



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5212

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AN ACT CONCERNING EDUCATION FUNDING.

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

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

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

10 (2) "Foundation" has the same meaning as provided in section 10-262f
11 of the general statutes, except that for an interdistrict magnet school
12 operator that is not a local or regional board of education, the
13 foundation is (A) for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2025, and June 30,
14 2026, eleven thousand five hundred twenty-five dollars, (B) for the fiscal
15 year ending June 30, 2027, eleven thousand five hundred twenty-five
16 dollars adjusted by the percentage increase in personal income, as
17 defined in section 2-33a of the general statutes, or the percentage
18 increase in inflation, as defined in section 2-33a of the general statutes,
19 whichever is greater, and (C) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2028,
20 and each fiscal year thereafter, the amount of the foundation for the

21 prior fiscal year adjusted by the percentage increase in personal income,
22 as defined in section 2-33a of the general statutes, or the percentage
23 increase in inflation, as defined in section 2-33a of the general statutes,
24 whichever is greater.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

84 (11) "Out-of-district student" means a student enrolled or

85 participating in a choice program operated or maintained by a local or
86 regional board of education and who does not reside in the town or a
87 member town of such local or regional board of education.

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

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

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

112 (B) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, if (i) the total amount of
113 the grant calculated pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this subdivision
114 plus the total amount of tuition charged during the fiscal year ending
115 June 30, 2025, by such operator is less than (ii) the sum of the total
116 revenue per pupil for each student enrolled in such program during the

117 fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, such operator shall be entitled to a grant
118 in an amount equal to the sum of (I) the amount described in
119 subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, and (II) the difference between the
120 amount described in subparagraph (B)(ii) of this subdivision and the
121 amount described in subparagraph (B)(i) of this subdivision.

122 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and each fiscal year
123 thereafter, an interdistrict magnet school program operator that is not a
124 local or regional board of education shall be entitled to a grant in an
125 amount equal to the product of the foundation and its total magnet
126 school program need students, except that such operator shall not
127 receive less than the sum of the total revenue per pupil for such
128 operator.

129 (c) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, an interdistrict magnet
130 school operator that is a local or regional board of education shall be
131 entitled to a grant in an amount equal to the sum of (A) forty-two per
132 cent of the difference between (i) the sum of (I) the sending town
133 adjustment factor for each sending town, and (II) the product of the
134 number of in-district students enrolled in the interdistrict magnet school
135 program of such board and the per student amount of the grant under
136 section 10-264l of the general statutes, as amended by this act, for an in-
137 district student enrolled in such interdistrict magnet school program for
138 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, and (ii) the appropriate per student
139 amounts, for in-district students and out-of-district students, such
140 operator received under section 10-264l of the general statutes, as
141 amended by this act, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, multiplied
142 by the appropriate numbers of in-district students and out-of-district
143 students enrolled in such program for the fiscal year ending June 30,
144 2025, and (B) the amount described in subparagraph (A)(ii) of this
145 subdivision.

146 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and each fiscal year
147 thereafter, an interdistrict magnet school operator that is a local or
148 regional board of education shall be entitled to a grant in an amount
149 equal to the sum of (A) the sum of the sending town adjustment factor

150 for each sending town, and (B) the product of (i) the number of in-
151 district students enrolled in the interdistrict magnet school program of
152 such board, and (ii) the per student amount of the grant under section
153 10-264/ of the general statutes, as amended by this act, for an in-district
154 student enrolled in such interdistrict magnet school program for the
155 fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

156 (d) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, a local or regional
157 board of education that operates a regional agricultural science and
158 technology center shall be entitled to a grant in an amount equal to the
159 sum of (A) forty-two per cent of the difference between (i) the sum of (I)
160 the sending town adjustment factors for each sending town, and (II) the
161 product of the number of in-district students enrolled in such center and
162 five thousand two hundred, and (ii) five thousand two hundred
163 multiplied by the number of students enrolled in such center for the
164 fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and (B) the amount described in
165 subparagraph (A)(ii) of this subdivision.

166 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and each fiscal year
167 thereafter, a local or regional board of education that operates a regional
168 agricultural science and technology center shall be entitled to a grant in
169 an amount equal to the sum of (A) the sum of the sending town
170 adjustment factors for each sending town, and (B) the product of (i) the
171 number of in-district students enrolled in such center, and (ii) the
172 greater of the per student amount of the grant under section 10-65 of the
173 general statutes, as amended by this act, for the fiscal year ending June
174 30, 2024, or five thousand two hundred.

175 (e) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and each fiscal year
176 thereafter, the local or regional board of education for each receiving
177 district that accepts students under the interdistrict public school
178 attendance program pursuant to section 10-266aa of the general statutes,
179 as amended by this act, shall be entitled to a grant in an amount equal
180 to the sum of the sending town adjustment factors for each sending
181 town.

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

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

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

201 Sec. 3. Section 10-264*l* of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes
202 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
203 *1, 2024*):

204 (a) The Department of Education shall, within available
205 appropriations, establish a grant program (1) to assist (A) local and
206 regional boards of education, (B) regional educational service centers,
207 (C) the Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges on
208 behalf of Quinebaug Valley Community College and Three Rivers
209 Community College, and (D) cooperative arrangements pursuant to
210 section 10-158a, and (2) in assisting the state in meeting its obligations
211 pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any
212 related stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the
213 commissioner, to assist (A) the Board of Trustees of the Community-

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

240 (b) (1) Applications for interdistrict magnet school program
241 operating grants awarded pursuant to this section shall be submitted
242 annually to the Commissioner of Education at such time and in such
243 manner as the commissioner prescribes, except that on and after July 1,
244 2009, applications for such operating grants for new interdistrict magnet
245 schools, other than those that the commissioner determines will assist
246 the state in meeting its obligations pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v.*
247 *O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect,

248 as determined by the commissioner, shall not be accepted until the
249 commissioner develops a comprehensive state-wide interdistrict
250 magnet school plan. The commissioner shall submit such
251 comprehensive state-wide interdistrict magnet school plan on or before
252 October 1, 2016, to the joint standing committees of the General
253 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education and
254 appropriations.

