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Introduced by:  
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***AN ACT CONCERNING EDUCATION FUNDING IN CONNECTICUT.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 10-262h of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

3 (a) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, each town maintaining  
4 public schools according to law shall be entitled to an equalization aid  
5 grant as follows: (1) Any town designated as an alliance district, as  
6 defined in section 10-262u, shall be entitled to an equalization aid grant  
7 in an amount equal to its base grant amount; and (2) any town not  
8 designated as an alliance district shall be entitled to an equalization aid  
9 grant in an amount equal to ninety-five per cent of its base grant  
10 amount.

11 (b) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, each town maintaining  
12 public schools according to law shall be entitled to an equalization aid  
13 grant as follows: (1) Any town whose fully funded grant is greater than  
14 its base grant amount shall be entitled to an equalization aid grant in an  
15 amount equal to its base grant amount plus four and one-tenth per cent  
16 of its grant adjustment; and (2) any town whose fully funded grant is

17 less than its base grant amount shall be entitled to an equalization aid  
18 grant in an amount equal to its base grant amount minus twenty-five  
19 per cent of its grant adjustment, except any such town designated as an  
20 alliance district shall be entitled to an equalization aid grant in an  
21 amount equal to its base grant amount.

22 (c) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2020, and June 30, 2021, each  
23 town maintaining public schools according to law shall be entitled to an  
24 equalization aid grant as follows: (1) Any town whose fully funded  
25 grant is greater than its base grant amount shall be entitled to an  
26 equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its equalization aid grant  
27 amount for the previous fiscal year plus ten and sixty-six-one-  
28 hundredths per cent of its grant adjustment; and (2) any town whose  
29 fully funded grant is less than its base grant amount shall be entitled to  
30 an equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its equalization aid  
31 grant amount for the previous fiscal year minus eight and thirty-three-  
32 one-hundredths per cent of its grant adjustment, except any such town  
33 designated as an alliance district shall be entitled to an equalization aid  
34 grant in an amount equal to its base grant amount.

35 (d) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, each town maintaining  
36 public schools according to law shall be entitled to an equalization aid  
37 grant as follows: (1) Any town whose fully funded grant is greater than  
38 its base grant amount shall be entitled to an equalization aid grant in an  
39 amount equal to its equalization aid grant amount for the previous fiscal  
40 year plus ten and sixty-six-one-hundredths per cent of its grant  
41 adjustment; and (2) any town whose fully funded grant is less than its  
42 base grant amount shall be entitled to an equalization aid grant in an  
43 amount equal to the amount the town was entitled to for the fiscal year  
44 ending June 30, 2021.

45 (e) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, each town maintaining  
46 public schools according to law shall be entitled to an equalization aid  
47 grant as follows: (1) Any town whose fully funded grant is greater than  
48 its equalization aid grant amount for the previous fiscal year shall be

49 entitled to an equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its  
50 equalization aid grant amount for the previous fiscal year plus sixteen  
51 and sixty-seven-one-hundredths per cent of its grant adjustment; and  
52 (2) any town whose fully funded grant is less than its equalization aid  
53 grant amount for the previous fiscal year shall be entitled to an  
54 equalization aid grant in an amount equal to the amount the town was  
55 entitled to for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.

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

73 (g) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, each town maintaining  
74 public schools according to law shall be entitled to an equalization aid  
75 grant as follows: (1) Any town whose fully funded grant is greater than  
76 its equalization aid grant amount for the previous fiscal year shall be  
77 entitled to an equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its  
78 [equalization aid grant amount for the previous fiscal year plus twenty-  
79 five per cent of its grant adjustment] fully funded grant; (2) any town  
80 whose fully funded grant is less than its equalization aid grant amount  
81 for the previous fiscal year shall be entitled to an equalization aid grant

82 in an amount equal to its equalization aid grant amount for the previous  
83 fiscal year minus sixteen and sixty-seven-one-hundredths per cent of its  
84 grant adjustment; and (3) any town designated as an alliance district  
85 shall be entitled to an equalization aid grant in an amount that is the  
86 greater of (A) the amount described in either subdivision (1) of this  
87 subsection or subdivision (2) of this subsection, as applicable, (B) its base  
88 grant amount, or (C) its equalization aid grant entitlement for the  
89 previous fiscal year.

90 (h) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, each town maintaining  
91 public schools according to law shall be entitled to an equalization aid  
92 grant as follows: (1) Any town whose fully funded grant is greater than  
93 its equalization aid grant amount for the previous fiscal year shall be  
94 entitled to an equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its  
95 [equalization aid grant amount for the previous fiscal year plus thirty-  
96 three and thirty-three-one-hundredths per cent of its grant adjustment]  
97 fully funded grant; (2) any town whose fully funded grant is less than  
98 its equalization aid grant amount for the previous fiscal year shall be  
99 entitled to an equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its  
100 equalization aid grant amount for the previous fiscal year minus twenty  
101 per cent of its grant adjustment; and (3) any town designated as an  
102 alliance district shall be entitled to an equalization aid grant in an  
103 amount that is the greater of (A) the amount described in either  
104 subdivision (1) of this subsection or subdivision (2) of this subsection, as  
105 applicable, (B) its base grant amount, or (C) its equalization aid grant  
106 entitlement for the previous fiscal year.

107 (i) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, each town maintaining  
108 public schools according to law shall be entitled to an equalization aid  
109 grant as follows: (1) Any town whose fully funded grant is greater than  
110 its equalization aid grant amount for the previous fiscal year shall be  
111 entitled to an equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its  
112 [equalization aid grant amount for the previous fiscal year plus fifty per  
113 cent of its grant adjustment] fully funded grant; (2) any town whose  
114 fully funded grant is less than its equalization aid grant amount for the

115 previous fiscal year shall be entitled to an equalization aid grant in an  
116 amount equal to its equalization aid grant amount for the previous fiscal  
117 year minus twenty-five per cent of its grant adjustment; and (3) any  
118 town designated as an alliance district shall be entitled to an  
119 equalization aid grant in an amount that is the greater of (A) the amount  
120 described in either subdivision (1) of this subsection or subdivision (2)  
121 of this subsection, as applicable, (B) its base grant amount, or (C) its  
122 equalization aid grant entitlement for the previous fiscal year.

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

138 (k) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2029, each town maintaining  
139 public schools according to law shall be entitled to an equalization aid  
140 grant as follows: (1) Any town whose fully funded grant is greater than  
141 its equalization aid grant amount for the previous fiscal year shall be  
142 entitled to an equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its fully  
143 funded grant; (2) any town whose fully funded grant is less than its  
144 equalization aid grant amount for the previous fiscal year shall be  
145 entitled to an equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its  
146 equalization aid grant amount for the previous fiscal year minus fifty  
147 per cent of its grant adjustment; and (3) any town designated as an

148 alliance district shall be entitled to an equalization aid grant in an  
149 amount that is the greater of (A) the amount described in either  
150 subdivision (1) of this subsection or subdivision (2) of this subsection, as  
151 applicable, (B) its base grant amount, or (C) its equalization aid grant  
152 entitlement for the previous fiscal year.

153 (l) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2030, and each fiscal year  
154 thereafter, each town maintaining public schools according to law shall  
155 be entitled to an equalization aid grant in an amount equal to its fully  
156 funded grant, except any town designated as an alliance district shall be  
157 entitled to an equalization aid grant in an amount that is the greater of  
158 (1) its fully funded grant, (2) its base grant amount, or (3) its equalization  
159 aid grant entitlement for the previous fiscal year.

160 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2024*) (a) As used in this section, section  
161 3 of this act and sections 10-65, 10-264l and 10-266aa of the general  
162 statutes, as amended by this act:

163 (1) "Choice program" means (A) an interdistrict magnet school  
164 program, (B) a regional agricultural science and technology center, or  
165 (C) the interdistrict public school attendance program pursuant to  
166 section 10-266aa of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

167 (2) "Foundation" has the same meaning as provided in section 10-262f  
168 of the general statutes, except that for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
169 2026, and each fiscal year thereafter, the foundation for an interdistrict  
170 magnet school operator that is not a local or regional board of education  
171 is adjusted by the percentage increase in personal income, as defined in  
172 section 2-33a of the general statutes, or the percentage increase in  
173 inflation, as defined in section 2-33a of the general statutes, whichever  
174 is greater.

175 (3) "Resident students" has the same meaning as provided in section  
176 10-262f of the general statutes.

177 (4) "Resident choice program students" means the number of part-

178 time and full-time students of a town enrolled or participating in a  
179 particular choice program.

180 (5) "Total need students" has the same meaning as provided in section  
181 10-262f of the general statutes.

182 (6) "Total magnet school program need students" means the sum of  
183 (A) the number of part-time and full-time students enrolled in the  
184 interdistrict magnet school program of the interdistrict magnet school  
185 operator who is (i) not a local or regional board of education, (ii) the  
186 board of governors for an independent institution of higher education,  
187 as defined in subsection (a) of section 10a-173 of the general statutes, or  
188 the equivalent of such a board, on behalf of the independent institution  
189 of higher education, or (iii) any other third-party not-for-profit  
190 corporation approved by the Commissioner of Education, for the school  
191 year, and (B) for the school year commencing July 1, 2024, and each  
192 school year thereafter, (i) thirty per cent of the number of part-time and  
193 full-time children enrolled in such interdistrict magnet school program  
194 eligible for free or reduced price meals or free milk, (ii) fifteen per cent  
195 of the number of such part-time and full-time children eligible for free  
196 or reduced price meals or free milk in excess of the number of such part-  
197 time and full-time children eligible for free or reduced price meals or  
198 free milk that is equal to sixty per cent of the total number of children  
199 enrolled in such interdistrict magnet school program, (iii) twenty-five  
200 per cent of the number of part-time and full-time students enrolled in  
201 such interdistrict magnet school program who are English language  
202 learners, as defined in section 10-76kk of the general statutes, and (iv) if  
203 such interdistrict magnet school program is assisting the state in  
204 meeting its obligations pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238,  
205 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect, as  
206 determined by the commissioner, (I) for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
207 2025, thirty per cent of the number of part-time and full-time students  
208 enrolled in such interdistrict magnet school program, (II) for the fiscal  
209 year ending June 30, 2026, twenty-eight per cent of the number of part-  
210 time and full-time students enrolled in such interdistrict magnet school

211 program, (III) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, twenty-six per  
212 cent of the number of part-time and full-time students enrolled in such  
213 interdistrict magnet school program, (IV) for the fiscal year ending June  
214 30, 2028, twenty-four per cent of the number of part-time and full-time  
215 students enrolled in such interdistrict magnet school program, (V) for  
216 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2029, twenty-two per cent of the number  
217 of part-time and full-time students enrolled in such interdistrict magnet  
218 school program, and (VI) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2030, and  
219 each fiscal year thereafter, twenty per cent of the number of part-time  
220 and full-time students enrolled in such interdistrict magnet school  
221 program.

