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AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE EDUCATION STATUTES.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) For the fiscal year ending June
2 30, 2026, and each fiscal year thereafter, during the preparation of the
3 itemized estimate of the cost of maintenance of public schools for the
4 ensuing year pursuant to section 10-222 of the general statutes, as
5 amended by this act, the superintendent of schools shall provide the
6 members of the local board of education the original amount and actual
7 amount of each line item for the two fiscal years immediately preceding
8 the fiscal year in which such itemized estimate is being prepared and
9 the original amount and current amount of each line item for the fiscal
10 year in which such itemized estimate being prepared. As used in this
11 section, "itemized estimate" means an estimate in which broad
12 budgetary categories including, but not limited to, salaries, fringe
13 benefits, utilities, supplies and grounds maintenance are divided into
14 one or more line items, "original amount" means the amount of a line
15 item that was appropriated to such line item at the start of the fiscal year,
16 and "actual amount" means the amount of a line item at the conclusion

17 of the fiscal year.

18 Sec. 2. Section 10-222 of the general statutes is repealed and the
19 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

20 Each local board of education shall prepare an itemized estimate of
21 the cost of maintenance of public schools for the ensuing year and shall
22 submit such estimate to the board of finance in each town or city having
23 a board of finance, to the board of selectmen in each town having no
24 board of finance or otherwise to the authority making appropriations
25 for the school district, not later than two months preceding the annual
26 meeting at which appropriations are to be made. Such estimate shall
27 include the original amount and actual amount of each line item for the
28 two fiscal years immediately preceding the fiscal year in which such
29 estimate is being prepared and the original amount and current amount
30 of each line item for the fiscal year in which such estimate is being
31 prepared. The board or authority that receives such estimate shall, not
32 later than ten days after the date the board of education submits such
33 estimate, make spending recommendations and suggestions to such
34 board of education as to how such board of education may consolidate
35 noneducational services and realize financial efficiencies. Such board of
36 education may accept or reject the suggestions of the board of finance,
37 board of selectmen or appropriating authority and shall provide the
38 board of finance, board of selectmen or appropriating authority with a
39 written explanation of the reason for any rejection. The money
40 appropriated by any municipality for the maintenance of public schools
41 shall be expended by and in the discretion of the board of education.
42 Except as provided in this subsection, any such board may transfer any
43 unexpended or uncontracted-for portion of any appropriation for
44 school purposes to any other item of such itemized estimate. Boards
45 may, by adopting policies and procedures, authorize designated
46 personnel to make limited transfers under emergency circumstances if
47 the urgent need for the transfer prevents the board from meeting in a
48 timely fashion to consider such transfer. All transfers made in such
49 instances shall be announced at the next regularly scheduled meeting of

50 the board and a written explanation of such transfer shall be provided
51 to the legislative body of the municipality or, in a municipality where
52 the legislative body is a town meeting, to the board of selectmen.
53 Expenditures by the board of education shall not exceed the
54 appropriation made by the municipality, with such money as may be
55 received from other sources for school purposes. If any occasion arises
56 whereby additional funds are needed by such board, the chairman of
57 such board shall notify the board of finance, board of selectmen or
58 appropriating authority, as the case may be, and shall submit a request
59 for additional funds in the same manner as is provided for departments,
60 boards or agencies of the municipality and no additional funds shall be
61 expended unless such supplemental appropriation shall be granted and
62 no supplemental expenditures shall be made in excess of those granted
63 through the appropriating authority. The annual report of the board of
64 education shall, in accordance with section 10-224, include a summary
65 showing (1) the total cost of the maintenance of schools, (2) the amount
66 received from the state and other sources for the maintenance of schools,
67 and (3) the net cost to the municipality of the maintenance of schools.
68 For purposes of this [subsection] section, "meeting" means a meeting, as
69 defined in section 1-200, [and] "itemized estimate" means an estimate in
70 which broad budgetary categories including, but not limited to, salaries,
71 fringe benefits, utilities, supplies and grounds maintenance are divided
72 into one or more line items, "original amount" means the amount of a
73 line item that was appropriated to such line item at the start of the fiscal
74 year, and "actual amount" means the amount of a line item at the
75 conclusion of the fiscal year.