255 (2) In determining whether an application shall be approved and
256 funds awarded pursuant to this section, the commissioner shall
257 consider, but such consideration shall not be limited to: (A) Whether the
258 program offered by the school is likely to increase student achievement;
259 (B) whether the program is likely to reduce racial, ethnic and economic
260 isolation; (C) the percentage of the student enrollment in the program
261 from each participating district; and (D) the proposed operating budget
262 and the sources of funding for the interdistrict magnet school. For a
263 magnet school not operated by a local or regional board of education,
264 the commissioner shall only approve a proposed operating budget that,
265 on a per pupil basis, does not exceed the maximum allowable threshold
266 established in accordance with this subdivision. The maximum
267 allowable threshold shall be an amount equal to one hundred twenty
268 per cent of the state average of the quotient obtained by dividing net
269 current expenditures, as defined in section 10-261, by average daily
270 membership, as defined in said section, for the fiscal year two years
271 prior to the fiscal year for which the operating grant is requested. The
272 Department of Education shall establish the maximum allowable
273 threshold no later than December fifteenth of the fiscal year prior to the
274 fiscal year for which the operating grant is requested. If requested by an
275 applicant that is not a local or regional board of education, the
276 commissioner may approve a proposed operating budget that exceeds
277 the maximum allowable threshold if the commissioner determines that
278 there are extraordinary programmatic needs. For the fiscal years ending
279 June 30, 2017, June 30, 2018, June 30, 2020, and June 30, 2021, in the case
280 of an interdistrict magnet school that will assist the state in meeting its
281 obligations pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1

282 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the
283 commissioner, the commissioner shall also consider whether the school
284 is meeting the reduced-isolation setting standards for interdistrict
285 magnet school programs, developed by the commissioner pursuant to
286 section 10-264r. If such school has not met such reduced-isolation setting
287 standards, it shall not be entitled to receive a grant pursuant to this
288 section unless the commissioner finds that it is appropriate to award a
289 grant for an additional year or years and approves a plan to bring such
290 school into compliance with such reduced-isolation setting standards. If
291 requested by the commissioner, the applicant shall meet with the
292 commissioner or the commissioner's designee to discuss the budget and
293 sources of funding.

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

305 (4) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2018, to June 30, 2021,
306 inclusive, if an interdistrict magnet school program does not maintain a
307 total school enrollment that is in accordance with the reduced-isolation
308 setting standards for interdistrict magnet school programs, developed
309 by the commissioner pursuant to section 10-264r, for two or more
310 consecutive years, the commissioner may impose a financial penalty on
311 the operator of such interdistrict magnet school program, or take any
312 other measure, in consultation with such operator, as may be
313 appropriate to assist such operator in complying with such reduced-
314 isolation setting standards.

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

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

335 (2) (A) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, and each fiscal year
336 thereafter, any interdistrict magnet school operator that is not a local or
337 regional board of education may charge tuition for each student
338 enrolled in an interdistrict magnet school program of such operator to
339 the local or regional board of education for a sending town if the grant
340 to which such operator is entitled under section 1 of this act is not
341 calculated using a foundation amount that is adjusted by the greater of
342 either the percentage increase in personal income, as defined in section
343 2-33a, or the percentage increase in inflation, as defined in section 2-33a.
344 Such tuition charged shall not exceed the difference between the amount
345 of the grant such operator would have been entitled to receive for the
346 fiscal year if such grant was calculated using the foundation, as defined
347 in section 1 of this act, and the amount of the grant that such operator
348 will receive for such fiscal year.

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

363 [(2)] (3) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, and each fiscal year
364 thereafter, the commissioner may, within available appropriations,
365 provide supplemental grants for the purposes of enhancing educational
366 programs in such interdistrict magnet schools, as the commissioner
367 determines. Such grants shall be made after the commissioner has
368 conducted a comprehensive financial review and approved the total
369 operating budget for such schools, including all revenue and
370 expenditure estimates.

371 [(3) (A) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraphs (C) to (G),
372 inclusive, of this subdivision, each interdistrict magnet school operated
373 by a regional educational service center that enrolls less than fifty-five
374 per cent of the school's students from a single town shall receive a per
375 pupil grant in the amount of (i) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024,
376 eight thousand fifty-eight dollars, and (ii) for the fiscal year ending June
377 30, 2025, and each fiscal year thereafter, at least eight thousand fifty-
378 eight dollars.

379 (B) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraphs (C) to (G),
380 inclusive, of this subdivision, each interdistrict magnet school operated
381 by a regional educational service center that enrolls at least fifty-five per

382 cent of the school's students from a single town shall receive a per pupil
383 grant for each enrolled student who is not a resident of the district that
384 enrolls at least fifty-five per cent of the school's students in the amount
385 of (i) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, seven thousand two
386 hundred twenty-seven dollars, and (ii) for the fiscal year ending June
387 30, 2025, and each fiscal year thereafter, at least seven thousand two
388 hundred twenty-seven dollars. The per pupil grant for each enrolled
389 student who is a resident of the district that enrolls at least fifty-five per
390 cent of the school's students shall be (I) for the fiscal year ending June
391 30, 2024, three thousand sixty dollars, and (II) for the fiscal year ending
392 June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year thereafter, at least three thousand
393 sixty dollars.

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

416 per cent of the school's students, in an amount greater than the total
417 number of such enrolled students as of October 1, 2013, using the data
418 of record, in the amount of seven thousand eighty-five dollars.

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

445 (D) (i) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (D)(ii) of this
446 subdivision, each interdistrict magnet school operated by (I) a regional
447 educational service center, (II) the Board of Trustees of the Community-
448 Technical Colleges on behalf of a regional community-technical college,
449 (III) the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University System on

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

468 (ii) Any interdistrict magnet school described in subparagraph (D)(i)
469 of this subdivision that enrolls less than fifty per cent of its incoming
470 students from Hartford shall receive a per pupil grant (I) for the fiscal
471 year ending June 30, 2024, in the amount of eight thousand fifty-eight
472 dollars for one-half of the total number of non-Hartford students
473 enrolled in the school over fifty per cent of the total school enrollment
474 and shall receive a per pupil grant in the amount of ten thousand six
475 hundred fifty-two dollars for the remainder of the total school
476 enrollment, and (II) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and each
477 fiscal year thereafter, in the amount of at least eight thousand fifty-eight
478 dollars for one-half of the total number of non-Hartford students
479 enrolled in the school over fifty per cent of the total school enrollment
480 and shall receive a per pupil grant in the amount of at least ten thousand
481 six hundred fifty-two dollars for the remainder of the total school
482 enrollment, except the commissioner may, upon the written request of
483 an operator of such school, waive such fifty per cent enrollment

484 minimum for good cause.

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

502 (F) Each interdistrict magnet school operated by a local or regional
503 board of education, pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238
504 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect, shall receive
505 a per pupil grant for each enrolled student who is not a resident of the
506 district in the amount of (i) thirteen thousand three hundred fifteen
507 dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, and (ii) for the fiscal year
508 ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year thereafter, at least thirteen
509 thousand three hundred fifteen dollars.

510 (G) In addition to the grants described in subparagraph (E) of this
511 subdivision, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, the commissioner
512 may, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
513 Management and the Finance Advisory Committee, established
514 pursuant to section 4-93, provide supplemental grants to the Hartford
515 school district of up to one thousand fifty-four dollars for each student
516 enrolled at an interdistrict magnet school operated by the Hartford

517 school district who is not a resident of such district.

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

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

537 (4) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2015, and June 30, 2016, the
538 department may limit payment to an interdistrict magnet school
539 operator to an amount equal to the grant that such magnet school
540 operator was eligible to receive based on the enrollment level of the
541 interdistrict magnet school program on October 1, 2013. Approval of
542 funding for enrollment above such enrollment level shall be prioritized
543 by the department as follows: (A) Increases in enrollment in an
544 interdistrict magnet school program that is adding planned new grade
545 levels for the school years commencing July 1, 2015, and July 1, 2016; (B)
546 increases in enrollment in an interdistrict magnet school program that
547 added planned new grade levels for the school year commencing July 1,
548 2014, and was funded during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015; (C)
549 increases in enrollment in an interdistrict magnet school program that

550 is moving into a permanent facility for the school years commencing
551 July 1, 2014, to July 1, 2016, inclusive; (D) increases in enrollment in an
552 interdistrict magnet school program to ensure compliance with
553 subsection (a) of this section; and (E) new enrollments for a new
554 interdistrict magnet school program commencing operations on or after
555 July 1, 2014, pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1
556 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the
557 commissioner. Any interdistrict magnet school program operating less
558 than full-time, but at least half-time, shall be eligible to receive a grant
559 equal to sixty-five per cent of the grant amount determined pursuant to
560 this subsection.