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

225 (8) "Receiving district" has the same meaning as provided in section  
226 10-266aa of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

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

231 (10) "Weighted funding amount per sending town" means the  
232 product of a town's (A) weighted funding amount per pupil, and (B)  
233 number of resident choice program students for a particular choice  
234 program.

235 (11) "In-district student" means a student enrolled or participating in  
236 a choice program operated or maintained by a local or regional board of  
237 education and whom such local or regional board of education is legally  
238 responsible for educating.

239 (12) "Total revenue per pupil" means the sum of (A) the per student  
240 amount of the grant for a choice program student for the fiscal year



241 ending June 30, 2024, and (B) the per student amount of any general  
242 education tuition for a student in such choice program for the fiscal year  
243 ending June 30, 2024.

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

248 (b) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year  
249 thereafter, an interdistrict magnet school program operator that is not a  
250 local or regional board of education shall be entitled to a grant in an  
251 amount equal to the product of the foundation and its total magnet  
252 school program need students, except that, for each student enrolled in  
253 the interdistrict magnet school program of such operator, such operator  
254 shall not receive less than the total revenue per pupil.

255 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year  
256 thereafter, an interdistrict magnet school operator that is a local or  
257 regional board of education shall be entitled to a grant in an amount  
258 equal to the sum of (A) the sum of the sending town adjustment factor  
259 for each sending town, and (B) the product of (i) the number of in-  
260 district students enrolled in the interdistrict magnet school program of  
261 such board, and (ii) the per student amount of the grant under section  
262 10-264l of the general statutes, as amended by this act, for an in-district  
263 student enrolled in such interdistrict magnet school program for the  
264 fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

265 (c) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year  
266 thereafter, a local or regional board of education that operates a regional  
267 agricultural science and technology center shall be entitled to a grant in  
268 an amount equal to the sum of (1) the sum of the sending town  
269 adjustment factor for each sending town, and (2) the product of (A) the  
270 number of in-district students enrolled in such center, and (B) the per  
271 student amount of the grant under section 10-65 of the general statutes,  
272 as amended by this act, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

273 (d) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year  
274 thereafter, the local or regional board of education for each receiving  
275 district that accepts students under the interdistrict public school  
276 attendance program pursuant to section 10-266aa of the general statutes,  
277 as amended by this act, shall be entitled to a grant in an amount equal  
278 to the sum of the sending town adjustment factor for each sending town.

279 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than February 1,  
280 2024, and annually thereafter, the Department of Education shall  
281 calculate an estimated amount of each grant under section 2 of this act  
282 for the next fiscal year using data collected during the current fiscal year,  
283 and notify each local and regional board of education and interdistrict  
284 magnet school program operator that is not a local or regional board of  
285 education of such estimated amounts.

286 (b) Not later than February 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, the  
287 Department of Education shall calculate an estimated amount that each  
288 town is entitled to receive under the provisions of section 10-262h of the  
289 general statutes, as amended by this act for the next fiscal year using  
290 data collected during the current fiscal year, and notify each town of  
291 such estimated amount.

292 (c) Not later than February 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, the  
293 Department of Education shall calculate the product of the foundation  
294 and total charter need students, as defined in section 10-66ee of the  
295 general statutes, as amended by this act, for each fiscal authority for a  
296 state charter school for the next fiscal year using data collected during  
297 the current fiscal year, and notify each such fiscal authority of such  
298 product.

299 Sec. 4. Section 10-264l of the general statutes is repealed and the  
300 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

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

304 (C) the Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges on  
305 behalf of Quinebaug Valley Community College and Three Rivers  
306 Community College, and (D) cooperative arrangements pursuant to  
307 section 10-158a, and (2) in assisting the state in meeting its obligations  
308 pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any  
309 related stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the  
310 commissioner, to assist (A) the Board of Trustees of the Community-  
311 Technical Colleges on behalf of a regional community-technical college,  
312 (B) the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University System on  
313 behalf of a state university, (C) the Board of Trustees of The University  
314 of Connecticut on behalf of the university, (D) the board of governors  
315 for an independent institution of higher education, as defined in  
316 subsection (a) of section 10a-173, or the equivalent of such a board, on  
317 behalf of the independent institution of higher education, and (E) any  
318 other third-party not-for-profit corporation approved by the  
319 commissioner with the operation of interdistrict magnet school  
320 programs. All interdistrict magnet schools shall be operated in  
321 conformance with the same laws and regulations applicable to public  
322 schools. For the purposes of this section "an interdistrict magnet school  
323 program" means a program which (i) supports racial, ethnic and  
324 economic diversity, (ii) offers a special and high quality curriculum, and  
325 (iii) requires students who are enrolled to attend at least half-time. An  
326 interdistrict magnet school program does not include a regional  
327 agricultural science and technology school, a technical education and  
328 career school or a regional special education center. For the school years  
329 commencing July 1, 2017, to July 1, 2023, inclusive, the governing  
330 authority for each interdistrict magnet school program shall (I) restrict  
331 the number of students that may enroll in the school from a participating  
332 district to seventy-five per cent of the total school enrollment, and (II)  
333 maintain a total school enrollment that is in accordance with the  
334 reduced-isolation setting standards for interdistrict magnet school  
335 programs, developed by the Commissioner of Education pursuant to  
336 section 10-264r.

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

338 operating grants awarded pursuant to this section shall be submitted  
339 annually to the Commissioner of Education at such time and in such  
340 manner as the commissioner prescribes, except that on and after July 1,  
341 2009, applications for such operating grants for new interdistrict magnet  
342 schools, other than those that the commissioner determines will assist  
343 the state in meeting its obligations pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v.*  
344 *O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect,  
345 as determined by the commissioner, shall not be accepted until the  
346 commissioner develops a comprehensive state-wide interdistrict  
347 magnet school plan. The commissioner shall submit such  
348 comprehensive state-wide interdistrict magnet school plan on or before  
349 October 1, 2016, to the joint standing committees of the General  
350 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education and  
351 appropriations.

352 (2) In determining whether an application shall be approved and  
353 funds awarded pursuant to this section, the commissioner shall  
354 consider, but such consideration shall not be limited to: (A) Whether the  
355 program offered by the school is likely to increase student achievement;  
356 (B) whether the program is likely to reduce racial, ethnic and economic  
357 isolation; (C) the percentage of the student enrollment in the program  
358 from each participating district; and (D) the proposed operating budget  
359 and the sources of funding for the interdistrict magnet school. For a  
360 magnet school not operated by a local or regional board of education,  
361 the commissioner shall only approve a proposed operating budget that,  
362 on a per pupil basis, does not exceed the maximum allowable threshold  
363 established in accordance with this subdivision. The maximum  
364 allowable threshold shall be an amount equal to one hundred twenty  
365 per cent of the state average of the quotient obtained by dividing net  
366 current expenditures, as defined in section 10-261, by average daily  
367 membership, as defined in said section, for the fiscal year two years  
368 prior to the fiscal year for which the operating grant is requested. The  
369 Department of Education shall establish the maximum allowable  
370 threshold no later than December fifteenth of the fiscal year prior to the  
371 fiscal year for which the operating grant is requested. If requested by an

372 applicant that is not a local or regional board of education, the  
373 commissioner may approve a proposed operating budget that exceeds  
374 the maximum allowable threshold if the commissioner determines that  
375 there are extraordinary programmatic needs. For the fiscal years ending  
376 June 30, 2017, June 30, 2018, June 30, 2020, and June 30, 2021, in the case  
377 of an interdistrict magnet school that will assist the state in meeting its  
378 obligations pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1  
379 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the  
380 commissioner, the commissioner shall also consider whether the school  
381 is meeting the reduced-isolation setting standards for interdistrict  
382 magnet school programs, developed by the commissioner pursuant to  
383 section 10-264r. If such school has not met such reduced-isolation setting  
384 standards, it shall not be entitled to receive a grant pursuant to this  
385 section unless the commissioner finds that it is appropriate to award a  
386 grant for an additional year or years and approves a plan to bring such  
387 school into compliance with such reduced-isolation setting standards. If  
388 requested by the commissioner, the applicant shall meet with the  
389 commissioner or the commissioner's designee to discuss the budget and  
390 sources of funding.

391 (3) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2018, to June 30, 2023,  
392 inclusive, the commissioner shall not award a grant to an interdistrict  
393 magnet school program that (A) has more than seventy-five per cent of  
394 the total school enrollment from one school district, or (B) does not  
395 maintain a total school enrollment that is in accordance with the  
396 reduced-isolation setting standards for interdistrict magnet school  
397 programs, developed by the Commissioner of Education pursuant to  
398 section 10-264r, except the commissioner may award a grant to such  
399 school for an additional year or years if the commissioner finds it is  
400 appropriate to do so and approves a plan to bring such school into  
401 compliance with such residency or reduced-isolation setting standards.

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

405 setting standards for interdistrict magnet school programs, developed  
406 by the commissioner pursuant to section 10-264r, for two or more  
407 consecutive years, the commissioner may impose a financial penalty on  
408 the operator of such interdistrict magnet school program, or take any  
409 other measure, in consultation with such operator, as may be  
410 appropriate to assist such operator in complying with such reduced-  
411 isolation setting standards.

412 (5) For the purposes of equalization aid under section 10-262h, as  
413 amended by this act, a student enrolled in an interdistrict magnet school  
414 program shall be counted as a resident student, as defined in section 10-  
415 262f, of the town in which such student resides.

