enrollment lottery for an
824 interdistrict magnet school conducted by a magnet school operator, the
825 parent or guardian of a student (A) who will enroll in such interdistrict
826 magnet school in the following school year, or (B) whose name has been
827 placed on a waiting list for enrollment in such interdistrict magnet
828 school for the following school year, shall provide written notification
829 of such prospective enrollment or waiting list placement to the school
830 district in which such student resides and is otherwise responsible for
831 educating such student.

832 ~~[(n)]~~ (m) (1) Each interdistrict magnet school operator shall annually
833 file with the Commissioner of Education, at such time and in such
834 manner as the commissioner prescribes, (A) a financial audit for each
835 interdistrict magnet school operated by such operator, and (B) an
836 aggregate financial audit for all of the interdistrict magnet schools
837 operated by such operator.

838 (2) Annually, the commissioner shall randomly select one
839 interdistrict magnet school operated by a regional educational service
840 center to be subject to a comprehensive financial audit conducted by an
841 auditor selected by the commissioner. The regional educational service
842 center shall be responsible for all costs associated with the audit
843 conducted pursuant to the provisions of this subdivision.

844 ~~[(o)]~~ (n) For the school year commencing July 1, 2023, any local or
845 regional board of education operating an interdistrict magnet school
846 pursuant to the decision in Sheff v. O'Neill, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any
847 related stipulation or order in effect, shall not charge tuition for any
848 student enrolled in a preschool program or in kindergarten to grade
849 twelve, inclusive, in an interdistrict magnet school operated by such
850 school district, except the Hartford school district may charge tuition for
851 any student enrolled in the Great Path Academy.

852 [(p)] (o) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, and each fiscal
853 year thereafter, if the East Hartford school district or the Manchester
854 school district has greater than four per cent of its resident students, as
855 defined in section 10-262f, enrolled in an interdistrict magnet school
856 program, then the board of education for the town of East Hartford or
857 the town of Manchester shall not be financially responsible for four
858 thousand four hundred dollars of the portion of the per student tuition
859 charged for each such student in excess of such four per cent. The
860 Department of Education shall, within available appropriations, be
861 financially responsible for such excess per student tuition.
862 Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, for the fiscal year
863 ending June 30, 2023, and each fiscal year thereafter, the amount of the
864 grants payable to the boards of education for the towns of East Hartford
865 and Manchester in accordance with this subsection shall be reduced
866 proportionately if the total of such grants in such year exceeds the
867 amount appropriated for purposes of this subsection.

868 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, if the local or regional
869 board of education for (A) the town of Windsor, (B) the town of New
870 Britain, (C) the town of New London, and (D) the town of Bloomfield,
871 has greater than four per cent of its resident students, as defined in
872 section 10-262f, enrolled in an interdistrict magnet school program, then
873 such board of education shall not be financially responsible for four
874 thousand four hundred dollars of the portion of the per student tuition
875 charged for each such student in excess of such four per cent. The
876 Department of Education shall, within available appropriations, be
877 financially responsible for such excess per student tuition.
878 Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, for the fiscal year
879 ending June 30, 2024, the amount of the grants payable to any such
880 board of education in accordance with this subsection shall be reduced
881 proportionately if the total of such grants in such year exceeds the
882 amount appropriated for purposes of this subsection.

883 Sec. 4. Subsection (b) of section 10-264o of the 2024 supplement to the
884 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
885 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

886 (b) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, and each fiscal year
887 thereafter, any tuition charged to a local or regional board of education
888 by a regional educational service center operating an interdistrict
889 magnet school assisting the state in meeting its obligations pursuant to
890 the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related
891 stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the Commissioner of
892 Education, for any student enrolled in kindergarten to grade twelve,
893 inclusive, in such interdistrict magnet school shall be in an amount equal
894 to the difference between (1) the average per pupil expenditure of the
895 magnet school for the prior fiscal year, and (2) the amount of any per
896 pupil state subsidy calculated under subsection (c) of section 10-264/, as
897 amended by this act, plus any revenue from other sources calculated on
898 a per pupil basis. [, except for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and
899 each fiscal year thereafter, the per student tuition charged to a local or
900 regional board of education shall not exceed fifty-eight per cent the per
901 student tuition charged during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.] If
902 any such board of education fails to pay such tuition, the commissioner
903 may withhold from such board's town or towns a sum payable under
904 section 10-262i in an amount not to exceed the amount of the unpaid
905 tuition to the magnet school and pay such money to the fiscal agent for
906 the magnet school as a supplementary grant for the operation of the
907 interdistrict magnet school program. In no case shall the sum of such
908 tuitions exceed the difference between (A) the total expenditures of the
909 magnet school for the prior fiscal year, and (B) the total per pupil state
910 subsidy calculated under subsection (c) of section 10-264/, as amended
911 by this act, plus any revenue from other sources. The commissioner may
912 conduct a comprehensive review of the operating budget of a magnet
913 school to verify such tuition rate.

914 Sec. 5. Section 10-73c of the general statutes is repealed and the
915 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

916 A local or regional board of education or a regional educational
917 service center which provides programs or services of adult education
918 which are approved pursuant to the provisions of section 10-71a by the
919 State Board of Education shall be eligible to receive a grant pursuant to

920 section 10-71. [The State Board of Education may expend in any fiscal
921 year for administration of programs established pursuant to this section,
922 not more than five per cent of any state funds granted to said board for
923 such programs.]