561 (5) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the department may limit
562 payment to an interdistrict magnet school operator to an amount equal
563 to the grant that such magnet school operator was eligible to receive
564 based on the enrollment level of the interdistrict magnet school program
565 on October 1, 2013, or October 1, 2015, whichever is lower. Approval of
566 funding for enrollment above such enrollment level shall be prioritized
567 by the department as follows: (A) Increases in enrollment in an
568 interdistrict magnet school program that is adding planned new grade
569 levels for the school years commencing July 1, 2015, and July 1, 2016; (B)
570 increases in enrollment in an interdistrict magnet school program that
571 added planned new grade levels for the school year commencing July 1,
572 2014, and was funded during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015; (C)
573 increases in enrollment in an interdistrict magnet school program that
574 added planned new grade levels for the school year commencing July 1,
575 2015, and was funded during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016; and
576 (D) increases in enrollment in an interdistrict magnet school program to
577 ensure compliance with subsection (a) of this section. Any interdistrict
578 magnet school program operating less than full-time, but at least half-
579 time, shall be eligible to receive a grant equal to sixty-five per cent of the
580 grant amount determined pursuant to this subsection.

581 (6) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, and within available
582 appropriations, the department may limit payment to an interdistrict
583 magnet school operator to an amount equal to the grant that such

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

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

608 (8) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, and within available
609 appropriations, the department may limit payment to an interdistrict
610 magnet school operator to an amount equal to the grant that such
611 magnet school operator was eligible to receive based on the enrollment
612 level of the interdistrict magnet school program on October 1, 2013,
613 October 1, 2015, October 1, 2016, October 1, 2017, or October 1, 2018,
614 whichever is lower. Approval of funding for enrollment above such
615 enrollment level shall be prioritized by the department and subject to
616 the commissioner's approval, including increases in enrollment in an
617 interdistrict magnet school program as a result of planned and

618 approved new grade levels. Any interdistrict magnet school program
619 operating less than full-time, but at least half-time, shall be eligible to
620 receive a grant equal to sixty-five per cent of the grant amount
621 determined pursuant to this subsection.

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

636 [(10)] (4) Within available appropriations, the commissioner may
637 make grants to the following entities that operate an interdistrict magnet
638 school that assists the state in meeting its obligations pursuant to the
639 decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation
640 or order in effect, as determined by the commissioner and that provide
641 academic support programs and summer school educational programs
642 approved by the commissioner to students participating in such
643 interdistrict magnet school program: (A) Regional educational service
644 centers, (B) local and regional boards of education, (C) the Board of
645 Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges on behalf of a regional
646 community-technical college, (D) the Board of Trustees of the
647 Connecticut State University System on behalf of a state university, (E)
648 the Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut on behalf of the
649 university, (F) the board of governors for an independent institution of
650 higher education, as defined in subsection (a) of section 10a-173, or the
651 equivalent of such a board, on behalf of the independent institution of

652 higher education, (G) cooperative arrangements pursuant to section 10-
653 158a, and (H) any other third-party not-for-profit corporation approved
654 by the commissioner.

655 [(11)] (5) Within available appropriations, the Commissioner of
656 Education may make grants, in an amount not to exceed seventy-five
657 thousand dollars, for start-up costs associated with the development of
658 new interdistrict magnet school programs that assist the state in meeting
659 its obligations pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1
660 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the
661 commissioner, to the following entities that develop such a program: (A)
662 Regional educational service centers, (B) local and regional boards of
663 education, (C) the Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical
664 Colleges on behalf of a regional community-technical college, (D) the
665 Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University System on behalf
666 of a state university, (E) the Board of Trustees for The University of
667 Connecticut on behalf of the university, (F) the board of governors for
668 an independent institution of higher education, as defined in subsection
669 (a) of section 10a-173, or the equivalent of such a board, on behalf of the
670 independent institution of higher education, (G) cooperative
671 arrangements pursuant to section 10-158a, and (H) any other third-party
672 not-for-profit corporation approved by the commissioner.

673 [(12)] (6) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, and each fiscal year
674 thereafter, the department shall make grants determined pursuant to
675 this subsection within available appropriations, and in no case shall the
676 total grant paid to an interdistrict magnet school operator pursuant to
677 this section exceed the aggregate total of the reasonable operating
678 budgets of the interdistrict magnet school programs of such operator,
679 less revenues from other sources.

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

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

708 [(2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, and each fiscal year
709 thereafter, grants made pursuant to subparagraph (E) of subdivision (3)
710 of subsection (c) of this section shall be paid as follows: Fifty per cent of
711 the amount not later than September first based on estimated student
712 enrollment for the first semester on September first, and another fifty
713 per cent not later than May first of each fiscal year based on actual
714 student enrollment for the second semester on February first. The May
715 first payment shall be adjusted to reflect actual interdistrict magnet
716 school program enrollment for those students who have been enrolled
717 at such school for at least two semesters of the school year, using the

718 data of record, and actual student enrollment for those students who
719 have been enrolled at such school for only one semester, using data of
720 record. The May first payment shall be further adjusted for the
721 difference between the total grant received by the magnet school
722 operator in the prior fiscal year and the revised total grant amount
723 calculated for the prior fiscal year where the financial audit submitted
724 by the interdistrict magnet school operator pursuant to subdivision (1)
725 of subsection (n) of this section indicates an overpayment by the
726 department.]

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

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

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

746 (h) (1) In the case of a student identified as requiring special
747 education, the school district in which the student resides shall: (A)
748 Hold the planning and placement team meeting for such student and
749 shall invite representatives from the interdistrict magnet school to

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

763 (2) In the case of a student with a plan pursuant to Section 504 of the
764 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended from time to time, the school
765 district in which the student resides shall pay the interdistrict magnet
766 school an amount equal to the difference between the reasonable cost of
767 educating such student and the sum of the amount received by the
768 interdistrict magnet school for such student pursuant to subsection (c)
769 of this section and amounts received from other state, federal, local or
770 private sources calculated on a per pupil basis. If a student with a plan
771 pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended
772 from time to time, attends an interdistrict magnet school on a full-time
773 basis, such interdistrict magnet school shall be responsible for ensuring
774 that such student receives the services mandated by the student's plan,
775 whether such services are provided by the interdistrict magnet school
776 or by the school district in which the student resides.