416 (c) (1) [The maximum amount each interdistrict magnet school  
417 program, except those described in subparagraphs (A) to (G), inclusive,  
418 of subdivision (3) of this subsection, shall be eligible to receive per  
419 enrolled student who is not a resident of the town operating the magnet  
420 school shall be (A) six thousand sixteen dollars for the fiscal year ending  
421 June 30, 2008, (B) six thousand seven hundred thirty dollars for the fiscal  
422 years ending June 30, 2009, to June 30, 2012, inclusive, (C) seven  
423 thousand eighty-five dollars for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2013, to  
424 June 30, 2019, inclusive, and (D) seven thousand two hundred twenty-  
425 seven dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, and each fiscal year  
426 thereafter. The per pupil grant for each enrolled student who is a  
427 resident of the town operating the magnet school program shall be (i)  
428 three thousand dollars for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2008, to June  
429 30, 2019, inclusive, and (ii) three thousand sixty dollars for the fiscal year  
430 ending June 30, 2020, and each fiscal year thereafter.] For the fiscal year  
431 ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year thereafter, each interdistrict  
432 magnet school operator shall be paid a grant equal to the amount the  
433 operator is entitled to receive under the provisions of section 2 of this  
434 act.

435 (2) (A) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and each fiscal year  
436 thereafter, any interdistrict magnet school operator that is not a local or

437 regional board of education may charge tuition to the local or regional  
438 board of education for a sending town if the grant to which such  
439 operator is entitled to under section 2 of this act is not calculated using  
440 a foundation amount that is adjusted by the greater of either the  
441 percentage increase in personal income, as defined in section 2-33a, or  
442 the percentage increase in inflation, as defined in section 2-33a. Such  
443 tuition charged shall not exceed the difference between the amount of  
444 the grant such operator would have been entitled to receive for the fiscal  
445 year if such grant was calculated using the foundation, as defined in  
446 section 2 of this act, and the amount of the grant that such operator will  
447 receive for such fiscal year.

448 (B) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and each fiscal year  
449 thereafter, any interdistrict magnet school operator that is not a local or  
450 regional board of education that charges tuition under this subdivision  
451 shall notify the Department of Education of (i) the per-student amount  
452 of tuition charged for the fiscal year, (ii) the local or regional boards of  
453 education for sending towns that were charged tuition by such operator  
454 for such fiscal year, (iii) the total amount of tuition charged to each such  
455 sending town for such fiscal year, and (iv) the total amount of tuition  
456 charged for such fiscal year. The department shall develop an annual  
457 report of such tuition charged and, not later than January first of each  
458 year, submit such report to the joint standing committees of the General  
459 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education and  
460 appropriations, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a.

461 [(2)] (3) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, and each fiscal year  
462 thereafter, the commissioner may, within available appropriations,  
463 provide supplemental grants for the purposes of enhancing educational  
464 programs in such interdistrict magnet schools, as the commissioner  
465 determines. Such grants shall be made after the commissioner has  
466 conducted a comprehensive financial review and approved the total  
467 operating budget for such schools, including all revenue and  
468 expenditure estimates.

469 [(3) (A) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraphs (C) to (G),  
470 inclusive, of this subdivision, each interdistrict magnet school operated  
471 by a regional educational service center that enrolls less than fifty-five  
472 per cent of the school's students from a single town shall receive a per  
473 pupil grant in the amount of (i) six thousand two hundred fifty dollars  
474 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, (ii) six thousand five hundred  
475 dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, (iii) seven thousand sixty  
476 dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, (iv) seven thousand six  
477 hundred twenty dollars for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2009, to June  
478 30, 2012, inclusive, (v) seven thousand nine hundred dollars for the  
479 fiscal years ending June 30, 2013, to June 30, 2019, inclusive, and (vi)  
480 eight thousand fifty-eight dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020,  
481 and each fiscal year thereafter.

482 (B) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraphs (C) to (G),  
483 inclusive, of this subdivision, each interdistrict magnet school operated  
484 by a regional educational service center that enrolls at least fifty-five per  
485 cent of the school's students from a single town shall receive a per pupil  
486 grant for each enrolled student who is not a resident of the district that  
487 enrolls at least fifty-five per cent of the school's students in the amount  
488 of (i) six thousand sixteen dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008,  
489 (ii) six thousand seven hundred thirty dollars for the fiscal years ending  
490 June 30, 2009, to June 30, 2012, inclusive, (iii) seven thousand eighty-five  
491 dollars for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2013, to June 30, 2019,  
492 inclusive, and (iv) seven thousand two hundred twenty-seven dollars  
493 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, and each fiscal year thereafter.  
494 The per pupil grant for each enrolled student who is a resident of the  
495 district that enrolls at least fifty-five per cent of the school's students  
496 shall be three thousand sixty dollars.

497 (C) (i) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2015, to June 30, 2019,  
498 inclusive, each interdistrict magnet school operated by a regional  
499 educational service center that began operations for the school year  
500 commencing July 1, 2001, and that for the school year commencing July  
501 1, 2008, enrolled at least fifty-five per cent, but no more than eighty per



502 cent of the school's students from a single town, shall receive a per pupil  
503 grant (I) for each enrolled student who is a resident of the district that  
504 enrolls at least fifty-five per cent, but no more than eighty per cent of the  
505 school's students, up to an amount equal to the total number of such  
506 enrolled students as of October 1, 2013, using the data of record, in the  
507 amount of eight thousand one hundred eighty dollars, (II) for each  
508 enrolled student who is a resident of the district that enrolls at least fifty-  
509 five per cent, but not more than eighty per cent of the school's students,  
510 in an amount greater than the total number of such enrolled students as  
511 of October 1, 2013, using the data of record, in the amount of three  
512 thousand dollars, (III) for each enrolled student who is not a resident of  
513 the district that enrolls at least fifty-five per cent, but no more than  
514 eighty per cent of the school's students, up to an amount equal to the  
515 total number of such enrolled students as of October 1, 2013, using the  
516 data of record, in the amount of eight thousand one hundred eighty  
517 dollars, and (IV) for each enrolled student who is not a resident of the  
518 district that enrolls at least fifty-five per cent, but not more than eighty  
519 per cent of the school's students, in an amount greater than the total  
520 number of such enrolled students as of October 1, 2013, using the data  
521 of record, in the amount of seven thousand eighty-five dollars.

522 (ii) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, and each fiscal year  
523 thereafter, each interdistrict magnet school operated by a regional  
524 educational service center that began operations for the school year  
525 commencing July 1, 2001, and that for the school year commencing July  
526 1, 2008, enrolled at least fifty-five per cent, but not more than eighty per  
527 cent of the school's students from a single town, shall receive a per pupil  
528 grant (I) for each enrolled student who is a resident of the district that  
529 enrolls at least fifty-five per cent, but not more than eighty per cent of  
530 the school's students, up to an amount equal to the total number of such  
531 enrolled students as of October 1, 2013, using the data of record, in the  
532 amount of eight thousand three hundred forty-four dollars, (II) for each  
533 enrolled student who is a resident of the district that enrolls at least fifty-  
534 five per cent, but not more than eighty per cent of the school's students,  
535 in an amount greater than the total number of such enrolled students as

536 of October 1, 2013, using the data of record, in the amount of three  
537 thousand sixty dollars, (III) for each enrolled student who is not a  
538 resident of the district that enrolls at least fifty-five per cent, but no more  
539 than eighty per cent of the school's students, up to an amount equal to  
540 the total number of such enrolled students as of October 1, 2013, using  
541 the data of record, in the amount of eight thousand three hundred forty-  
542 four dollars, and (IV) for each enrolled student who is not a resident of  
543 the district that enrolls at least fifty-five per cent, but not more than  
544 eighty per cent of the school's students, in an amount greater than the  
545 total number of such enrolled students as of October 1, 2013, using the  
546 data of record, in the amount of seven thousand two hundred twenty-  
547 seven dollars.

548 (D) (i) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (D)(ii) of this  
549 subdivision, each interdistrict magnet school operated by (I) a regional  
550 educational service center, (II) the Board of Trustees of the Community-  
551 Technical Colleges on behalf of a regional community-technical college,  
552 (III) the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University System on  
553 behalf of a state university, (IV) the Board of Trustees for The University  
554 of Connecticut on behalf of the university, (V) the board of governors  
555 for an independent institution of higher education, as defined in  
556 subsection (a) of section 10a-173, or the equivalent of such a board, on  
557 behalf of the independent institution of higher education, except as  
558 otherwise provided in subparagraph (E) of this subdivision, (VI)  
559 cooperative arrangements pursuant to section 10-158a, (VII) any other  
560 third-party not-for-profit corporation approved by the commissioner,  
561 and (VIII) the Hartford school district for the operation of Great Path  
562 Academy on behalf of Manchester Community College, that enrolls less  
563 than sixty per cent of its students from Hartford shall receive a per pupil  
564 grant in the amount of nine thousand six hundred ninety-five dollars for  
565 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, ten thousand four hundred forty-  
566 three dollars for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2011, to June 30, 2019,  
567 inclusive, and ten thousand six hundred fifty-two dollars for the fiscal  
568 year ending June 30, 2020, and each fiscal year thereafter.

569 (ii) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2016, to June 30, 2019,  
570 inclusive, any interdistrict magnet school described in subparagraph  
571 (D)(i) of this subdivision that enrolls less than fifty per cent of its  
572 incoming students from Hartford shall receive a per pupil grant in the  
573 amount of seven thousand nine hundred dollars for one-half of the total  
574 number of non-Hartford students enrolled in the school over fifty per  
575 cent of the total school enrollment and shall receive a per pupil grant in  
576 the amount of ten thousand four hundred forty-three dollars for the  
577 remainder of the total school enrollment. For the fiscal year ending June  
578 30, 2020, and each fiscal year thereafter, any interdistrict magnet school  
579 described in subparagraph (D)(i) of this subdivision that enrolls less  
580 than fifty per cent of its incoming students from Hartford shall receive  
581 a per pupil grant in the amount of eight thousand fifty-eight dollars for  
582 one-half of the total number of non-Hartford students enrolled in the  
583 school over fifty per cent of the total school enrollment and shall receive  
584 a per pupil grant in the amount of ten thousand six hundred fifty-two  
585 dollars for the remainder of the total school enrollment, except the  
586 commissioner may, upon the written request of an operator of such  
587 school, waive such fifty per cent enrollment minimum for good cause.