76 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 10-51 of the general statutes is
77 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
78 *2025*):

79 (a) The fiscal year of a regional school district shall be July first to June
80 thirtieth. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, not less than
81 two weeks before the annual meeting held pursuant to section 10-47, the
82 board shall hold a public district meeting to present a proposed budget

83 for the next fiscal year. Any public district meeting held pursuant to this
84 section may be accessible to the public by means of electronic equipment
85 or by means of electronic equipment in conjunction with an in-person
86 meeting, in accordance with the provisions of section 1-225a. Such
87 proposed budget shall include the original amount and actual amount
88 of each line item in the budget for the two fiscal years immediately
89 preceding the fiscal year in which such proposed budget is being
90 presented and the original amount and current amount of each line item
91 for the budget of the fiscal year in which such proposed budget is being
92 presented. Any person may recommend the inclusion or deletion of
93 expenditures at such time. After the public hearing, the board shall
94 prepare an annual budget for the next fiscal year, make available on
95 request copies thereof and deliver a reasonable number to the town
96 clerk of each of the towns in the district at least five days before the
97 annual meeting. At the annual meeting on the first Monday in May, the
98 board shall present a budget which includes a statement of (1) estimated
99 receipts and expenditures for the next fiscal year, (2) estimated receipts
100 and expenditures for the current fiscal year, (3) estimated surplus or
101 deficit in operating funds at the end of the current fiscal year, (4) bonded
102 or other debt, (5) estimated per pupil expenditure for the current and
103 for the next fiscal year, (6) the original amount and actual amount of
104 each line item in the budget for the two fiscal years immediately
105 preceding the fiscal year in which such budget is being presented and
106 the original amount and current amount of each line item for the budget
107 of the fiscal year in which such budget is being presented, and [(6)] (7)
108 such other information as is necessary in the opinion of the board.
109 Persons present and eligible to vote under section 7-6 may accept or
110 reject the proposed budget except as provided below. No person who is
111 eligible to vote in more than one town in the regional school district is
112 eligible to cast more than one vote on any issue considered at a regional
113 school district meeting or referendum held pursuant to this section. Any
114 person who violates this section by fraudulently casting more than one
115 vote or ballot per issue shall be fined not more than three thousand five
116 hundred dollars and shall be imprisoned not more than two years and

117 shall be disenfranchised. The regional board of education may, in the
118 call to the meeting, designate that the vote on the motion to adopt the
119 budget shall be by paper ballots at the district meeting held on the
120 budget or by a "yes" or "no" vote on the voting tabulators in each of the
121 member towns on the day following the district meeting. If submitted
122 to a vote by voting tabulator, questions may be included on the ballot
123 for persons voting "no" to indicate whether the budget is too high or too
124 low, provided the vote on such questions shall be for advisory purposes
125 only and not binding upon the board. Two hundred or more persons
126 qualified to vote in any regional district meeting called to adopt a
127 budget may petition the regional board, in writing, at least three days
128 prior to such meeting, requesting that any item or items on the call of
129 such meeting be submitted to the persons qualified to vote in the
130 meeting for a vote by paper ballot or on the voting tabulators in each of
131 the member towns on the day following the district meeting and in
132 accordance with the appropriate procedures provided in section 7-7. If
133 a majority of such persons voting reject the budget, the board shall,
134 within four weeks thereafter and upon notice of not less than one week,
135 call a district meeting to consider the same or an amended budget. Such
136 meetings shall be convened at such intervals until a budget is approved.
137 If the budget is not approved before the beginning of a fiscal year, the
138 disbursing officer for each member town, or the designee of such officer,
139 shall make necessary expenditures to such district in amounts equal to
140 the total of the town's appropriation to the district for the previous year
141 and the town's proportionate share in any increment in debt service over
142 the previous fiscal year, pursuant to section 7-405 until the budget is
143 approved. The town shall receive credit for such expenditures once the
144 budget is approved for the fiscal year. After the budget is approved, the
145 board shall estimate the share of the net expenses to be paid by each
146 member town in accordance with subsection (b) of this section and
147 notify the treasurer thereof. With respect to adoption of a budget for the
148 period from the organization of the board to the beginning of the first
149 full fiscal year, the board may use the above procedure at any time
150 within such period. If the board needs to submit a supplementary

151 budget, the general procedure specified in this section shall be used. As
152 used in this section, "original amount" means the amount of a line item
153 that was appropriated to such line item at the start of the fiscal year, and
154 "actual amount" means the amount of a line item at the conclusion of the
155 fiscal year.

156 Sec. 4. Subsection (d) of section 10-206 of the general statutes is
157 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
158 *2025*):

159 (d) The results of each assessment done pursuant to this section and
160 the results of screenings done pursuant to section 10-214, as amended
161 by this act, shall be recorded on forms supplied by the State Board of
162 Education. Each school nurse may reject such results submitted on
163 forms other than the forms supplied by the State Board of Education and
164 require the resubmission of such results on such forms supplied by the
165 State Board of Education. Such information shall be included in the
166 cumulative health record of each pupil and shall be kept on file in the
167 school such pupil attends. If a pupil permanently leaves the jurisdiction
168 of the board of education, the pupil's original cumulative health record
169 shall be sent to the chief administrative officer of the school district to
170 which such student moves. The board of education transmitting such
171 health record shall retain a true copy. Each physician, advanced practice
172 registered nurse, registered nurse, or physician assistant performing
173 health assessments and screenings pursuant to this section and section
174 10-214, as amended by this act, shall completely fill out and sign each
175 form and any recommendations concerning the pupil shall be in
176 writing.