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

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

800 (k) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, [2014, and each fiscal year
801 thereafter] 2025, any tuition charged to a local or regional board of
802 education by (A) a regional educational service center operating an
803 interdistrict magnet school, [or any tuition charged by] (B) the Hartford
804 school district operating the Great Path Academy on behalf of
805 Manchester Community College, or (C) any interdistrict magnet school
806 operator described in section 10-264s, for any student enrolled in
807 kindergarten to grade twelve, inclusive, in such interdistrict magnet
808 school shall be in an amount [equal to the difference between (A) the
809 average per pupil expenditure of the magnet school for the prior fiscal
810 year, and (B) the amount of any per pupil state subsidy calculated under
811 subsection (c) of this section plus any revenue from other sources
812 calculated on a per pupil basis, except for the fiscal year ending June 30,
813 2025, and each fiscal year thereafter, the per student tuition charged to
814 a local or regional board of education shall] not to exceed fifty-eight per
815 cent the per student tuition charged during the fiscal year ending June
816 30, 2024. If any such board of education fails to pay such tuition, the
817 commissioner may withhold from such board's town or towns a sum

818 payable under section 10-262i in an amount not to exceed the amount of
819 the unpaid tuition to the magnet school and pay such money to the fiscal
820 agent for the magnet school as a supplementary grant for the operation
821 of the interdistrict magnet school program. In no case shall the sum of
822 such tuitions exceed the difference between (i) the total expenditures of
823 the magnet school for the prior fiscal year, and (ii) the total per pupil
824 state subsidy calculated under subsection (c) of this section plus any
825 revenue from other sources. The commissioner may conduct a
826 comprehensive financial review of the operating budget of a magnet
827 school to verify such tuition rate.

828 [(2) (A) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2013, and June 30, 2014, a
829 regional educational service center operating an interdistrict magnet
830 school offering a preschool program that is not located in the Sheff
831 region may charge tuition to the Department of Education for a child
832 enrolled in such preschool program in an amount not to exceed an
833 amount equal to the difference between (i) the average per pupil
834 expenditure of the preschool program offered at the magnet school for
835 the prior fiscal year, and (ii) the amount of any per pupil state subsidy
836 calculated under subsection (c) of this section plus any revenue from
837 other sources calculated on a per pupil basis. The commissioner may
838 conduct a comprehensive financial review of the operating budget of
839 any such magnet school charging such tuition to verify such tuition rate.
840 For purposes of this subdivision, "Sheff region" means the school
841 districts for the towns of Avon, Bloomfield, Canton, East Granby, East
842 Hartford, East Windsor, Ellington, Farmington, Glastonbury, Granby,
843 Hartford, Manchester, Newington, Rocky Hill, Simsbury, South
844 Windsor, Suffield, Vernon, West Hartford, Wethersfield, Windsor and
845 Windsor Locks.

846 (B) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, a regional educational
847 service center operating an interdistrict magnet school offering a
848 preschool program that is not located in the Sheff region may charge
849 tuition to the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in such preschool
850 program in an amount that is in accordance with the sliding tuition scale
851 adopted by the State Board of Education pursuant to section 10-264p.

852 The Department of Education shall be financially responsible for any
853 unpaid portion of the tuition not charged to such parent or guardian
854 under such sliding tuition scale. Such tuition shall not exceed an amount
855 equal to the difference between (i) the average per pupil expenditure of
856 the preschool program offered at the magnet school for the prior fiscal
857 year, and (ii) the amount of any per pupil state subsidy calculated under
858 subsection (c) of this section plus any revenue from other sources
859 calculated on a per pupil basis. The commissioner may conduct a
860 comprehensive financial review of the operating budget of any such
861 magnet school charging such tuition to verify such tuition rate.]

862 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and each fiscal year
863 thereafter, a regional educational service center operating an
864 interdistrict magnet school, the Hartford school district operating the
865 Great Path Academy on behalf of Manchester Community College or an
866 interdistrict magnet school operator described in section 10-264s shall
867 not charge tuition to any local or regional board of education for any
868 student enrolled in kindergarten to grade twelve, inclusive, in such
869 interdistrict magnet school.

870 [(C)] (3) For the fiscal year ending June 30, [2016, and each fiscal year
871 thereafter] 2025, a regional educational service center operating an
872 interdistrict magnet school offering a preschool program that is not
873 located in the Sheff region shall [charge tuition to the parent or guardian
874 of a child enrolled in such preschool program in an amount up to four
875 thousand fifty-three dollars, except such regional educational service
876 center shall (i)] (A) not charge tuition to such parent or guardian with a
877 family income at or below seventy-five per cent of the state median
878 income, and [(ii) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal
879 year thereafter,] (B) charge tuition to such parent or guardian in an
880 amount not to exceed fifty-eight per cent of the tuition charged during
881 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. The Department of Education shall,
882 within available appropriations, be financially responsible for any
883 unpaid tuition charged to such parent or guardian with a family income
884 at or below seventy-five per cent of the state median income. The
885 commissioner may conduct a comprehensive financial review of the

886 operating budget of any such magnet school charging such tuition to
887 verify such tuition rate.

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

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

899 (m) (1) On or before May 15, 2010, and annually thereafter, each
900 interdistrict magnet school operator shall provide written notification to
901 any school district that is otherwise responsible for educating a student
902 who resides in such school district and will be enrolled in an interdistrict
903 magnet school under the operator's control for the following school
904 year. Such notification shall include (A) the number of any such
905 students, by grade, who will be enrolled in an interdistrict magnet
906 school under the control of such operator, (B) the name of the school in
907 which such student has been placed, and (C) the amount of tuition to be
908 charged to the local or regional board of education for such student.
909 Such notification shall represent an estimate of the number of students
910 expected to attend such interdistrict magnet schools in the following
911 school year, but shall not be deemed to limit the number of students
912 who may enroll in such interdistrict magnet schools for such year.

913 (2) [For the school year commencing July 1, 2015, and each school
914 year thereafter] (A) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, any
915 interdistrict magnet school operator that is a local or regional board of
916 education [and did not charge tuition to another local or regional board
917 of education for the school year commencing July 1, 2014, may] shall not

918 charge tuition to such board unless [(A)] (i) such operator [receives] has
919 previously received authorization from the Commissioner of Education
920 to charge the proposed tuition, and [(B)] (ii) if such authorization is
921 granted, such operator provides written notification on or before
922 September first of the school year prior to the school year in which such
923 tuition is to be charged to such board of the tuition to be charged to such
924 board for each student that such board is otherwise responsible for
925 educating and is enrolled at the interdistrict magnet school under such
926 operator's control, except [for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and
927 each fiscal year thereafter,] the amount of such tuition charged to such
928 other local or regional board of education shall not exceed fifty-eight per
929 cent the per student tuition charged during the fiscal year ending June
930 30, 2024. In deciding whether to authorize an interdistrict magnet school
931 operator to charge tuition under this subdivision, the commissioner
932 shall consider [(i)] (I) the average per pupil expenditure of such operator
933 for each interdistrict magnet school under the control of such operator,
934 and [(ii)] (II) the amount of any per pupil state subsidy and any revenue
935 from other sources received by such operator. The commissioner may
936 conduct a comprehensive financial review of the operating budget of
937 the magnet school of such operator to verify that the tuition is
938 appropriate. The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to any
939 interdistrict magnet school operator that is a regional educational
940 service center or assisting the state in meeting its obligations pursuant
941 to the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related
942 stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the Commissioner of
943 Education.