588 (E) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, and each fiscal year  
589 thereafter, each interdistrict magnet school operated by the board of  
590 governors for an independent institution of higher education, as defined  
591 in subsection (a) of section 10a-173, or the equivalent of such a board, on  
592 behalf of the independent institution of higher education, that (i) began  
593 operations for the school year commencing July 1, 2014, (ii) enrolls less  
594 than sixty per cent of its students from Hartford pursuant to the decision  
595 in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation or order  
596 in effect, as determined by the commissioner, and (iii) enrolls students  
597 at least half-time, shall be eligible to receive a per pupil grant (I) equal  
598 to sixty-five per cent of the grant amount determined pursuant to  
599 subparagraph (D) of this subdivision for each student who is enrolled  
600 at such school for at least two semesters in each school year, and (II)  
601 equal to thirty-two and one-half per cent of the grant amount  
602 determined pursuant to subparagraph (D) of this subdivision for each

603 student who is enrolled at such school for one semester in each school  
604 year.

605 (F) Each interdistrict magnet school operated by a local or regional  
606 board of education, pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238  
607 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect, shall receive  
608 a per pupil grant for each enrolled student who is not a resident of the  
609 district in the amount of (i) twelve thousand dollars for the fiscal year  
610 ending June 30, 2010, (ii) thirteen thousand fifty-four dollars for the  
611 fiscal years ending June 30, 2011, to June 30, 2019, inclusive, and (iii)  
612 thirteen thousand three hundred fifteen dollars for the fiscal year ending  
613 June 30, 2020, and each fiscal year thereafter.

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

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

628 (I) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2016, to June 30, 2018, inclusive,  
629 the half-day Greater Hartford Academy of Mathematics and Science  
630 interdistrict magnet school operated by the Capitol Region Education  
631 Council shall be eligible to receive a per pupil grant equal to six  
632 thousand seven hundred eighty-seven dollars for (i) students enrolled  
633 in grades ten to twelve, inclusive, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016,  
634 (ii) students enrolled in grades eleven and twelve for the fiscal year

635 ending June 30, 2017, and (iii) students enrolled in grade twelve for the  
636 fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016,  
637 and each fiscal year thereafter, the half-day Greater Hartford Academy  
638 of Mathematics and Science interdistrict magnet school shall not be  
639 eligible for any additional grants pursuant to subsection (c) of this  
640 section.

641 (4) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2015, and June 30, 2016, the  
642 department may limit payment to an interdistrict magnet school  
643 operator to an amount equal to the grant that such magnet school  
644 operator was eligible to receive based on the enrollment level of the  
645 interdistrict magnet school program on October 1, 2013. Approval of  
646 funding for enrollment above such enrollment level shall be prioritized  
647 by the department as follows: (A) Increases in enrollment in an  
648 interdistrict magnet school program that is adding planned new grade  
649 levels for the school years commencing July 1, 2015, and July 1, 2016; (B)  
650 increases in enrollment in an interdistrict magnet school program that  
651 added planned new grade levels for the school year commencing July 1,  
652 2014, and was funded during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015; (C)  
653 increases in enrollment in an interdistrict magnet school program that  
654 is moving into a permanent facility for the school years commencing  
655 July 1, 2014, to July 1, 2016, inclusive; (D) increases in enrollment in an  
656 interdistrict magnet school program to ensure compliance with  
657 subsection (a) of this section; and (E) new enrollments for a new  
658 interdistrict magnet school program commencing operations on or after  
659 July 1, 2014, 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. Any interdistrict magnet school program operating less  
662 than full-time, but at least half-time, shall be eligible to receive a grant  
663 equal to sixty-five per cent of the grant amount determined pursuant to  
664 this subsection.

665 (5) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the department may limit  
666 payment to an interdistrict magnet school operator to an amount equal  
667 to the grant that such magnet school operator was eligible to receive

668 based on the enrollment level of the interdistrict magnet school program  
669 on October 1, 2013, or October 1, 2015, whichever is lower. Approval of  
670 funding for enrollment above such enrollment level shall be prioritized  
671 by the department as follows: (A) Increases in enrollment in an  
672 interdistrict magnet school program that is adding planned new grade  
673 levels for the school years commencing July 1, 2015, and July 1, 2016; (B)  
674 increases in enrollment in an interdistrict magnet school program that  
675 added planned new grade levels for the school year commencing July 1,  
676 2014, and was funded during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015; (C)  
677 increases in enrollment in an interdistrict magnet school program that  
678 added planned new grade levels for the school year commencing July 1,  
679 2015, and was funded during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016; and  
680 (D) increases in enrollment in an interdistrict magnet school program to  
681 ensure compliance with subsection (a) of this section. Any interdistrict  
682 magnet school program operating less than full-time, but at least half-  
683 time, shall be eligible to receive a grant equal to sixty-five per cent of the  
684 grant amount determined pursuant to this subsection.

685 (6) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, and within available  
686 appropriations, the department may limit payment to an interdistrict  
687 magnet school operator to an amount equal to the grant that such  
688 magnet school operator was eligible to receive based on the enrollment  
689 level of the interdistrict magnet school program on October 1, 2013,  
690 October 1, 2015, or October 1, 2016, whichever is lower. Approval of  
691 funding for enrollment above such enrollment level shall be prioritized  
692 by the department and subject to the commissioner's approval,  
693 including increases in enrollment in an interdistrict magnet school  
694 program as a result of planned and approved new grade levels. Any  
695 interdistrict magnet school program operating less than full-time, but at  
696 least half-time, shall be eligible to receive a grant equal to sixty-five per  
697 cent of the grant amount determined pursuant to this subsection.

698 (7) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, and within available  
699 appropriations, the department may limit payment to an interdistrict  
700 magnet school operator to an amount equal to the grant that such

701 magnet school operator was eligible to receive based on the enrollment  
702 level of the interdistrict magnet school program on October 1, 2013,  
703 October 1, 2015, October 1, 2016, or October 1, 2017, whichever is lower.  
704 Approval of funding for enrollment above such enrollment level shall  
705 be prioritized by the department and subject to the commissioner's  
706 approval, including increases in enrollment in an interdistrict magnet  
707 school program as a result of planned and approved new grade levels.  
708 Any interdistrict magnet school program operating less than full-time,  
709 but at least half-time, shall be eligible to receive a grant equal to sixty-  
710 five per cent of the grant amount determined pursuant to this  
711 subsection.

712 (8) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, and within available  
713 appropriations, the department may limit payment to an interdistrict  
714 magnet school operator to an amount equal to the grant that such  
715 magnet school operator was eligible to receive based on the enrollment  
716 level of the interdistrict magnet school program on October 1, 2013,  
717 October 1, 2015, October 1, 2016, October 1, 2017, or October 1, 2018,  
718 whichever is lower. Approval of funding for enrollment above such  
719 enrollment level shall be prioritized by the department and subject to  
720 the commissioner's approval, including increases in enrollment in an  
721 interdistrict magnet school program as a result of planned and  
722 approved new grade levels. Any interdistrict magnet school program  
723 operating less than full-time, but at least half-time, shall be eligible to  
724 receive a grant equal to sixty-five per cent of the grant amount  
725 determined pursuant to this subsection.

726 (9) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, and within available  
727 appropriations, the department may limit payment to an interdistrict  
728 magnet school operator to an amount equal to the grant that such  
729 magnet school operator was eligible to receive based on the enrollment  
730 level of the interdistrict magnet school program on October 1, 2013,  
731 October 1, 2015, October 1, 2016, October 1, 2017, October 1, 2018, or  
732 October 1, 2019, whichever is lower. Approval of funding for enrollment  
733 above such enrollment level shall be prioritized by the department and

734 subject to the commissioner's approval, including increases in  
735 enrollment in an interdistrict magnet school program as a result of  
736 planned and approved new grade levels. Any interdistrict magnet  
737 school program operating less than full-time, but at least half-time, shall  
738 be eligible to receive a grant equal to sixty-five per cent of the grant  
739 amount determined pursuant to this subsection.]

740 [(10)] (4) Within available appropriations, the commissioner may  
741 make grants to the following entities that operate an interdistrict magnet  
742 school that assists the state in meeting its obligations pursuant to the  
743 decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation  
744 or order in effect, as determined by the commissioner and that provide  
745 academic support programs and summer school educational programs  
746 approved by the commissioner to students participating in such  
747 interdistrict magnet school program: (A) Regional educational service  
748 centers, (B) local and regional boards of education, (C) the Board of  
749 Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges on behalf of a regional  
750 community-technical college, (D) the Board of Trustees of the  
751 Connecticut State University System on behalf of a state university, (E)  
752 the Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut on behalf of the  
753 university, (F) the board of governors for an independent institution of  
754 higher education, as defined in subsection (a) of section 10a-173, or the  
755 equivalent of such a board, on behalf of the independent institution of  
756 higher education, (G) cooperative arrangements pursuant to section 10-  
757 158a, and (H) any other third-party not-for-profit corporation approved  
758 by the commissioner.

759 [(11)] (5) Within available appropriations, the Commissioner of  
760 Education may make grants, in an amount not to exceed seventy-five  
761 thousand dollars, for start-up costs associated with the development of  
762 new interdistrict magnet school programs that assist the state in meeting  
763 its obligations pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1  
764 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the  
765 commissioner, to the following entities that develop such a program: (A)  
766 Regional educational service centers, (B) local and regional boards of



767 education, (C) the Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical  
768 Colleges on behalf of a regional community-technical college, (D) the  
769 Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University System on behalf  
770 of a state university, (E) the Board of Trustees for The University of  
771 Connecticut on behalf of the university, (F) the board of governors for  
772 an independent institution of higher education, as defined in subsection  
773 (a) of section 10a-173, or the equivalent of such a board, on behalf of the  
774 independent institution of higher education, (G) cooperative  
775 arrangements pursuant to section 10-158a, and (H) any other third-party  
776 not-for-profit corporation approved by the commissioner.

777 [(12)] (6) In no case shall the total grant paid to an interdistrict magnet  
778 school operator pursuant to this section exceed the aggregate total of the  
779 reasonable operating budgets of the interdistrict magnet school  
780 programs of such operator, less revenues from other sources.

