



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 5182**

LCO No. 513



Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:  
(ED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS'  
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO THE  
EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD STATUTES.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 10-4a of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes  
2 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
3 *passage*):

4 For purposes of sections 10-4, 10-4b and 10-220, and subdivision (1)  
5 of subsection (b) of section 10-66dd, the educational interests of the state  
6 shall include, but not be limited to, the concern of the state that (1) each  
7 child shall have for the period prescribed in the general statutes equal  
8 opportunity to receive a suitable program of educational experiences;  
9 (2) each school district shall finance at a reasonable level and at least, as  
10 appropriate, equal to the minimum budget requirement pursuant to the  
11 provisions of section 10-262j, an educational program designed to  
12 achieve this end; (3) in order to reduce racial, ethnic and economic  
13 isolation, each school district shall provide educational opportunities  
14 for its students to interact with students and teachers from other racial,

15 ethnic [ ] and economic backgrounds and may provide such  
16 opportunities with students from other communities; and (4) the  
17 mandates in the general statutes pertaining to education within the  
18 jurisdiction of the State Board of Education be implemented.

19 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 10-144d of the 2024 supplement to the  
20 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
21 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

22 (b) There is established the Connecticut Advisory Council for Teacher  
23 Professional Standards. The council shall be composed of nineteen  
24 members as follows: (1) The Governor shall appoint one public member  
25 who shall represent business and industry; the State Board of Education  
26 shall appoint two members, both of whom shall be a member of the  
27 faculty or administration of a State Board of Education approved  
28 teacher preparation program; the president pro tempore of the Senate  
29 shall appoint one member who shall be a school administrator  
30 employed by a local or regional board of education; the speaker of the  
31 House of Representatives shall appoint one member who shall be a  
32 parent or guardian of a child attending a public elementary or  
33 secondary school; the majority leader of the Senate shall appoint one  
34 member who shall be a member of a local or regional board of  
35 education; the majority leader of the House of Representatives shall  
36 appoint one member who shall be a school superintendent; the minority  
37 leader of the Senate shall appoint one member who shall be a parent of  
38 a child attending a secondary school; the minority leader of the House  
39 of Representatives shall appoint one member who shall be a  
40 superintendent for a regional school district; the Connecticut Education  
41 Association shall appoint four members who shall be classroom  
42 teachers at the time of their appointment and during the term of their  
43 membership on the council, two of whom shall be elementary school  
44 teachers, one of whom shall be a special education teacher and one of  
45 whom shall be a secondary school teacher; and the American Federation  
46 of Teachers-Connecticut shall appoint four members who shall be  
47 classroom teachers at the time of their appointment and during the term  
48 of their membership on the council, two of whom shall be secondary

49 school [teacher] teachers, one of whom shall be an elementary school  
50 teacher and one of whom shall be a special education teacher; and (2)  
51 the Teacher of the Year for the prior year and the current Teacher of the  
52 Year. All appointments shall be made and the names of the persons  
53 appointed shall be submitted to the Commissioner of Education not  
54 later than October 1, 1990.

55 Sec. 3. Subsection (d) of section 10-215m of the 2024 supplement to  
56 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
57 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

58 (d) Any locally sourced food or regionally sourced food for which an  
59 eligible board of education seeks reimbursement payments under this  
60 section [,] shall comply with the nutrition standards established by the  
61 department pursuant to section 10-215e.

62 Sec. 4. Subsection (b) of section 10-264o of the 2024 supplement to the  
63 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
64 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

65 (b) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, and each fiscal year  
66 thereafter, any tuition charged to a local or regional board of education  
67 by a regional educational service center operating an interdistrict  
68 magnet school assisting the state in meeting its obligations pursuant to  
69 the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related  
70 stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the Commissioner of  
71 Education, for any student enrolled in kindergarten to grade twelve,  
72 inclusive, in such interdistrict magnet school shall be in an amount equal  
73 to the difference between (1) the average per pupil expenditure of the  
74 magnet school for the prior fiscal year, and (2) the amount of any per  
75 pupil state subsidy calculated under subsection (c) of section 10-264l,  
76 plus any revenue from other sources calculated on a per pupil basis,  
77 except for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year  
78 thereafter, the per student tuition charged to a local or regional board of  
79 education shall not exceed fifty-eight per cent of the per student tuition  
80 charged during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. If any such board

81 of education fails to pay such tuition, the commissioner may withhold  
82 from such board's town or towns a sum payable under section 10-262i  
83 in an amount not to exceed the amount of the unpaid tuition to the  
84 magnet school and pay such money to the fiscal agent for the magnet  
85 school as a supplementary grant for the operation of the interdistrict  
86 magnet school program. In no case shall the sum of such tuitions exceed  
87 the difference between (A) the total expenditures of the magnet school  
88 for the prior fiscal year, and (B) the total per pupil state subsidy  
89 calculated under subsection (c) of section 10-264l, plus any revenue from  
90 other sources. The commissioner may conduct a comprehensive review  
91 of the operating budget of a magnet school to verify such tuition rate.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	10-4a
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	10-144d(b)
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	10-215m(d)
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	10-264o(b)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To make technical revisions to the education and early childhood statutes.

*[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.]*