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

948 (3) Not later than two weeks following an enrollment lottery for an
949 interdistrict magnet school conducted by a magnet school operator, the
950 parent or guardian of a student (A) who will enroll in such interdistrict
951 magnet school in the following school year, or (B) whose name has been

952 placed on a waiting list for enrollment in such interdistrict magnet
953 school for the following school year, shall provide written notification
954 of such prospective enrollment or waiting list placement to the school
955 district in which such student resides and is otherwise responsible for
956 educating such student.

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

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

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

978 (p) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, and each fiscal year
979 thereafter, if the East Hartford school district or the Manchester school
980 district has greater than four per cent of its resident students, as defined
981 in section 10-262f, enrolled in an interdistrict magnet school program,
982 then the board of education for the town of East Hartford or the town of
983 Manchester shall not be financially responsible for four thousand four

984 hundred dollars of the portion of the per student tuition charged for
985 each such student in excess of such four per cent. The Department of
986 Education shall, within available appropriations, be financially
987 responsible for such excess per student tuition. Notwithstanding the
988 provisions of this subsection, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023,
989 and each fiscal year thereafter, the amount of the grants payable to the
990 boards of education for the towns of East Hartford and Manchester in
991 accordance with this subsection shall be reduced proportionately if the
992 total of such grants in such year exceeds the amount appropriated for
993 purposes of this subsection.

994 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, if the local or regional
995 board of education for (A) the town of Windsor, (B) the town of New
996 Britain, (C) the town of New London, and (D) the town of Bloomfield,
997 has greater than four per cent of its resident students, as defined in
998 section 10-262f, enrolled in an interdistrict magnet school program, then
999 such board of education shall not be financially responsible for four
1000 thousand four hundred dollars of the portion of the per student tuition
1001 charged for each such student in excess of such four per cent. The
1002 Department of Education shall, within available appropriations, be
1003 financially responsible for such excess per student tuition.
1004 Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, for the fiscal year
1005 ending June 30, 2024, the amount of the grants payable to any such
1006 board of education in accordance with this subsection shall be reduced
1007 proportionately if the total of such grants in such year exceeds the
1008 amount appropriated for purposes of this subsection.

1009 Sec. 4. Section 10-264o of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes
1010 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
1011 *1, 2024*):

1012 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, interdistrict
1013 magnet schools that begin operations on or after July 1, 2008, pursuant
1014 to the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related
1015 stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the Commissioner of
1016 Education, may operate without district participation agreements and

1017 enroll students from any district through a lottery designated by the
1018 commissioner.

1019 (b) [For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, and each fiscal year
1020 thereafter] (1) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (2) of
1021 subsection (c) of section 10-264l, as amended by this act, for the fiscal
1022 year ending June 30, 2025, any tuition charged to a local or regional
1023 board of education by a regional educational service center operating an
1024 interdistrict magnet school assisting the state in meeting its obligations
1025 pursuant to the decision in Sheff v. O'Neill, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any
1026 related stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the
1027 Commissioner of Education, for any student enrolled in kindergarten to
1028 grade twelve, inclusive, in such interdistrict magnet school shall be in
1029 an amount equal to the difference between [(1)] (A) the average per
1030 pupil expenditure of the magnet school for the prior fiscal year, and [(2)]
1031 (B) the amount of any per pupil state subsidy calculated under
1032 subsection (c) of section 10-264l, as amended by this act, plus any
1033 revenue from other sources calculated on a per pupil basis, [except for
1034 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year thereafter,]
1035 provided the per student tuition charged to a local or regional board of
1036 education shall not exceed fifty-eight per cent the per student tuition
1037 charged during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. If any such board
1038 of education fails to pay such tuition, the commissioner may withhold
1039 from such board's town or towns a sum payable under section 10-262i
1040 in an amount not to exceed the amount of the unpaid tuition to the
1041 magnet school and pay such money to the fiscal agent for the magnet
1042 school as a supplementary grant for the operation of the interdistrict
1043 magnet school program. In no case shall the sum of such tuitions exceed
1044 the difference between [(A)] (i) the total expenditures of the magnet
1045 school for the prior fiscal year, and [(B)] (ii) the total per pupil state
1046 subsidy calculated under subsection (c) of section 10-264l, as amended
1047 by this act, plus any revenue from other sources. The commissioner may
1048 conduct a comprehensive review of the operating budget of a magnet
1049 school to verify such tuition rate.

1050 (2) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (2) of subsection (c)

1051 of section 10-264l, as amended by this act, for the fiscal year ending June
1052 30, 2026, and each fiscal year thereafter, a regional educational service
1053 center operating an interdistrict magnet school assisting the state in
1054 meeting its obligations pursuant to the decision in Sheff v. O'Neill, 238
1055 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect, as
1056 determined by the Commissioner of Education, shall not charge tuition
1057 to a local or regional board of education for any student enrolled in
1058 kindergarten to grade twelve, inclusive, in such interdistrict magnet
1059 school.

1060 [(c) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, a regional educational
1061 service center operating an interdistrict magnet school assisting the state
1062 in meeting its obligations pursuant to the decision in Sheff v. O'Neill,
1063 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect, as
1064 determined by the Commissioner of Education, and offering a preschool
1065 program shall not charge tuition for a child enrolled in such preschool
1066 program.

1067 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, a regional educational
1068 service center operating an interdistrict magnet school assisting the state
1069 in meeting its obligations pursuant to the decision in Sheff v. O'Neill,
1070 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect, as
1071 determined by the Commissioner of Education, and offering a preschool
1072 program may charge tuition to the Department of Education for a child
1073 enrolled in such preschool program in an amount not to exceed an
1074 amount equal to the difference between (A) the average per pupil
1075 expenditure of the preschool program offered at the magnet school for
1076 the prior fiscal year, and (B) the amount of any per pupil state subsidy
1077 calculated under subsection (c) of section 10-264l, plus any revenue from
1078 other sources calculated on a per pupil basis. The commissioner may
1079 conduct a comprehensive review of the operating budget of any such
1080 magnet school charging such tuition to verify such tuition rate.

1081 (3) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, a regional educational
1082 service center operating an interdistrict magnet school assisting the state
1083 in meeting its obligations pursuant to the decision in Sheff v. O'Neill,

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

1100 [(4)] (c) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, [2016, and each fiscal
1101 year thereafter] 2025, a regional educational service center operating an
1102 interdistrict magnet school assisting the state in meeting its obligations
1103 pursuant to the decision in Sheff v. O'Neill, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any
1104 related stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the
1105 Commissioner of Education, and offering a preschool program shall
1106 charge tuition to the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in such
1107 preschool program in an amount [up to four thousand fifty-three
1108 dollars] not to exceed fifty-eight per cent the per child tuition charged
1109 during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, except such regional
1110 educational service center shall not charge tuition to such parent or
1111 guardian with a family income at or below seventy-five per cent of the
1112 state median income. The Department of Education shall, within
1113 available appropriations, be financially responsible for any unpaid
1114 tuition charged to such parent or guardian with a family income at or
1115 below seventy-five per cent of the state median income. The
1116 commissioner may conduct a comprehensive financial review of the
1117 operating budget of any such magnet school charging such tuition to

1118 verify such tuition rate.