781 (d) [(1)] Grants made pursuant to this section [, except those made  
782 pursuant to subdivision (7) of subsection (c) of this section and  
783 subdivision (2) of this subsection,] and section 2 of this act shall be paid  
784 as follows: Seventy per cent not later than September first and the  
785 balance not later than May first of each fiscal year. The May first  
786 payment shall be adjusted to reflect actual interdistrict magnet school  
787 program enrollment as of the preceding October first using the data of  
788 record as of the intervening January thirty-first, if the actual level of  
789 enrollment is lower than the projected enrollment stated in the  
790 approved grant application. The May first payment shall be further  
791 adjusted for the difference between the total grant received by the  
792 magnet school operator in the prior fiscal year and the revised total  
793 grant amount calculated for the prior fiscal year in cases where the  
794 aggregate financial audit submitted by the interdistrict magnet school  
795 operator pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (n) of this section  
796 indicates an overpayment by the department. Notwithstanding the  
797 provisions of this section to the contrary, grants made pursuant to this  
798 section may be paid to each interdistrict magnet school operator as an  
799 aggregate total of the amount that the interdistrict magnet schools

800 operated by each such operator are eligible to receive under this section.  
801 Each interdistrict magnet school operator may distribute such aggregate  
802 grant among the interdistrict magnet school programs that such  
803 operator is operating pursuant to a distribution plan approved by the  
804 Commissioner of Education.

805 [(2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, and each fiscal year  
806 thereafter, grants made pursuant to subparagraph (E) of subdivision (3)  
807 of subsection (c) of this section shall be paid as follows: Fifty per cent of  
808 the amount not later than September first based on estimated student  
809 enrollment for the first semester on September first, and another fifty  
810 per cent not later than May first of each fiscal year based on actual  
811 student enrollment for the second semester on February first. The May  
812 first payment shall be adjusted to reflect actual interdistrict magnet  
813 school program enrollment for those students who have been enrolled  
814 at such school for at least two semesters of the school year, using the  
815 data of record, and actual student enrollment for those students who  
816 have been enrolled at such school for only one semester, using data of  
817 record. The May first payment shall be further adjusted for the  
818 difference between the total grant received by the magnet school  
819 operator in the prior fiscal year and the revised total grant amount  
820 calculated for the prior fiscal year where the financial audit submitted  
821 by the interdistrict magnet school operator pursuant to subdivision (1)  
822 of subsection (n) of this section indicates an overpayment by the  
823 department.]

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

828 (f) Each local or regional school district in which an interdistrict  
829 magnet school is located shall provide the same kind of transportation  
830 to its children enrolled in such interdistrict magnet school as it provides  
831 to its children enrolled in other public schools in such local or regional

832 school district. The parent or guardian of a child denied the  
833 transportation services required to be provided pursuant to this  
834 subsection may appeal such denial in the manner provided in sections  
835 10-186 and 10-187.

836 (g) On or before October fifteenth of each year, the Commissioner of  
837 Education shall determine if interdistrict magnet school enrollment is  
838 below the number of students for which funds were appropriated. If the  
839 commissioner determines that the enrollment is below such number, the  
840 additional funds shall not lapse but shall be used by the commissioner  
841 for grants for interdistrict cooperative programs pursuant to section 10-  
842 74d.

843 (h) (1) In the case of a student identified as requiring special  
844 education, the school district in which the student resides shall: (A)  
845 Hold the planning and placement team meeting for such student and  
846 shall invite representatives from the interdistrict magnet school to  
847 participate in such meeting; and (B) pay the interdistrict magnet school  
848 an amount equal to the difference between the reasonable cost of  
849 educating such student and the sum of the amount received by the  
850 interdistrict magnet school for such student pursuant to subsection (c)  
851 of this section and amounts received from other state, federal, local or  
852 private sources calculated on a per pupil basis. Such school district shall  
853 be eligible for reimbursement pursuant to section 10-76g. If a student  
854 requiring special education attends an interdistrict magnet school on a  
855 full-time basis, such interdistrict magnet school shall be responsible for  
856 ensuring that such student receives the services mandated by the  
857 student's individualized education program whether such services are  
858 provided by the interdistrict magnet school or by the school district in  
859 which the student resides.

860 (2) In the case of a student with a plan pursuant to Section 504 of the  
861 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended from time to time, the school  
862 district in which the student resides shall pay the interdistrict magnet  
863 school an amount equal to the difference between the reasonable cost of

864 educating such student and the sum of the amount received by the  
865 interdistrict magnet school for such student pursuant to subsection (c)  
866 of this section and amounts received from other state, federal, local or  
867 private sources calculated on a per pupil basis. If a student with a plan  
868 pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended  
869 from time to time, attends an interdistrict magnet school on a full-time  
870 basis, such interdistrict magnet school shall be responsible for ensuring  
871 that such student receives the services mandated by the student's plan,  
872 whether such services are provided by the interdistrict magnet school  
873 or by the school district in which the student resides.

874 (i) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the  
875 enrollment of nonpublic school students in an interdistrict magnet  
876 school program that operates less than full-time, provided (1) such  
877 students constitute no more than five per cent of the full-time equivalent  
878 enrollment in such magnet school program, and (2) such students are  
879 not counted for purposes of determining the amount of grants pursuant  
880 to this section and section 10-264i.

881 (j) After accommodating students from participating districts in  
882 accordance with an approved enrollment agreement, an interdistrict  
883 magnet school operator that has unused student capacity may enroll  
884 directly into its program any interested student. A student from a  
885 district that is not participating in an interdistrict magnet school or the  
886 interdistrict student attendance program pursuant to section 10-266aa,  
887 as amended by this act, to an extent determined by the Commissioner  
888 of Education shall be given preference. [The local or regional board of  
889 education otherwise responsible for educating such student shall  
890 contribute funds to support the operation of the interdistrict magnet  
891 school in an amount equal to the per student tuition, if any, charged to  
892 participating districts.]

893 [(k) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, and each fiscal year  
894 thereafter, any tuition charged to a local or regional board of education  
895 by a regional educational service center operating an interdistrict

896 magnet school or any tuition charged by the Hartford school district  
897 operating the Great Path Academy on behalf of Manchester Community  
898 College for any student enrolled in kindergarten to grade twelve,  
899 inclusive, in such interdistrict magnet school shall be in an amount equal  
900 to the difference between (A) the average per pupil expenditure of the  
901 magnet school for the prior fiscal year, and (B) the amount of any per  
902 pupil state subsidy calculated under subsection (c) of this section plus  
903 any revenue from other sources calculated on a per pupil basis. If any  
904 such board of education fails to pay such tuition, the commissioner may  
905 withhold from such board's town or towns a sum payable under section  
906 10-262i in an amount not to exceed the amount of the unpaid tuition to  
907 the magnet school and pay such money to the fiscal agent for the magnet  
908 school as a supplementary grant for the operation of the interdistrict  
909 magnet school program. In no case shall the sum of such tuitions exceed  
910 the difference between (i) the total expenditures of the magnet school  
911 for the prior fiscal year, and (ii) the total per pupil state subsidy  
912 calculated under subsection (c) of this section plus any revenue from  
913 other sources. The commissioner may conduct a comprehensive  
914 financial review of the operating budget of a magnet school to verify  
915 such tuition rate.

916 (2) (A) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2013, and June 30, 2014, a  
917 regional educational service center operating an interdistrict magnet  
918 school offering a preschool program that is not located in the Sheff  
919 region may charge tuition to the Department of Education for a child  
920 enrolled in such preschool program in an amount not to exceed an  
921 amount equal to the difference between (i) the average per pupil  
922 expenditure of the preschool program offered at the magnet school for  
923 the prior fiscal year, and (ii) the amount of any per pupil state subsidy  
924 calculated under subsection (c) of this section plus any revenue from  
925 other sources calculated on a per pupil basis. The commissioner may  
926 conduct a comprehensive financial review of the operating budget of  
927 any such magnet school charging such tuition to verify such tuition rate.  
928 For purposes of this subdivision, "Sheff region" means the school  
929 districts for the towns of Avon, Bloomfield, Canton, East Granby, East

930 Hartford, East Windsor, Ellington, Farmington, Glastonbury, Granby,  
931 Hartford, Manchester, Newington, Rocky Hill, Simsbury, South  
932 Windsor, Suffield, Vernon, West Hartford, Wethersfield, Windsor and  
933 Windsor Locks.

934 (B) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, a regional educational  
935 service center operating an interdistrict magnet school offering a  
936 preschool program that is not located in the Sheff region may charge  
937 tuition to the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in such preschool  
938 program in an amount that is in accordance with the sliding tuition scale  
939 adopted by the State Board of Education pursuant to section 10-264p.  
940 The Department of Education shall be financially responsible for any  
941 unpaid portion of the tuition not charged to such parent or guardian  
942 under such sliding tuition scale. Such tuition shall not exceed an amount  
943 equal to the difference between (i) the average per pupil expenditure of  
944 the preschool program offered at the magnet school for the prior fiscal  
945 year, and (ii) the amount of any per pupil state subsidy calculated under  
946 subsection (c) of this section plus any revenue from other sources  
947 calculated on a per pupil basis. The commissioner may conduct a  
948 comprehensive financial review of the operating budget of any such  
949 magnet school charging such tuition to verify such tuition rate.]

950 [(C)] (k) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, and each fiscal year  
951 thereafter, a regional educational service center operating an  
952 interdistrict magnet school offering a preschool program that is not  
953 located in the Sheff region shall charge tuition to the parent or guardian  
954 of a child enrolled in such preschool program in an amount up to four  
955 thousand fifty-three dollars, except such regional educational service  
956 center shall not charge tuition to such parent or guardian with a family  
957 income at or below seventy-five per cent of the state median income.  
958 The Department of Education shall, within available appropriations, be  
959 financially responsible for any unpaid tuition charged to such parent or  
960 guardian with a family income at or below seventy-five per cent of the  
961 state median income. The commissioner may conduct a comprehensive  
962 financial review of the operating budget of any such magnet school

963 charging such tuition to verify such tuition rate.

