



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 92***

LCO No. 715



Referred to Committee on ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Introduced by:  
(ET)

***AN ACT PERMITTING TEN-YEAR CONTRACTUAL PERIODS FOR THE  
TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN IN ZERO-EMISSION  
SCHOOL BUSES.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10-220 of the 2022 supplement to  
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
3 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

4 (a) Each local or regional board of education shall maintain good  
5 public elementary and secondary schools, implement the educational  
6 interests of the state, as defined in section 10-4a, and provide such other  
7 educational activities as in its judgment will best serve the interests of  
8 the school district; provided any board of education may secure such  
9 opportunities in another school district in accordance with provisions of  
10 the general statutes and shall give all the children of the school district,  
11 including children receiving alternative education, as defined in section  
12 10-74j, as nearly equal advantages as may be practicable; shall provide  
13 an appropriate learning environment for all its students which includes  
14 (1) adequate instructional books, supplies, materials, equipment,

15 staffing, facilities and technology, (2) equitable allocation of resources  
16 among its schools, (3) proper maintenance of facilities, and (4) a safe  
17 school setting; shall, in accordance with the provisions of subsection (f)  
18 of this section, maintain records of allegations, investigations and  
19 reports that a child has been abused or neglected by a school employee,  
20 as defined in section 53a-65, employed by the local or regional board of  
21 education; shall have charge of the schools of its respective school  
22 district; shall make a continuing study of the need for school facilities  
23 and of a long-term school building program and from time to time make  
24 recommendations based on such study to the town; shall adopt and  
25 implement an indoor air quality program that provides for ongoing  
26 maintenance and facility reviews necessary for the maintenance and  
27 improvement of the indoor air quality of its facilities; shall adopt and  
28 implement a green cleaning program, pursuant to section 10-231g, that  
29 provides for the procurement and use of environmentally preferable  
30 cleaning products in school buildings and facilities; on and after July 1,  
31 2021, and every five years thereafter, shall report to the Commissioner  
32 of Administrative Services on the condition of its facilities and the action  
33 taken to implement its long-term school building program, indoor air  
34 quality program and green cleaning program, which report the  
35 Commissioner of Administrative Services shall use to prepare a report  
36 every five years that said commissioner shall submit in accordance with  
37 section 11-4a to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
38 having cognizance of matters relating to education; shall advise the  
39 Commissioner of Administrative Services of the relationship between  
40 any individual school building project pursuant to chapter 173 and such  
41 long-term school building program; shall have the care, maintenance  
42 and operation of buildings, lands, apparatus and other property used  
43 for school purposes and at all times shall insure all such buildings and  
44 all capital equipment contained therein against loss in an amount not  
45 less than eighty per cent of replacement cost; shall determine the  
46 number, age and qualifications of the pupils to be admitted into each  
47 school; shall develop and implement a written plan for minority  
48 educator recruitment for purposes of subdivision (3) of section 10-4a;  
49 shall employ and dismiss the teachers of the schools of such district

50 subject to the provisions of sections 10-151 and 10-158a; shall designate  
 51 the schools which shall be attended by the various children within the  
 52 school district; shall make such provisions as will enable each child of  
 53 school age residing in the district to attend some public day school for  
 54 the period required by law and provide for the transportation of  
 55 children wherever transportation is reasonable and desirable, and for  
 56 such purpose may make contracts covering periods of not more than (A)  
 57 five years, or (B) ten years for transportation provided by school buses  
 58 that are zero-emission vehicles, as defined in section 4a-67d; may  
 59 provide alternative education, in accordance with the provisions of  
 60 section 10-74j, or place in another suitable educational program a pupil  
 61 enrolling in school who is nineteen years of age or older and cannot  
 62 acquire a sufficient number of credits for graduation by age twenty-one;  
 63 may arrange with the board of education of an adjacent town for the  
 64 instruction therein of such children as can attend school in such adjacent  
 65 town more conveniently; shall cause each child five years of age and  
 66 over and under eighteen years of age who is not a high school graduate  
 67 and is living in the school district to attend school in accordance with  
 68 the provisions of section 10-184, and shall perform all acts required of it  
 69 by the town or necessary to carry into effect the powers and duties  
 70 imposed by law.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2022	10-220(a)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To permit local and regional boards of education to enter into ten-year contracts involving the transportation of school children in zero-emission school buses.

*[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.]*