1119 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and each fiscal year
1120 thereafter, a regional educational service center operating an
1121 interdistrict magnet school assisting the state in meeting its obligations
1122 pursuant to the decision in Sheff v. O'Neill, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any
1123 related stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the
1124 Commissioner of Education, and offering a preschool program shall not
1125 charge tuition to the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in such
1126 preschool program.

1127 (d) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, any interdistrict
1128 magnet school operator described in section 10-264s that offers a
1129 preschool program shall charge tuition to the parent or guardian of a
1130 child enrolled in such preschool program in an amount not to exceed
1131 fifty-eight per cent the per child tuition charged during the fiscal year
1132 ending June 30, 2024, except such interdistrict magnet school operator
1133 shall not charge tuition to such parent or guardian with a family income
1134 at or below seventy-five per cent of the state median income. The
1135 Department of Education shall, within available appropriations, be
1136 financially responsible for any unpaid tuition charged to such parent or
1137 guardian with a family income at or below seventy-five per cent of the
1138 state median income. The commissioner may conduct a comprehensive
1139 financial review of the operating budget of any such interdistrict magnet
1140 school operator charging such tuition to verify such tuition rate.

1141 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and each fiscal year
1142 thereafter, any interdistrict magnet school operator described in section
1143 10-264s that offers a preschool program shall not charge tuition to the
1144 parent or guardian of a child enrolled in such preschool program.

1145 Sec. 5. Subsection (d) of section 10-66ee of the 2024 supplement to the
1146 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1147 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

1148 (d) (1) As used in this subsection:

1149 (A) "Total charter need students" means the sum of (i) the number of
1150 students enrolled in state charter schools under the control of the
1151 governing authority for such state charter schools for the school year,
1152 and (ii) for the school year commencing July 1, 2021, and each school
1153 year thereafter, (I) thirty per cent of the number of children enrolled in
1154 such state charter schools eligible for free or reduced price meals or free
1155 milk, (II) fifteen per cent of the number of such children eligible for free
1156 or reduced price meals or free milk in excess of the number of such
1157 children eligible for free or reduced price meals or free milk that is equal
1158 to sixty per cent of the total number of children enrolled in such state
1159 charter schools, and (III) twenty-five per cent of the number of students
1160 enrolled in such state charter schools who are multilingual learners, as
1161 defined in section 10-76kk.

1162 (B) "Foundation" [has the same meaning as provided in section 10-
1163 262f] means (i) for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2025, and June 30,
1164 2026, eleven thousand five hundred twenty-five dollars, (ii) for the fiscal
1165 year ending June 30, 2027, eleven thousand five hundred twenty-five
1166 dollars adjusted by the percentage increase in personal income, as
1167 defined in section 2-33a, or the percentage increase in inflation, as
1168 defined in section 2-33a, whichever is greater, and (iii) for the fiscal year
1169 ending June 30, 2028, and each fiscal year thereafter, the amount of the
1170 foundation for the prior fiscal year adjusted by the percentage increase
1171 in personal income, as defined in section 2-33a, or the percentage
1172 increase in inflation, as defined in section 2-33a, whichever is greater.

1173 (C) "Charter full weighted funding per student" means the quotient
1174 of (i) the product of the total charter need students and the foundation,
1175 and (ii) the number of students enrolled in state charter schools under
1176 the control of the governing authority for such state charter schools for
1177 the school year.

1178 (D) "Charter grant adjustment" means the absolute value of the
1179 difference between the foundation and charter full weighted funding
1180 per student for state charter schools under the control of the governing
1181 authority for such state charter schools for the school year.

1182 (2) For the fiscal year ending July 1, 2022, the state shall pay in
1183 accordance with this subsection, to the fiscal authority for a state charter
1184 school for each student enrolled in such school, the foundation plus four
1185 and one-tenth per cent of its charter grant adjustment.

1186 (3) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the state shall pay in
1187 accordance with this subsection, to the fiscal authority for a state charter
1188 school for each student enrolled in such school, the foundation plus
1189 twenty-five and forty-two-one-hundredths per cent of its charter grant
1190 adjustment.

1191 (4) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the state shall pay in
1192 accordance with this subsection, to the fiscal authority for a state charter
1193 school for each student enrolled in such school, the foundation plus
1194 thirty-six and eight-one-hundredths per cent of its charter grant
1195 adjustment.

1196 (5) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, [and each fiscal year
1197 thereafter,] the state shall pay in accordance with this subsection, to the
1198 fiscal authority for a state charter school for each student enrolled in
1199 such school, the foundation plus fifty-six and seven tenths per cent of its
1200 charter grant adjustment.

1201 (6) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and each fiscal year
1202 thereafter, the state shall pay in accordance with this subsection, to the
1203 fiscal authority for a state charter school, the product of the foundation
1204 and its total charter need students.

1205 ~~[(6)]~~ (7) Payments under subdivisions (2) to ~~[(5)]~~ (6), inclusive, of this
1206 subsection shall be paid as follows: Twenty-five per cent of the amount
1207 not later than July fifteenth and September first based on estimated
1208 student enrollment on May first, and twenty-five per cent of the amount
1209 not later than January first and the remaining amount not later than
1210 April first, each based on student enrollment on October first.

1211 ~~[(7)]~~ (8) In the case of a student identified as requiring special
1212 education, the school district in which the student resides shall: (A)

1213 Hold the planning and placement team meeting for such student and
1214 shall invite representatives from the charter school to participate in such
1215 meeting; and (B) pay the state charter school, on a quarterly basis, an
1216 amount equal to the difference between the reasonable cost of educating
1217 such student and the sum of the amount received by the state charter
1218 school for such student pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection
1219 and amounts received from other state, federal, local or private sources
1220 calculated on a per pupil basis. Such school district shall be eligible for
1221 reimbursement pursuant to section 10-76g. The charter school a student
1222 requiring special education attends shall be responsible for ensuring
1223 that such student receives the services mandated by the student's
1224 individualized education program whether such services are provided
1225 by the charter school or by the school district in which the student
1226 resides.

1227 Sec. 6. Section 10-65 of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes is
1228 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
1229 *2024*):

1230 (a) Each local or regional school district operating an agricultural
1231 science and technology education center approved by the State Board of
1232 Education for program, educational need, location and area to be served
1233 shall be eligible for the following grants: (1) In accordance with the
1234 provisions of chapter 173, through progress payments in accordance
1235 with the provisions of section 10-287i, (A) for projects for which an
1236 application was filed prior to July 1, 2011, ninety-five per cent, and (B)
1237 for projects for which an application was filed on or after July 1, 2011,
1238 eighty per cent of the net eligible costs of constructing, acquiring,
1239 renovating and equipping approved facilities to be used exclusively for
1240 such agricultural science and technology education center, for the
1241 expansion or improvement of existing facilities or for the replacement
1242 or improvement of equipment therein, and (2) subject to the provisions
1243 of section 10-65b, [and within available appropriations, (A) for the fiscal
1244 year ending June 30, 2024, in an amount equal to five thousand two
1245 hundred dollars per student for every secondary school student who
1246 was enrolled in such center on October first of the previous year, and

1247 (B) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year
1248 thereafter, in an amount equal to at least five thousand two hundred
1249 dollars per student for every secondary school student who was
1250 enrolled in such center on October first of the previous year] for the
1251 fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year thereafter, a grant
1252 equal to the amount such board is entitled to receive under the
1253 provisions of section 1 of this act.