964 (l) A participating district shall provide opportunities for its students  
965 to attend an interdistrict magnet school in a number that is at least equal  
966 to the number specified in any written agreement with an interdistrict  
967 magnet school operator or in a number that is at least equal to the  
968 average number of students that the participating district enrolled in  
969 such magnet school during the previous three school years.

970 (m) (1) On or before May 15, 2010, and annually thereafter, each  
971 interdistrict magnet school operator shall provide written notification to  
972 any school district that is otherwise responsible for educating a student  
973 who resides in such school district and will be enrolled in an interdistrict  
974 magnet school under the operator's control for the following school  
975 year. Such notification shall include (A) the number of any such  
976 students, by grade, who will be enrolled in an interdistrict magnet  
977 school under the control of such operator, (B) the name of the school in  
978 which such student has been placed, and (C) the amount of tuition to be  
979 charged to the local or regional board of education for such student.  
980 Such notification shall represent an estimate of the number of students  
981 expected to attend such interdistrict magnet schools in the following  
982 school year, but shall not be deemed to limit the number of students  
983 who may enroll in such interdistrict magnet schools for such year.

984 (2) For the school year commencing July 1, [2015] 2024, and each  
985 school year thereafter, any interdistrict magnet school operator that is a  
986 local or regional board of education [and did] shall not charge tuition to  
987 [a] another local or regional board of education. [for the school year  
988 commencing July 1, 2014, may not charge tuition to such board unless  
989 (A) such operator receives authorization from the Commissioner of  
990 Education to charge the proposed tuition, and (B) if such authorization  
991 is granted, such operator provides written notification on or before  
992 September first of the school year prior to the school year in which such  
993 tuition is to be charged to such board of the tuition to be charged to such  
994 board for each student that such board is otherwise responsible for

995 educating and is enrolled at the interdistrict magnet school under such  
996 operator's control. In deciding whether to authorize an interdistrict  
997 magnet school operator to charge tuition under this subdivision, the  
998 commissioner shall consider (i) the average per pupil expenditure of  
999 such operator for each interdistrict magnet school under the control of  
1000 such operator, and (ii) the amount of any per pupil state subsidy and  
1001 any revenue from other sources received by such operator. The  
1002 commissioner may conduct a comprehensive financial review of the  
1003 operating budget of the magnet school of such operator to verify that  
1004 the tuition is appropriate. The provisions of this subdivision shall not  
1005 apply to any interdistrict magnet school operator that is a regional  
1006 educational service center or assisting the state in meeting its obligations  
1007 pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any  
1008 related stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the  
1009 Commissioner of Education.]

1010 (3) Not later than two weeks following an enrollment lottery for an  
1011 interdistrict magnet school conducted by a magnet school operator, the  
1012 parent or guardian of a student (A) who will enroll in such interdistrict  
1013 magnet school in the following school year, or (B) whose name has been  
1014 placed on a waiting list for enrollment in such interdistrict magnet  
1015 school for the following school year, shall provide written notification  
1016 of such prospective enrollment or waiting list placement to the school  
1017 district in which such student resides and is otherwise responsible for  
1018 educating such student.

1019 (n) (1) Each interdistrict magnet school operator shall annually file  
1020 with the Commissioner of Education, at such time and in such manner  
1021 as the commissioner prescribes, (A) a financial audit for each  
1022 interdistrict magnet school operated by such operator, and (B) an  
1023 aggregate financial audit for all of the interdistrict magnet schools  
1024 operated by such operator.

1025 (2) Annually, the commissioner shall randomly select one  
1026 interdistrict magnet school operated by a regional educational service



1027 center to be subject to a comprehensive financial audit conducted by an  
1028 auditor selected by the commissioner. The regional educational service  
1029 center shall be responsible for all costs associated with the audit  
1030 conducted pursuant to the provisions of this subdivision.

1031 (o) [For the school years commencing July 1, 2009, to July 1, 2018,  
1032 inclusive] Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (2) of subsection  
1033 (c) of this section, for the school year commencing July 1, 2024, and each  
1034 school year thereafter, any local or regional board of education  
1035 operating an interdistrict magnet school pursuant to the decision in  
1036 Sheff v. O'Neill, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation or order  
1037 in effect, shall not charge tuition for any student enrolled in [a preschool  
1038 program or in] kindergarten to grade twelve, inclusive, in an  
1039 interdistrict magnet school operated by such school district. [, except the  
1040 Hartford school district may charge tuition for any student enrolled in  
1041 the Great Path Academy.]

1042 [(p) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, and each fiscal year  
1043 thereafter, if the East Hartford school district or the Manchester school  
1044 district has greater than four per cent of its resident students, as defined  
1045 in section 10-262f, enrolled in an interdistrict magnet school program,  
1046 then the board of education for the town of East Hartford or the town of  
1047 Manchester shall not be financially responsible for four thousand four  
1048 hundred dollars of the portion of the per student tuition charged for  
1049 each such student in excess of such four per cent. The Department of  
1050 Education shall, within available appropriations, be financially  
1051 responsible for such excess per student tuition. Notwithstanding the  
1052 provisions of this subsection, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023,  
1053 and each fiscal year thereafter, the amount of the grants payable to the  
1054 boards of education for the towns of East Hartford and Manchester in  
1055 accordance with this subsection shall be reduced proportionately if the  
1056 total of such grants in such year exceeds the amount appropriated for  
1057 purposes of this subsection.

1058 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, if the local or regional

1059 board of education for (A) a town located in the Sheff region, as defined  
1060 in subsection (k) of this section, other than a local board of education  
1061 described in subdivision (1) of this subsection, (B) the town of New  
1062 Britain, and (C) the town of New London, has greater than four per cent  
1063 of its resident students, as defined in section 10-262f, enrolled in an  
1064 interdistrict magnet school program, then such board of education shall  
1065 not be financially responsible for four thousand four hundred dollars of  
1066 the portion of the per student tuition charged for each such student in  
1067 excess of such four per cent. The Department of Education shall, within  
1068 available appropriations, be financially responsible for such excess per  
1069 student tuition. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, for  
1070 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the amount of the grants payable to  
1071 any such board of education in accordance with this subsection shall be  
1072 reduced proportionately if the total of such grants in such year exceeds  
1073 the amount allocated for said year in accordance with the provisions of  
1074 special act 21-1, from the federal funds designated for the state pursuant  
1075 to the provisions of section 602 of Subtitle M of Title IX of the American  
1076 Rescue Plan Act of 2021, P.L. 117-2, as amended from time to time, for  
1077 purposes of this subsection.]

1078 Sec. 5. Subsection (b) of section 10-264o of the general statutes is  
1079 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
1080 *2024*):

1081 (b) [For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, and each fiscal year  
1082 thereafter, any tuition charged to a local or regional board of education  
1083 by] Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of  
1084 section 10-264l, as amended by this act, for the fiscal year ending June  
1085 30, 2025, and each fiscal year thereafter, a regional educational service  
1086 center operating an interdistrict magnet school assisting the state in  
1087 meeting its obligations pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238  
1088 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect, as  
1089 determined by the Commissioner of Education, shall not charge tuition  
1090 to a local or regional board of education for any student enrolled in  
1091 kindergarten to grade twelve, inclusive, in such interdistrict magnet

1092 school. [shall be in an amount equal to the difference between (1) the  
1093 average per pupil expenditure of the magnet school for the prior fiscal  
1094 year, and (2) the amount of any per pupil state subsidy calculated under  
1095 subsection (c) of section 10-264l, plus any revenue from other sources  
1096 calculated on a per pupil basis. If any such board of education fails to  
1097 pay such tuition, the commissioner may withhold from such board's  
1098 town or towns a sum payable under section 10-262i in an amount not to  
1099 exceed the amount of the unpaid tuition to the magnet school and pay  
1100 such money to the fiscal agent for the magnet school as a supplementary  
1101 grant for the operation of the interdistrict magnet school program. In no  
1102 case shall the sum of such tuitions exceed the difference between (A) the  
1103 total expenditures of the magnet school for the prior fiscal year, and (B)  
1104 the total per pupil state subsidy calculated under subsection (c) of  
1105 section 10-264l, plus any revenue from other sources. The commissioner  
1106 may conduct a comprehensive review of the operating budget of a  
1107 magnet school to verify such tuition rate.]

1108 Sec. 6. Subsection (d) of section 10-66ee of the general statutes is  
1109 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
1110 *2023*):

1111 (d) (1) As used in this subsection:

1112 (A) "Total charter need students" means the sum of (i) the number of  
1113 students enrolled in state charter schools under the control of the  
1114 governing authority for such state charter schools for the school year,  
1115 and (ii) for the school year commencing July 1, 2021, and each school  
1116 year thereafter, (I) thirty per cent of the number of children enrolled in  
1117 such state charter schools eligible for free or reduced price meals or free  
1118 milk, (II) fifteen per cent of the number of such children eligible for free  
1119 or reduced price meals or free milk in excess of the number of such  
1120 children eligible for free or reduced price meals or free milk that is equal  
1121 to sixty per cent of the total number of children enrolled in such state  
1122 charter schools, and (III) twenty-five per cent of the number of students  
1123 enrolled in such state charter schools who are English language learners,

1124 as defined in section 10-76kk.

1125 (B) "Foundation" has the same meaning as provided in section 10-  
1126 262f, except that for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and each fiscal  
1127 year thereafter, the foundation is adjusted by the percentage increase in  
1128 personal income, as defined in section 2-33a, or the percentage increase  
1129 in inflation, as defined in section 2-33a, whichever is greater.

1130 (C) "Charter full weighted funding per student" means the quotient  
1131 of (i) the product of the total charter need students and the foundation,  
1132 and (ii) the number of students enrolled in state charter schools under  
1133 the control of the governing authority for such state charter schools for  
1134 the school year.

1135 (D) "Charter grant adjustment" means the absolute value of the  
1136 difference between the foundation and charter full weighted funding  
1137 per student for state charter schools under the control of the governing  
1138 authority for such state charter schools for the school year.

1139 (2) For the fiscal year ending July 1, 2022, the state shall pay in  
1140 accordance with this subsection, to the fiscal authority for a state charter  
1141 school for each student enrolled in such school, the foundation plus four  
1142 and one-tenth per cent of its charter grant adjustment.

