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**"AN ACT CONCERNING REMOTE MEETINGS UNDER THE  
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT."**

1 In line 7, after "after" insert an opening bracket, strike " ," and after  
2 the closing bracket insert "July 1, 2021,"

3 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
4 internal references accordingly:

5 "Sec. 501. Subsection (a) of section 10-51 of the 2022 supplement to the  
6 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
7 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

8 (a) The fiscal year of a regional school district shall be July first to June  
9 thirtieth. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, not less than  
10 two weeks before the annual meeting held pursuant to section 10-47, the  
11 board shall hold a public district meeting to present a proposed budget  
12 for the next fiscal year. Any public district meeting held pursuant to this  
13 section may be accessible to the public by means of electronic equipment

14 or by means of electronic equipment in conjunction with an in-person  
15 meeting, in accordance with the provisions of section 1 of this act. Any  
16 person may recommend the inclusion or deletion of expenditures at  
17 such time. After the public hearing, the board shall prepare an annual  
18 budget for the next fiscal year, make available on request copies thereof  
19 and deliver a reasonable number to the town clerk of each of the towns  
20 in the district at least five days before the annual meeting. At the annual  
21 meeting on the first Monday in May, the board shall present a budget  
22 which includes a statement of (1) estimated receipts and expenditures  
23 for the next fiscal year, (2) estimated receipts and expenditures for the  
24 current fiscal year, (3) estimated surplus or deficit in operating funds at  
25 the end of the current fiscal year, (4) bonded or other debt, (5) estimated  
26 per pupil expenditure for the current and for the next fiscal year, and (6)  
27 such other information as is necessary in the opinion of the board.  
28 Persons present and eligible to vote under section 7-6 may accept or  
29 reject the proposed budget except as provided below. No person who is  
30 eligible to vote in more than one town in the regional school district is  
31 eligible to cast more than one vote on any issue considered at a regional  
32 school district meeting or referendum held pursuant to this section. Any  
33 person who violates this section by fraudulently casting more than one  
34 vote or ballot per issue shall be fined not more than three thousand five  
35 hundred dollars and shall be imprisoned not more than two years and  
36 shall be disenfranchised. The regional board of education may, in the  
37 call to the meeting, designate that the vote on the motion to adopt the  
38 budget shall be by paper ballots at the district meeting held on the  
39 budget or by a "yes" or "no" vote on the voting tabulators in each of the  
40 member towns on the day following the district meeting. If submitted  
41 to a vote by voting tabulator, questions may be included on the ballot  
42 for persons voting "no" to indicate whether the budget is too high or too  
43 low, provided the vote on such questions shall be for advisory purposes  
44 only and not binding upon the board. Two hundred or more persons  
45 qualified to vote in any regional district meeting called to adopt a  
46 budget may petition the regional board, in writing, at least three days  
47 prior to such meeting, requesting that any item or items on the call of  
48 such meeting be submitted to the persons qualified to vote in the

49 meeting for a vote by paper ballot or on the voting tabulators in each of  
50 the member towns on the day following the district meeting and in  
51 accordance with the appropriate procedures provided in section 7-7. If  
52 a majority of such persons voting reject the budget, the board shall,  
53 within four weeks thereafter and upon notice of not less than one week,  
54 call a district meeting to consider the same or an amended budget. Such  
55 meetings shall be convened at such intervals until a budget is approved.  
56 If the budget is not approved before the beginning of a fiscal year, the  
57 disbursing officer for each member town, or the designee of such officer,  
58 shall make necessary expenditures to such district in amounts equal to  
59 the total of the town's appropriation to the district for the previous year  
60 and the town's proportionate share in any increment in debt service over  
61 the previous fiscal year, pursuant to section 7-405 until the budget is  
62 approved. The town shall receive credit for such expenditures once the  
63 budget is approved for the fiscal year. After the budget is approved, the  
64 board shall estimate the share of the net expenses to be paid by each  
65 member town in accordance with subsection (b) of this section and  
66 notify the treasurer thereof. With respect to adoption of a budget for the  
67 period from the organization of the board to the beginning of the first  
68 full fiscal year, the board may use the above procedure at any time  
69 within such period. If the board needs to submit a supplementary  
70 budget, the general procedure specified in this section shall be used."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	October 1, 2022	10-51(a)