1254 (b) (1) Each local or regional board of education not maintaining an
1255 agricultural science and technology education center shall provide
1256 opportunities for its students to enroll in one or more such centers, [in a
1257 number that is at least equal to the number specified in any written
1258 agreement with each such center or centers, or in the absence of such an
1259 agreement, a number that is at least equal to the average number of its
1260 students that the board of education enrolled in each such center or
1261 centers during the previous three school years, provided, in addition to
1262 such number, each such board of education shall provide opportunities
1263 for its students to enroll in the ninth grade in a number that is at least
1264 equal to the number specified in any written agreement with each such
1265 center or centers, or in the absence of such an agreement, a number that
1266 is at least equal to the average number of students that the board of
1267 education enrolled in the ninth grade in each such center or centers
1268 during the previous three school years.] If a local or regional board of
1269 education provided opportunities for students to enroll in more than
1270 one center for the school year commencing July 1, 2007, such board of
1271 education shall continue to provide such opportunities to students in
1272 accordance with this subsection. [The]

1273 (2) (A) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the board of education
1274 operating an agricultural science and technology education center may
1275 charge, subject to the provisions of section 10-65b, tuition for a school
1276 year in an amount not to exceed fifty-nine and two-tenths per cent of the
1277 foundation level pursuant to subdivision (9) of section 10-262f, per
1278 student for the fiscal year in which the tuition is paid, except that [(1)]
1279 (i) such board may charge tuition for [(A)] (I) students enrolled under
1280 shared-time arrangements on a pro rata basis, and [(B)] (II) special

1281 education students which shall not exceed the actual costs of educating
1282 such students minus the amounts received pursuant to subdivision (2)
1283 of subsection (a) of this section and subsection (c) of this section, and [(2)
1284 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year thereafter,]
1285 (ii) such board may charge such tuition in an amount not to exceed fifty-
1286 eight per cent of the amount such board charged during the fiscal year
1287 ending June 30, 2024. Any tuition paid by such board for special
1288 education students in excess of the tuition paid for non-special-
1289 education students shall be reimbursed pursuant to section 10-76g.

1290 (B) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and each fiscal year
1291 thereafter, the board of education operating an agricultural science and
1292 technology education center shall not charge, subject to the provisions
1293 of section 10-65b, tuition to another local or regional board of education,
1294 except that such board may charge tuition for special education students
1295 which shall not exceed the actual costs of educating such students minus
1296 the amounts received pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of
1297 this section. Any tuition paid by such board for special education
1298 students shall be reimbursed pursuant to section 10-76g.

1299 [(c) In addition to the grants described in subsection (a) of this section,
1300 within available appropriations, (1) each local or regional board of
1301 education operating an agricultural science and technology education
1302 center in which more than one hundred fifty of the students in the prior
1303 school year were out-of-district students shall be eligible to receive a
1304 grant (A) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, in an amount equal to
1305 five hundred dollars for every secondary school student enrolled in
1306 such center on October first of the previous year, and (B) for the fiscal
1307 year ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year thereafter, in an amount
1308 equal to at least five hundred dollars for every secondary school student
1309 enrolled in such center on October first of the previous year, (2) on and
1310 after July 1, 2000, if a local or regional board of education operating an
1311 agricultural science and technology education center that received a
1312 grant pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection no longer qualifies
1313 for such a grant, such local or regional board of education shall receive
1314 a grant in an amount determined as follows: (A) For the first fiscal year

1315 such board of education does not qualify for a grant under said
1316 subdivision (1), a grant in the amount equal to four hundred dollars for
1317 every secondary school student enrolled in its agricultural science and
1318 technology education center on October first of the previous year, (B)
1319 for the second successive fiscal year such board of education does not
1320 so qualify, a grant in an amount equal to three hundred dollars for every
1321 such secondary school student enrolled in such center on said date, (C)
1322 for the third successive fiscal year such board of education does not so
1323 qualify, a grant in an amount equal to two hundred dollars for every
1324 such secondary school student enrolled in such center on said date, and
1325 (D) for the fourth successive fiscal year such board of education does
1326 not so qualify, a grant in an amount equal to one hundred dollars for
1327 every such secondary school student enrolled in such center on said
1328 date, and (3) each local and regional board of education operating an
1329 agricultural science and technology education center that does not
1330 receive a grant pursuant to subdivision (1) or (2) of this subsection shall
1331 receive a grant in an amount equal to sixty dollars for every secondary
1332 school student enrolled in such center on said date.

1333 (d) (1) If there are any remaining funds after the amount of the grants
1334 described in subsections (a) and (c) of this section are calculated, within
1335 available appropriations, each local or regional board of education
1336 operating an agricultural science and technology education center shall
1337 be eligible to receive a grant in an amount equal to one hundred dollars
1338 for each student enrolled in such center on October first of the previous
1339 school year. (2) If there are any remaining funds after the amount of the
1340 grants described in subdivision (1) of this subsection are calculated,
1341 within available appropriations, each local or regional board of
1342 education operating an agricultural science and technology education
1343 center that had more than one hundred fifty out-of-district students
1344 enrolled in such center on October first of the previous school year shall
1345 be eligible to receive a grant based on the ratio of the number of out-of-
1346 district students in excess of one hundred fifty out-of-district students
1347 enrolled in such center on said date to the total number of out-of-district
1348 students in excess of one hundred fifty out-of-district students enrolled

1349 in all agricultural science and technology education centers that had in
1350 excess of one hundred fifty out-of-district students enrolled on said
1351 date.]

1352 [(e)] (c) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, and each fiscal year
1353 thereafter, if a local or regional board of education receives an increase
1354 in funds pursuant to this section over the amount it received for the
1355 prior fiscal year such increase shall not be used to supplant local funding
1356 for educational purposes.

1357 (d) For the purposes of equalization aid under section 10-262h, a
1358 student enrolled in an agricultural science and technology education
1359 center shall be counted as a resident student, as defined in section 10-
1360 262f, of the town in which such student resides.

1361 Sec. 7. Subsection (d) of section 10-64 of the general statutes is
1362 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
1363 *2024*):

1364 (d) Any local or regional board of education which does not furnish
1365 agricultural science and technology education approved by the State
1366 Board of Education shall designate a school or schools having such a
1367 course approved by the State Board of Education as the school which
1368 any person may attend who has completed an elementary school course
1369 through the eighth grade. The board of education shall pay [the tuition
1370 and] any tuition charged under section 10-65, as amended by this act,
1371 and the reasonable and necessary cost of transportation of any person
1372 under twenty-one years of age who is not a graduate of a high school or
1373 technical education and career school or an agricultural science and
1374 technology education center and who attends the designated school,
1375 provided transportation services may be suspended in accordance with
1376 the provisions of section 10-233c. Each such board's reimbursement
1377 percentage pursuant to section 10-266m for expenditures in excess of
1378 eight hundred dollars per pupil incurred in the fiscal year beginning
1379 July 1, 2004, and in each fiscal year thereafter, shall be increased by an
1380 additional twenty percentage points.