1143 (3) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the state shall pay in  
1144 accordance with this subsection, to the fiscal authority for a state charter  
1145 school for each student enrolled in such school, the foundation plus  
1146 twenty-five and forty-two-one-hundredths per cent of its charter grant  
1147 adjustment.

1148 (4) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the state shall pay in  
1149 accordance with this subsection, to the fiscal authority for a state charter  
1150 school for each student enrolled in such school, the foundation plus  
1151 thirty-six and eight-one-hundredths per cent of its charter grant  
1152 adjustment.

1153 (5) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year

1154 thereafter, the state shall pay in accordance with this subsection, to the  
1155 fiscal authority for a state charter school, the product of the foundation  
1156 and its total charter need students.

1157 [(4)] (6) Payments under subdivisions (2) [and (3)] to (5), inclusive, of  
1158 this subsection shall be paid as follows: Twenty-five per cent of the  
1159 amount not later than July fifteenth and September first based on  
1160 estimated student enrollment on May first, and twenty-five per cent of  
1161 the amount not later than January first and the remaining amount not  
1162 later than April first, each based on student enrollment on October first.

1163 [(5)] (7) In the case of a student identified as requiring special  
1164 education, the school district in which the student resides shall: (A)  
1165 Hold the planning and placement team meeting for such student and  
1166 shall invite representatives from the charter school to participate in such  
1167 meeting; and (B) pay the state charter school, on a quarterly basis, an  
1168 amount equal to the difference between the reasonable cost of educating  
1169 such student and the sum of the amount received by the state charter  
1170 school for such student pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection  
1171 and amounts received from other state, federal, local or private sources  
1172 calculated on a per pupil basis. Such school district shall be eligible for  
1173 reimbursement pursuant to section 10-76g. The charter school a student  
1174 requiring special education attends shall be responsible for ensuring  
1175 that such student receives the services mandated by the student's  
1176 individualized education program whether such services are provided  
1177 by the charter school or by the school district in which the student  
1178 resides.

1179 Sec. 7. Section 10-65 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1180 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

1181 (a) Each local or regional school district operating an agricultural  
1182 science and technology education center approved by the State Board of  
1183 Education for program, educational need, location and area to be served  
1184 shall be eligible for the following grants: (1) In accordance with the  
1185 provisions of chapter 173, through progress payments in accordance

1186 with the provisions of section 10-287i, (A) for projects for which an  
1187 application was filed prior to July 1, 2011, ninety-five per cent, and (B)  
1188 for projects for which an application was filed on or after July 1, 2011,  
1189 eighty per cent of the net eligible costs of constructing, acquiring,  
1190 renovating and equipping approved facilities to be used exclusively for  
1191 such agricultural science and technology education center, for the  
1192 expansion or improvement of existing facilities or for the replacement  
1193 or improvement of equipment therein, and (2) subject to the provisions  
1194 of section 10-65b and within available appropriations, [in an amount  
1195 equal to five thousand two hundred dollars per student for every  
1196 secondary school student who was enrolled in such center on October  
1197 first of the previous year] for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and  
1198 each fiscal year thereafter, a grant equal to the amount such board is  
1199 entitled to receive under the provisions of section 2 of this act.

1200 (b) Each local or regional board of education not maintaining an  
1201 agricultural science and technology education center shall provide  
1202 opportunities for its students to enroll in one or more such centers. [in a  
1203 number that is at least equal to the number specified in any written  
1204 agreement with each such center or centers, or in the absence of such an  
1205 agreement, a number that is at least equal to the average number of its  
1206 students that the board of education enrolled in each such center or  
1207 centers during the previous three school years, provided, in addition to  
1208 such number, each such board of education shall provide opportunities  
1209 for its students to enroll in the ninth grade in a number that is at least  
1210 equal to the number specified in any written agreement with each such  
1211 center or centers, or in the absence of such an agreement, a number that  
1212 is at least equal to the average number of students that the board of  
1213 education enrolled in the ninth grade in each such center or centers  
1214 during the previous three school years.] If a local or regional board of  
1215 education provided opportunities for students to enroll in more than  
1216 one center for the school year commencing July 1, 2007, such board of  
1217 education shall continue to provide such opportunities to students in  
1218 accordance with this subsection. The board of education operating an  
1219 agricultural science and technology education center [may] shall not

1220 charge, subject to the provisions of section 10-65b, tuition [for a school  
1221 year in an amount not to exceed fifty-nine and two-tenths per cent of the  
1222 foundation level pursuant to subdivision (9) of section 10-262f, per  
1223 student for the fiscal year in which the tuition is paid] to another local  
1224 or regional board of education, except that such board may charge  
1225 tuition for [(1) students enrolled under shared-time arrangements on a  
1226 pro rata basis, and (2)] special education students which shall not exceed  
1227 the actual costs of educating such students minus the amounts received  
1228 pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section, [and  
1229 subsection (c) of this section.] Any tuition paid by such board for special  
1230 education students [in excess of the tuition paid for non-special-  
1231 education students] shall be reimbursed pursuant to section 10-76g.

1232 [(c) In addition to the grants described in subsection (a) of this section,  
1233 within available appropriations, (1) each local or regional board of  
1234 education operating an agricultural science and technology education  
1235 center in which more than one hundred fifty of the students in the prior  
1236 school year were out-of-district students shall be eligible to receive a  
1237 grant in an amount equal to five hundred dollars for every secondary  
1238 school student enrolled in such center on October first of the previous  
1239 year, (2) on and after July 1, 2000, if a local or regional board of education  
1240 operating an agricultural science and technology education center that  
1241 received a grant pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection no longer  
1242 qualifies for such a grant, such local or regional board of education shall  
1243 receive a grant in an amount determined as follows: (A) For the first  
1244 fiscal year such board of education does not qualify for a grant under  
1245 said subdivision (1), a grant in the amount equal to four hundred dollars  
1246 for every secondary school student enrolled in its agricultural science  
1247 and technology education center on October first of the previous year,  
1248 (B) for the second successive fiscal year such board of education does  
1249 not so qualify, a grant in an amount equal to three hundred dollars for  
1250 every such secondary school student enrolled in such center on said  
1251 date, (C) for the third successive fiscal year such board of education does  
1252 not so qualify, a grant in an amount equal to two hundred dollars for  
1253 every such secondary school student enrolled in such center on said

1254 date, and (D) for the fourth successive fiscal year such board of  
1255 education does not so qualify, a grant in an amount equal to one  
1256 hundred dollars for every such secondary school student enrolled in  
1257 such center on said date, and (3) each local and regional board of  
1258 education operating an agricultural science and technology education  
1259 center that does not receive a grant pursuant to subdivision (1) or (2) of  
1260 this subsection shall receive a grant in an amount equal to sixty dollars  
1261 for every secondary school student enrolled in such center on said date.

1262 (d) (1) If there are any remaining funds after the amount of the grants  
1263 described in subsections (a) and (c) of this section are calculated, within  
1264 available appropriations, each local or regional board of education  
1265 operating an agricultural science and technology education center shall  
1266 be eligible to receive a grant in an amount equal to one hundred dollars  
1267 for each student enrolled in such center on October first of the previous  
1268 school year. (2) If there are any remaining funds after the amount of the  
1269 grants described in subdivision (1) of this subsection are calculated,  
1270 within available appropriations, each local or regional board of  
1271 education operating an agricultural science and technology education  
1272 center that had more than one hundred fifty out-of-district students  
1273 enrolled in such center on October first of the previous school year shall  
1274 be eligible to receive a grant based on the ratio of the number of out-of-  
1275 district students in excess of one hundred fifty out-of-district students  
1276 enrolled in such center on said date to the total number of out-of-district  
1277 students in excess of one hundred fifty out-of-district students enrolled  
1278 in all agricultural science and technology education centers that had in  
1279 excess of one hundred fifty out-of-district students enrolled on said  
1280 date.

1281 (e) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2012, and June 30, 2013, the  
1282 Department of Education shall allocate five hundred thousand dollars  
1283 to local or regional boards of education operating an agricultural science  
1284 and technology education center in accordance with the provisions of  
1285 subsections (b) to (d), inclusive, of this section.]



1286 [(f)] (c) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, and each fiscal year  
1287 thereafter, if a local or regional board of education receives an increase  
1288 in funds pursuant to this section over the amount it received for the  
1289 prior fiscal year such increase shall not be used to supplant local funding  
1290 for educational purposes.

1291 [(g) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 10-51 and 10-222, for  
1292 the fiscal years ending June 30, 2015, to June 30, 2017, inclusive, any  
1293 amount received by a local or regional board of education pursuant to  
1294 subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section that exceeds the amount  
1295 appropriated for education by the municipality or the amount in the  
1296 budget approved by such regional board of education for purposes of  
1297 said subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section, shall be available  
1298 for use by such local or regional board of education, provided such  
1299 excess amount is spent in accordance with the provisions of subdivision  
1300 (2) of subsection (a) of this section.]

1301 (d) For the purposes of equalization aid under section 10-262h, as  
1302 amended by this act, a student enrolled in an agricultural science and  
1303 technology education center shall be counted as a resident student, as  
1304 defined in section 10-262f, of the town in which such student resides.

1305 Sec. 8. Subsection (d) of section 10-64 of the general statutes is  
1306 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
1307 *2024*):

1308 (d) Any local or regional board of education which does not furnish  
1309 agricultural science and technology education approved by the State  
1310 Board of Education shall designate a school or schools having such a  
1311 course approved by the State Board of Education as the school which  
1312 any person may attend who has completed an elementary school course  
1313 through the eighth grade. The board of education shall pay the [tuition  
1314 and] reasonable and necessary cost of transportation of any person  
1315 under twenty-one years of age who is not a graduate of a high school or  
1316 technical education and career school or an agricultural science and  
1317 technology education center and who attends the designated school,

1318 provided transportation services may be suspended in accordance with  
1319 the provisions of section 10-233c. Each such board's reimbursement  
1320 percentage pursuant to section 10-266m for expenditures in excess of  
1321 eight hundred dollars per pupil incurred in the fiscal year beginning  
1322 July 1, 2004, and in each fiscal year thereafter, shall be increased by an  
1323 additional twenty percentage points.

