



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 495**

January Session, 2025

Substitute Senate Bill No. 1467

*Senate, April 3, 2025*

The Committee on Government Oversight reported through SEN. GADKAR-WILCOX of the 22nd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

**AN ACT REQUIRING A REVIEW OF THE COSTS OF SPECIAL  
EDUCATION SERVICES PROVIDED BY ALL PROVIDERS IN THIS  
STATE.**

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

- 1      Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of Education  
2      shall conduct a comprehensive review of the rates of tuition charged by  
3      all providers of special education services to local or regional boards of  
4      education in the state, including, but not limited to, regional educational  
5      service centers and approved private providers of special education  
6      services, as defined in section 10-91g of the general statutes. As part of  
7      such review, the commissioner shall solicit comments from local and  
8      regional boards of education in the state concerning what rates such  
9      boards are paying for such services. Such review shall include an  
10     examination of (1) how rates are determined and the reasons for any  
11     rapid increases in such rates, (2) what oversight exists for the setting of  
12     such rates, including whether any limitations exist upon increases of  
13     such rates during the school year, (3) whether variances exist in the rates

14 charged to boards of education and the reasons for such variances, (4)  
 15 whether there is any oversight of the governance structure of such  
 16 providers and what criteria the department uses to qualify a provider  
 17 as an approved provider, (5) criteria used to approve providers of  
 18 regional programs for both nonprofit and private for-profit placements,  
 19 (6) a comparison of the rates charged for services provided based upon  
 20 diagnosis of the recipient of such services in the individualized  
 21 education plan, (7) whether the rates charged result in a lack of equity  
 22 in the services provided across municipalities, and (8) the feasibility of  
 23 implementing a fee-for-service model where a bundle of services are  
 24 provided based upon the diagnosis of the recipient of such services.

25 (b) Not later than February 15, 2026, the commissioner shall submit a  
 26 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general  
 27 statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly  
 28 having cognizance of matters relating to government oversight and  
 29 education summarizing the findings of such review and any  
 30 recommendations for legislation to address increases in such rates and  
 31 how to increase government oversight of such rates.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

In Section 1(a), "private special education providers" was changed to "private providers of special education services, as defined in section 10-91g of the general statutes", for accuracy.

**GOS**

*Joint Favorable Subst.*

*The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.*

## **OFA Fiscal Note**

### **State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Education, Dept.	GF - Cost	Up to 100,000	None

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

### **Explanation**

The bill results in a one-time cost of \$100,000 in FY 26 to the State Department of Education (SDE). It requires SDE to conduct a comprehensive review of special education provider tuition rates and numerous related topics. SDE must report its findings by February 15, 2026. Given the scope and timeframe of the review, it is anticipated that SDE could incur costs of up to \$100,00 to hire a consultant to assist with the review.

### **The Out Years**

Due to the bill's review deadline, there is no fiscal impact in the out years.

---

**OLR Bill Analysis**

**sSB 1467**

***AN ACT REQUIRING A REVIEW OF THE COSTS OF SPECIAL  
EDUCATION SERVICES PROVIDED BY ALL PROVIDERS IN THIS  
STATE.***

**SUMMARY**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Government Oversight Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 12 Nay 0 (03/18/2025)