1381 Sec. 8. Subsection (b) of section 10-97 of the general statutes is
1382 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
1383 *2024*):

1384 (b) Any local or regional board of education which does not furnish
1385 agricultural science and technology education approved by the State
1386 Board of Education shall designate a school or schools having such a
1387 course approved by the State Board of Education as the school which
1388 any person may attend who has completed an elementary school course
1389 through the eighth grade. The board of education shall pay [the tuition
1390 and] any tuition charged under section 10-65, as amended by this act,
1391 and the reasonable and necessary cost of transportation of any person
1392 under twenty-one years of age who is not a graduate of a high school or
1393 technical education and career school and who attends the designated
1394 school, provided transportation services may be suspended in
1395 accordance with the provisions of section 10-233c. Each such board's
1396 reimbursement percentage pursuant to section 10-266m for
1397 expenditures in excess of eight hundred dollars per pupil incurred in
1398 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1987, and in each fiscal year thereafter,
1399 shall be increased by an additional twenty percentage points.

1400 Sec. 9. Subsection (g) of section 10-266aa of the 2024 supplement to
1401 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1402 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

1403 (g) (1) Except as provided in subdivisions (2) and (3) of this
1404 subsection, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the Department of
1405 Education shall provide, within available appropriations, an annual
1406 grant to the local or regional board of education for each receiving
1407 district (A) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, in an amount not to
1408 exceed two thousand five hundred dollars for each out-of-district
1409 student who attends school in the receiving district under the program,
1410 and (B) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year
1411 thereafter, in an amount at least two thousand five hundred dollars for
1412 each out-of-district student who attends school in the receiving district
1413 under the program.

1414 (2) (A) For the fiscal year ending June 30, [2013, and each fiscal year
1415 thereafter] 2025, the department shall provide, within available
1416 appropriations, an annual grant to the local or regional board of
1417 education for each receiving district if one of the following conditions
1418 are met as follows: (i) [(I) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, three
1419 thousand dollars, and (II) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and
1420 each fiscal year thereafter, at] At least three thousand dollars for each
1421 out-of-district student who attends school in the receiving district under
1422 the program if the number of such out-of-district students is less than
1423 two per cent of the total student population of such receiving district
1424 plus any amount available pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this
1425 subdivision, (ii) [(I) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, four
1426 thousand dollars, and (II) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and
1427 each fiscal year thereafter,] at least four thousand dollars for each out-
1428 of-district student who attends school in the receiving district under the
1429 program if the number of such out-of-district students is greater than or
1430 equal to two per cent but less than three per cent of the total student
1431 population of such receiving district plus any amount available
1432 pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, (iii) [(I) for the fiscal
1433 year ending June 30, 2024, six thousand dollars, and (II) for the fiscal
1434 year ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year thereafter,] at least six
1435 thousand dollars for each out-of-district student who attends school in
1436 the receiving district under the program if the number of such out-of-
1437 district students is greater than or equal to three per cent but less than
1438 four per cent of the total student population of such receiving district
1439 plus any amount available pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this
1440 subdivision, (iv) [(I) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, six thousand
1441 dollars, and (II) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal
1442 year thereafter,] at least six thousand dollars for each out-of-district
1443 student who attends school in the receiving district under the program
1444 if the Commissioner of Education determines that the receiving district
1445 has an enrollment of greater than four thousand students and has
1446 increased the number of students in the program by at least fifty per cent
1447 from the previous fiscal year plus any amount available pursuant to
1448 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, or (v) [(I) for the fiscal year ending

1449 June 30, 2024, eight thousand dollars, and (II) for the fiscal year ending
1450 June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year thereafter,] at least eight thousand
1451 dollars for each out-of-district student who attends school in the
1452 receiving district under the program if the number of such out-of-
1453 district students is greater than or equal to four per cent of the total
1454 student population of such receiving district plus any amount available
1455 pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this subdivision.

1456 (B) For the fiscal year ending June 30, [2023, and each fiscal year
1457 thereafter] 2025, the department shall, in order to assist the state in
1458 meeting its obligations under commitment 9B of the Comprehensive
1459 School Choice Plan pursuant to the settlement in Sheff v. O'Neill, HHD-
1460 X07-CV89-4026240-S, provide, within available appropriations, an
1461 additional grant to the local or regional board of education for each
1462 receiving district in the amount of two thousand dollars for each out-of-
1463 district student who resides in the Hartford region and attends school
1464 in the receiving district under the program.

1465 (3) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and each fiscal year
1466 thereafter, each receiving district shall be paid a grant equal to the
1467 amount the receiving district is entitled to receive under the provisions
1468 of section 1 of this act.

1469 [(3) (A) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the department shall
1470 provide a grant to the local or regional board of education for each
1471 receiving district described in subdivision (4) of subsection (c) of this
1472 section in an amount of four thousand dollars for each out-of-district
1473 student who resides in Danbury or Norwalk and attends school in the
1474 receiving district under the pilot program.]

1475 [(B)] (4) (A) For the fiscal year ending June 30, [2024] 2025, and each
1476 fiscal year thereafter, the department shall provide an annual grant to
1477 the local or regional board of education for each receiving district
1478 described in subdivision (4) of subsection (c) of this section for each out-
1479 of-district student who resides in Danbury or Norwalk and attends
1480 school in the receiving district under the pilot program in accordance

1481 with the provisions of subdivisions (1) [~~and (2)~~] to (3), inclusive, of this
1482 subsection.

1483 ~~[(C)]~~ (B) Not later than January 1, 2025, the department shall submit
1484 a report on the pilot program in operation in Danbury and Norwalk,
1485 pursuant to subdivision (4) of subsection (c) of this section, to the joint
1486 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
1487 matters relating to education and appropriations, in accordance with the
1488 provisions of section 11-4a. Such report shall include, but need not be
1489 limited to, the total number of students participating in the pilot
1490 program, the number of students from each town participating in the
1491 pilot program, the total amount of the grant paid under the pilot
1492 program and the amount of the grant paid to each town participating in
1493 the pilot program.

1494 ~~[(4)]~~ (5) Each town which receives funds pursuant to this subsection
1495 shall make such funds available to its local or regional board of
1496 education in supplement to any other local appropriation, other state or
1497 federal grant or other revenue to which the local or regional board of
1498 education is entitled.

1499 Sec. 10. Subsection (a) of section 10-65 of the 2024 supplement to the
1500 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1501 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1502 (a) Each local or regional school district operating an agricultural
1503 science and technology education center approved by the State Board of
1504 Education for program, educational need, location and area to be served
1505 shall be eligible for the following grants: (1) In accordance with the
1506 provisions of chapter 173, through progress payments in accordance
1507 with the provisions of section 10-287i, (A) for projects for which an
1508 application was filed prior to July 1, 2011, ninety-five per cent, and (B)
1509 for projects for which an application was filed on or after July 1, 2011,
1510 eighty per cent of the net eligible costs of constructing, acquiring,
1511 renovating and equipping approved facilities to be used exclusively for
1512 such agricultural science and technology education center, for the

