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**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE EDUCATION COST SHARING GRANT  
FORMULA AND THE FUNDING OF OTHER EDUCATION  
PROGRAMS."**

1 In line 87, strike "base grant amount" and insert "equalization aid  
2 grant amount for the previous fiscal year"

3 In line 99, strike "base grant amount" and insert "equalization aid  
4 grant amount for the previous fiscal year"

5 In line 110, strike "base grant amount" and insert "equalization aid  
6 grant amount for the previous fiscal year"

7 Strike lines 227 to 241, inclusive, in their entirety and insert the  
8 following in lieu thereof:

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

13 (11) "Total revenue per pupil" means the sum of (A) the per student  
14 amount of the grant for a choice program student for the fiscal year  
15 ending June 30, 2024, and (B) the per student amount of any general  
16 education tuition for a student in such choice program for the fiscal year  
17 ending June 30, 2024.

18 (12) "Sending town adjustment factor" means the product of (A) the  
19 weighted funding amount per pupil or the total revenue per pupil,  
20 whichever is greater, for a sending town, and (B) the number of its  
21 resident choice program students.

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

29 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year  
30 thereafter, an interdistrict magnet school operator that is a local or  
31 regional board of education shall be entitled to a grant in an amount  
32 equal to the sum of (A) the sum of the sending town adjustment factor  
33 for each sending town, and (B) the product of (i) the number of in-  
34 district students enrolled in the interdistrict magnet school program of  
35 such board, and (ii) the per student amount of the grant under section  
36 10-264/ of the general statutes, as amended by this act, for an in-district  
37 student enrolled in such interdistrict magnet school program for the  
38 fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

39 (c) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year  
40 thereafter, a local or regional board of education that operates a regional  
41 agricultural science and technology center shall be entitled to a grant in  
42 an amount equal to the sum of (1) the sum of the sending town  
43 adjustment factor for each sending town, and (2) the product of (A) the  
44 number of in-district students enrolled in such center, and (B) the per

45 student amount of the grant under section 10-65 of the general statutes,  
46 as amended by this act, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024."

47 Strike section 4 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

48 "Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than January 1,  
49 2024, and annually thereafter, the Department of Education shall  
50 calculate an estimated amount of each grant under section 3 of this act  
51 for the next fiscal year using data collected during the current fiscal year,  
52 and notify each local and regional board of education and interdistrict  
53 magnet school program operator that is not a local or regional board of  
54 education of such estimated amounts.

55 (b) Not later than January 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, the  
56 Department of Education shall calculate an estimated fully funded  
57 grant, as defined in section 10-262f of the general statutes, as amended  
58 by this act, for each town for the next fiscal year using data collected  
59 during the current fiscal year, and notify each town of such estimated  
60 amount.

61 (c) Not later than January 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, the  
62 Department of Education shall calculate the product of the foundation  
63 and total charter need students, as defined in section 10-66ee of the  
64 general statutes, as amended by this act, for each fiscal authority for a  
65 state charter school for the next fiscal year using data collected during  
66 the current fiscal year, and notify each such fiscal authority of such  
67 product."

68 Strike lines 399 to 403, inclusive, in their entirety and insert the  
69 following in lieu thereof:

70 "act."

71 In line 1143, strike "act, except" and insert "act." in lieu thereof

72 Strike lines 1144 to 1148, inclusive, in their entirety

73 In line 1292, after "related to" insert "the current and future"

74 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
75 internal references accordingly:

76 "Sec. 501. Subsection (b) of section 10-262u of the 2022 supplement to  
77 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
78 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

79 (b) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, the Commissioner of  
80 Education shall designate thirty school districts as alliance districts. Any  
81 school district designated as an alliance district shall be so designated  
82 for a period of five years. On or before June 30, 2016, the Department of  
83 Education shall determine if there are any additional alliance districts.

84 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the commissioner shall  
85 designate thirty-three school districts as alliance districts. Any school  
86 district designated as an alliance district shall be so designated for a  
87 period of [five] six years.

88 Sec. 502. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force to  
89 study issues related to education funding provided to rural school  
90 districts. Such study shall include, but not be limited to (1) the  
91 educational challenges unique to such districts' size and region, (2) the  
92 method and adequacy of funding, (3) the barriers to regionalization, (4)  
93 opportunities for shared service collaboration, (5) teacher recruitment  
94 and retention, and (6) pension and certification barriers for the interstate  
95 employment of teachers in the state.

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

97 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,  
98 one of whom is a representative of the Connecticut Association of Public  
99 School Superintendents, and one of whom is a superintendent of a rural  
100 school district in northwest Connecticut;

101 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of  
102 whom is a representative of the Connecticut Association of Board of  
103 Education and is employed in a rural school district, and one of whom

104 is a superintendent of a rural school district in northeast Connecticut;

105 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
106 Representatives who is a representative of the American Federation of  
107 Teachers-Connecticut who is employed in a rural school district;

108 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate who is a  
109 representative of the Connecticut Education Association who is  
110 employed in a rural school district;

111 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
112 Representatives who is a representative of the Connecticut Council of  
113 Administrators of Special Education;

114 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate who is a  
115 representative of the Connecticut Association of School Business  
116 Officials; and

117 (7) The Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee.

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

121 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro  
122 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from  
123 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule  
124 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty  
125 days after the effective date of this section.

126 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
127 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education  
128 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

129 (g) Not later than February 1, 2023, the task force shall submit a report  
130 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of  
131 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
132 education, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the

133 general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it  
134 submits such report or February 1, 2023, whichever is later."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	10-262u(b)
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