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Raised Bill No. 232

LCO No. 1840



Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:
(ED)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXCESS COST GRANT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 10-76g of the 2022 supplement to
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

4 (b) Any local or regional board of education which provides special
5 education pursuant to the provisions of sections 10-76a to 10-76g,
6 inclusive, for any exceptional child described in subparagraph (A) of
7 subdivision (5) of section 10-76a, under its jurisdiction, excluding (1)
8 children placed by a state agency for whom a board of education
9 receives payment pursuant to the provisions of subdivision (2) of
10 subsection (e) of section 10-76d, and (2) children who require special
11 education, who reside on state-owned or leased property, and who are
12 not the educational responsibility of the unified school districts
13 established pursuant to sections 17a-37 and 18-99a, shall be financially
14 responsible for the reasonable costs of special education instruction, as
15 defined in the regulations of the State Board of Education, in an amount

16 equal to (A) for any fiscal year [commencing] ending prior to [July 1,
17 2005] June 30, 2006, five times the average per pupil educational costs of
18 such board of education for the prior fiscal year, determined in
19 accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of section 10-76f, [and
20 (B) for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2005, and each fiscal year
21 thereafter,] (B) for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2006, to June 30, 2022,
22 inclusive, four and one-half times such average per pupil educational
23 costs of such board of education, and (C) for the fiscal year ending June
24 30, 2023, and each fiscal year thereafter, (I) two and one-quarter times
25 such average per pupil educational costs of any such board of education
26 for a town designated as an alliance district, as defined in section 10-
27 262u, or any such board of education for a town with a per capita net
28 equalized grand list below one hundred thousand dollars, (II) three
29 times such average per pupil educational costs of any such board of
30 education for a town with a per capita net equalized grand list at or
31 above one hundred thousand dollars but below two hundred thousand
32 dollars, and (III) three and three-quarters times such average per pupil
33 educational costs of any such board of education for a town with a per
34 capita net equalized grand list at or above two hundred thousand
35 dollars. The State Board of Education shall, within available
36 appropriations, pay on a current basis any costs in excess of the local or
37 regional board's basic contribution paid by such board in accordance
38 with the provisions of this subsection. Any amounts paid by the State
39 Board of Education on a current basis pursuant to this subsection shall
40 not be reimbursable in the subsequent year. Application for such grant
41 shall be made by filing with the Department of Education, in such
42 manner as prescribed by the commissioner, annually on or before
43 December first a statement of the cost of providing special education
44 pursuant to this subsection, provided a board of education may submit,
45 not later than March first, claims for additional children or costs not
46 included in the December filing. Payment by the state for such excess
47 costs shall be made to the local or regional board of education as follows:
48 Seventy-five per cent of the cost in February and the balance in May.
49 The amount due each town pursuant to the provisions of this subsection
50 shall be paid to the treasurer of each town entitled to such aid, provided

51 the treasurer shall treat such grant, or a portion of the grant, which
52 relates to special education expenditures incurred in excess of such
53 town's board of education budgeted estimate of such expenditures, as a
54 reduction in expenditures by crediting such expenditure account, rather
55 than town revenue. Such expenditure account shall be so credited no
56 later than thirty days after receipt by the treasurer of necessary
57 documentation from the board of education indicating the amount of
58 such special education expenditures incurred in excess of such town's
59 board of education budgeted estimate of such expenditures.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2022	10-76g(b)

Statement of Purpose:

To replace the existing threshold for the excess cost grant for special education with a tiered threshold system based on the property wealth of a town.

[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.]