



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5241

LCO No. 1521



Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:
(KID)

AN ACT PROVIDING FUNDING TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR THE USE OF THERAPEUTIC DAY SCHOOLS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2022*) (a) For the fiscal year ending
2 June 30, 2023, and each fiscal year thereafter, the Department of
3 Education shall administer a grant program to provide grants to local
4 and regional boards of education for the purpose of utilizing therapeutic
5 day schools and programs in the provision of special education and
6 related services.

7 (b) A local or regional board of education that has entered into a
8 written contract for the provision of special education and related
9 services with a therapeutic day school or program may submit, at a time
10 and in a manner prescribed by the department, an application for a
11 grant under this section. Such application shall include such contract
12 and the explanation of how the tuition or costs for services provided
13 under the contract are to be calculated, as described in section 10-91j of
14 the general statutes.

15 (c) The department may award a grant to a local or regional board of

16 education. The grant shall be (1) in an amount based on the cost to such
17 board for the tuition and costs of services provided under the written
18 contract, and (2) paid to such board in the same fiscal year as such
19 services are provided.

20 (d) A local or regional board of education that is awarded a grant
21 under this section shall refund to the department (1) any unexpended
22 amounts at the close of the fiscal year in which the grant was awarded,
23 and (2) any amounts not expended in accordance with the written
24 contract between such board and the therapeutic day school or program
25 for which services were provided.

26 (e) A local or regional board of education shall not be eligible for
27 reimbursement pursuant to subsection (b) of section 10-76g of the
28 general statutes for any costs of special education or related services
29 paid by such board of education to a therapeutic day school or program
30 with grant funds awarded under this section.

31 (f) For purposes of carrying out the provisions of this section, the
32 Department of Education may accept funds from private sources or any
33 state agency, gifts, grants and donations, including, but not limited to,
34 in-kind donations.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a grant program that awards grants to school districts that utilize therapeutic day schools in the provision of special education.

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