924 Sec. 6. Subsection (e) of section 10-16x of the 2024 supplement to the
925 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
926 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

927 (e) The Department of Education shall, in collaboration with regional
928 educational service centers, support grant recipients by (1) monitoring
929 and evaluating programs and activities, (2) conducting a comprehensive
930 evaluation of the effectiveness of programs and implementing risk
931 assessments, (3) providing technical assistance and training to eligible
932 applicants, and (4) ensuring program activities are aligned with state
933 academic standards. [The department may retain up to seven and one-
934 half per cent of the amount appropriated for the grant program for
935 purposes of this subsection.]

936 Sec. 7. Section 10-215 of the general statutes is repealed and the
937 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

938 (a) Any local or regional board of education may establish and
939 operate a school lunch program for public school children, may operate
940 lunch services for its employees, may establish and operate a school
941 breakfast program, as provided under federal laws governing said
942 programs, or may establish and operate such other child feeding
943 programs as it deems necessary. Charges for such lunches, breakfasts or
944 other such feeding may be fixed by such boards and shall not exceed the
945 cost of food, wages and other expenses directly incurred in providing
946 such services. When such services are offered, a board shall provide free
947 lunches, breakfasts or other such feeding to children whose economic
948 needs require such action under the standards promulgated by said
949 federal laws. Such board is authorized to purchase equipment and
950 supplies that are necessary, to employ the necessary personnel, to utilize
951 the services of volunteers and to receive and expend any funds and

952 receive and use any equipment and supplies which may become
953 available to carry out the provisions of this section. Any town board of
954 education may vote to designate any volunteer organization within the
955 town to provide a school lunch program, school breakfast program or
956 other child feeding program in accordance with the provisions of this
957 section.

958 (b) For the school year commencing July 1, 2021, and each school year
959 thereafter, a local or regional board of education shall include in any
960 policy or procedure for the collection of unpaid charges for school
961 lunches, breakfasts or other such feeding applicable to employees and
962 third-party vendors of such school lunches, breakfasts or such feeding
963 (1) a prohibition on publicly identifying or shaming a child for any such
964 unpaid charges, including, but not limited to, delaying or refusing to
965 serve a meal to such child, designating a specific meal option for such
966 child or otherwise taking any disciplinary action against such child, (2)
967 a declaration of the right for any child to purchase a meal, which meal
968 may exclude any a la carte items or be limited to one meal for any school
969 lunch, breakfast or other such feeding, and (3) a procedure for
970 communicating with the parent or legal guardian of a child for the
971 purpose of collecting such unpaid charges. Such communication shall
972 include, but not be limited to, (A) information regarding local food
973 pantries, (B) applications for the school district's program for free or
974 reduced priced meals and for the supplemental nutrition assistance
975 program administered by the Department of Social Services, and (C) a
976 link to the Internet web site maintained by the town for such school
977 district listing any community services available to the residents of such
978 town. In the event the unpaid charges for school lunches, breakfasts or
979 other such feeding due from any parent or legal guardian are equal to
980 or more than the cost of thirty meals, the local or regional board of
981 education shall refer such parent or legal guardian to the local homeless
982 education liaison designated by such board, pursuant to Subtitle B of
983 Title VII of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, 42 USC 11431
984 et seq., as amended from time to time.

985 (c) A local or regional board of education may accept gifts, donations

986 or grants from any public or private sources for the purpose of paying
987 off any unpaid charges for school lunches, breakfasts or other such
988 feeding.

989 (d) (1) For the school year commencing July 1, 2024, and each school
990 year thereafter, the State Board of Education may, within available
991 appropriations, provide payments to (A) any local or regional board of
992 education, (B) the Technical Career and Education System, (C) the
993 governing authority of a state charter school, interdistrict magnet school
994 or endowed academy approved pursuant to section 10-34, or (D) any
995 private nonprofit school provided such board, system, governing
996 authority or private nonprofit school participates in the National Lunch
997 Program and does not implement the Community Eligibility Provision,
998 as defined in section 10-215k.

999 (2) Any payment provided under this subsection shall be in an
1000 amount equal to the sum of (A) the difference of the federal
1001 reimbursement for (i) school lunch meals served to students eligible for
1002 free meals, and (ii) school lunch meals served to students eligible for
1003 reduced-price meals, and (B) with respect to any such board, system,
1004 governing authority or private nonprofit school that participates in the
1005 federal School Breakfast Program, the difference of the federal
1006 reimbursement for (i) school breakfast meals served to students eligible
1007 for free school breakfast, and (ii) school breakfast meals served to
1008 students eligible for reduced-price and paid school breakfast meals.

1009 (3) Payments provided under this subsection shall be determined by
1010 the state board in conformance with applicable laws and regulations
1011 governing such programs.

1012 Sec. 8. Section 346 of public act 23-204 is repealed. (*Effective from*
1013 *passage*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2024	10-266aa(g)

Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	10-65(b)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	10-264l
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	10-264o(b)
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	10-73c
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	10-16x(e)
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	10-215
Sec. 8	<i>from passage</i>	Repealer section

Statement of Purpose:

To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]