1324 Sec. 9. Subsection (b) of section 10-97 of the general statutes is  
1325 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
1326 *2024*):

1327 (b) Any local or regional board of education which does not furnish  
1328 agricultural science and technology education approved by the State  
1329 Board of Education shall designate a school or schools having such a  
1330 course approved by the State Board of Education as the school which  
1331 any person may attend who has completed an elementary school course  
1332 through the eighth grade. The board of education shall pay the [tuition  
1333 and] reasonable and necessary cost of transportation of any person  
1334 under twenty-one years of age who is not a graduate of a high school or  
1335 technical education and career school and who attends the designated  
1336 school, provided transportation services may be suspended in  
1337 accordance with the provisions of section 10-233c. Each such board's  
1338 reimbursement percentage pursuant to section 10-266m for  
1339 expenditures in excess of eight hundred dollars per pupil incurred in  
1340 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1987, and in each fiscal year thereafter,  
1341 shall be increased by an additional twenty percentage points.

1342 Sec. 10. Subsection (g) of section 10-266aa of the general statutes is  
1343 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
1344 *2024*):

1345 [(g) (1) Except as provided in subdivisions (2) and (3) of this  
1346 subsection, the Department of Education shall provide, within available  
1347 appropriations, an annual grant to the local or regional board of  
1348 education for each receiving district in an amount not to exceed two  
1349 thousand five hundred dollars for each out-of-district student who

1350 attends school in the receiving district under the program.

1351       (2) (A) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, and each fiscal year  
1352 thereafter, the department shall provide, within available  
1353 appropriations, an annual grant to the local or regional board of  
1354 education for each receiving district if one of the following conditions  
1355 are met as follows: (i) Three thousand dollars for each out-of-district  
1356 student who attends school in the receiving district under the program  
1357 if the number of such out-of-district students is less than two per cent of  
1358 the total student population of such receiving district plus any amount  
1359 available pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, (ii) four  
1360 thousand dollars for each out-of-district student who attends school in  
1361 the receiving district under the program if the number of such out-of-  
1362 district students is greater than or equal to two per cent but less than  
1363 three per cent of the total student population of such receiving district  
1364 plus any amount available pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this  
1365 subdivision, (iii) six thousand dollars for each out-of-district student  
1366 who attends school in the receiving district under the program if the  
1367 number of such out-of-district students is greater than or equal to three  
1368 per cent but less than four per cent of the total student population of  
1369 such receiving district plus any amount available pursuant to  
1370 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, (iv) six thousand dollars for each  
1371 out-of-district student who attends school in the receiving district under  
1372 the program if the Commissioner of Education determines that the  
1373 receiving district has an enrollment of greater than four thousand  
1374 students and has increased the number of students in the program by at  
1375 least fifty per cent from the previous fiscal year plus any amount  
1376 available pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, or (v) eight  
1377 thousand dollars for each out-of-district student who attends school in  
1378 the receiving district under the program if the number of such out-of-  
1379 district students is greater than or equal to four per cent of the total  
1380 student population of such receiving district plus any amount available  
1381 pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this subdivision.

1382       (B) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, and each fiscal year

1383 thereafter, the department shall, in order to assist the state in meeting  
1384 its obligations under commitment 9B of the Comprehensive School  
1385 Choice Plan pursuant to the settlement in Sheff v. O'Neill, HHD-X07-  
1386 CV89-4026240-S, provide, within available appropriations, an  
1387 additional grant to the local or regional board of education for each  
1388 receiving district in the amount of two thousand dollars for each out-of-  
1389 district student who resides in the Hartford region and attends school  
1390 in the receiving district under the program.

1391 (3) (A) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the department shall  
1392 provide a grant to the local or regional board of education for each  
1393 receiving district described in subdivision (4) of subsection (c) of this  
1394 section in an amount of four thousand dollars for each out-of-district  
1395 student who resides in Danbury or Norwalk and attends school in the  
1396 receiving district under the pilot program.

1397 (B) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, and each fiscal year  
1398 thereafter, the department shall provide an annual grant to the local or  
1399 regional board of education for each receiving district described in  
1400 subdivision (4) of subsection (c) of this section for each out-of-district  
1401 student who resides in Danbury or Norwalk and attends school in the  
1402 receiving district under the pilot program in accordance with the  
1403 provisions of subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection.]

1404 (g) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year  
1405 thereafter, each receiving district shall be paid a grant equal to the  
1406 amount the receiving district is entitled to receive under the provisions  
1407 of section 2 of this act.

1408 [(C)] (2) Not later than January 1, 2025, the department shall submit  
1409 a report on the pilot program in operation in Danbury and Norwalk,  
1410 pursuant to subdivision (4) of subsection (c) of this section, to the joint  
1411 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
1412 matters relating to education and appropriations, in accordance with the  
1413 provisions of section 11-4a. Such report shall include, but need not be  
1414 limited to, the total number of students participating in the pilot

1415 program, the number of students from each town participating in the  
1416 pilot program, the total amount of the grant paid under the pilot  
1417 program and the amount of the grant paid to each town participating in  
1418 the pilot program.

1419 ~~[(4)]~~ (3) Each town which receives funds pursuant to this subsection  
1420 shall make such funds available to its local or regional board of  
1421 education in supplement to any other local appropriation, other state or  
1422 federal grant or other revenue to which the local or regional board of  
1423 education is entitled.

1424 Sec. 11. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force to  
1425 study issues related to education funding entitled to local and regional  
1426 boards of education, charter schools and interdistrict magnet school  
1427 operators under the provisions of section 10-262h of the general statutes,  
1428 as amended by this act, section 10-66ee of the general statutes, as  
1429 amended by this act, and section 2 of this act, accountability, and  
1430 preparing students for success in college, careers and life. Such study  
1431 shall include (1) an analysis of alliance district funding under section 10-  
1432 262u of the general statutes and the extent to which current district  
1433 supports and requirements improve student outcomes; (2) an analysis  
1434 of how the accountability system contained within Connecticut's  
1435 consolidated state plan under the Elementary and Secondary Education  
1436 Act, 20 USC 6301 et seq., as amended by the Every Student Succeeds  
1437 Act, P.L. 114-95, can be leveraged in concert with funding increases  
1438 pursuant to section 10-262h of the general statutes, as amended by this  
1439 act, and section 2 of this act to improve student outcomes; (3) the  
1440 identification of thresholds at which additional accountability  
1441 requirements apply; (4) the compensation, benefits, retention and  
1442 recruitment of teachers, paraprofessionals and social workers; (5)  
1443 restrictions on the use of any additional funds received pursuant to  
1444 section 10-262h of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and  
1445 section 2 of this act; and (6) reporting requirements for school districts  
1446 receiving additional funds provided under the provisions of section 10-  
1447 262h of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and section 2 of this

1448 act.

1449 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

1450 (1) Three appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,  
1451 one of whom is a representative of the Connecticut Association of Public  
1452 School Superintendents, one of whom is a representative of the  
1453 Connecticut Council of Administrators of Special Education and one of  
1454 whom is a representative of the RESC Alliance;

1455 (2) Three appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one  
1456 of whom is a representative of the Connecticut Association of Board of  
1457 Education, one of whom is a representative of Special Education Equity  
1458 for Kids and one of whom is a representative of the Center for Children's  
1459 Advocacy;

1460 (3) Three appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
1461 Representatives, one of whom is a representative of the Connecticut  
1462 School Counselor Association, one of whom is a representative of the  
1463 Connecticut Education Association and one of whom is a  
1464 superintendent of an alliance district;

1465 (4) Three appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, one of whom  
1466 is a representative of the American Federation of Teachers-Connecticut,  
1467 one of whom is a representative of ConnCAN and one of whom is a  
1468 representative of the School and State Finance Project;

1469 (5) Two appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
1470 Representatives, one of whom is a representative of the Connecticut  
1471 Association of School Administrators and one of whom is a  
1472 representative of the Connecticut Association of School Business  
1473 Officials;

1474 (6) Two appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, one of whom  
1475 is a representative of the Connecticut Charter School Association and  
1476 one of whom is the executive director of an agricultural science and  
1477 technology education center;

1478 (7) The Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee;  
1479 and

1480 (8) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the  
1481 secretary's designee.

1482 (c) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later  
1483 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall  
1484 be filled by the appointing authority.

1485 (d) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president  
1486 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force  
1487 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall  
1488 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later  
1489 than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

1490 (e) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
1491 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education  
1492 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

1493 (f) Not later than January 1, 2024, the task force shall submit a report,  
1494 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,  
1495 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of  
1496 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
1497 education and appropriations. The task force shall terminate on the date  
1498 that it submits such report or January 1, 2024, whichever is later.

1499 Sec. 12. Section 10-4a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1500 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

1501 For purposes of sections 10-4, 10-4b<sub>2</sub>, [and] 10-220 and subdivision (1)  
1502 of subsection (b) of section 10-66dd, as amended by this act, the  
1503 educational interests of the state shall include, but not be limited to, the  
1504 concern of the state that (1) each child shall have for the period  
1505 prescribed in the general statutes equal opportunity to receive a suitable  
1506 program of educational experiences; (2) each school district shall finance  
1507 at a reasonable level at least equal to the minimum budget requirement

1508 pursuant to the provisions of section 10-262j an educational program  
 1509 designed to achieve this end; (3) in order to reduce racial, ethnic and  
 1510 economic isolation, each school district shall provide educational  
 1511 opportunities for its students to interact with students and teachers from  
 1512 other racial, ethnic, and economic backgrounds and may provide such  
 1513 opportunities with students from other communities; and (4) the  
 1514 mandates in the general statutes pertaining to education within the  
 1515 jurisdiction of the State Board of Education be implemented.

1516 Sec. 13. Subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 10-66dd of the  
 1517 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
 1518 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

1519 (b) (1) Subject to the provisions of this subsection and except as may  
 1520 be waived pursuant to subsection (d) of section 10-66bb, charter schools  
 1521 shall be subject to all federal and state laws governing public schools,  
 1522 including the provisions of sections 10-4a, as amended by this act, and  
 1523 10-4b.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	10-262h
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	10-264l
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	10-264o(b)
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	10-66ee(d)
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	10-65
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	10-64(d)
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	10-97(b)
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	10-266aa(g)
Sec. 11	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 12	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	10-4a
Sec. 13	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	10-66dd(b)(1)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To make revisions to how public education is funded in the state.



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