177 Sec. 5. Section 10-233m of the general statutes is repealed and the
178 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

179 Each local or regional board of education that assigns a school
180 resource officer to any school under the jurisdiction of such board shall
181 enter into a memorandum of understanding with a local law

182 enforcement agency regarding the role and responsibility of such school
183 resource officer. [Such] Not later than January 1, 2026, such
184 memorandum of understanding shall (1) be maintained in a central
185 location in the school district and posted on the Internet web site of the
186 school district and each school in which such school resource officer is
187 assigned, (2) include provisions addressing daily interactions between
188 students and school personnel with school resource officers, and (3)
189 include a graduated response model for student discipline. Any such
190 memorandum of understanding entered into, extended, updated or
191 amended [(A)] on or after July 1, 2021, shall include a provision that
192 requires all school resource officers to complete, while in the
193 performance of their duties as school resource officers and during
194 periods when such school resource officers are assigned to be at the
195 school, any separate training specifically related to social-emotional
196 learning and restorative practices provided to certified employees of the
197 school pursuant to section 10-148a. [, and (B)] Any such memorandum
198 of understanding entered into, extended, updated or amended on or
199 after July 1, 2023, shall include provisions specifying a school resource
200 officer's duties concerning, and procedures for, the restraint of students,
201 use of firearms, school-based arrests and reporting of any investigations
202 and behavioral interventions of challenging behavior or conflict that
203 escalates to violence or constitutes a crime, pursuant to the provisions
204 of section 10-233p, provided such provisions are in accordance with any
205 laws or policies concerning the duties of police officers. Any such
206 memorandum of understanding entered into, extended, updated or
207 amended on or after July 1, 2025, shall include provisions specifying the
208 guidelines and means for communication between a school safety
209 committee and a school resource officer that include, but are not limited
210 to, mutual sharing of documentation of pre-violence indicators for the
211 intervention and prevention of violence in school. For the purposes of
212 this section, "school resource officer" means a sworn police officer of a
213 local law enforcement agency who has been assigned to a school
214 pursuant to an agreement between the local or regional board of
215 education and the chief of police of a local law enforcement agency.

216 Sec. 6. Subsection (a) of section 1-231 of the general statutes is
217 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
218 *2025*):

219 (a) At an executive session of a public agency, attendance shall be
220 limited to (1) members of [said] such body, [and] (2) in the case of a local
221 or regional board of education and upon invitation by such board, the
222 superintendent of schools in the superintendent's capacity as chief
223 executive officer of the board, and (3) persons invited by [said] such
224 body to present testimony or opinion pertinent to matters before [said]
225 such body, provided [that] such persons' attendance shall be limited to
226 the period for which their presence is necessary to present such
227 testimony or opinion and, provided further, [that] the minutes of such
228 executive session shall disclose all persons who are in attendance except
229 job applicants who attend for the purpose of being interviewed by such
230 agency.

231 Sec. 7. Subdivision (2) of subsection (d) of section 10-51 of the general
232 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
233 (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

234 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, and each fiscal year
235 thereafter, a regional board of education, by a majority vote of its
236 members, may create a reserve fund for educational expenditures. Such
237 fund shall thereafter be termed "reserve fund for educational
238 expenditures". The aggregate amount of annual and supplemental
239 appropriations by a district to such fund shall not exceed two per cent
240 of the annual district budget for such fiscal year. Annual appropriations
241 to such fund shall be included in the share of net expenses to be paid by
242 each member town. Supplemental appropriations to such fund may be
243 made from estimated fiscal year end surplus in operating funds. Interest
244 and investment earnings received with respect to amounts held in the
245 fund shall be credited to such fund. The board shall annually submit a
246 complete and detailed report of the condition of such fund to the
247 member towns. Upon the recommendation and approval by the

248 regional board of education, any part or the whole of such fund may be
 249 used for educational expenditures. Upon the approval of any such
 250 expenditure an appropriation shall be set up, plainly designated for the
 251 educational expenditure for which it has been authorized. Any
 252 unexpended portion of such appropriation remaining shall revert to
 253 [said] such fund. If any authorized appropriation is set up pursuant to
 254 the provisions of this subsection and through unforeseen circumstances
 255 the board is unable to expend the total amount of such appropriation,
 256 the board, by a majority vote of its members, may terminate such
 257 appropriation which then shall no longer be in effect. Such fund may be
 258 discontinued, after the recommendation and approval by the regional
 259 board of education, and any amounts held in the fund shall be
 260 transferred to the general fund of the district. For the fiscal year ending
 261 June 30, 2026, and each fiscal year thereafter, a regional board of
 262 education may deposit any funds previously appropriated to and
 263 currently in a separate reserve fund for capital and nonrecurring
 264 expenditures under the control of such board in the reserve fund for
 265 educational expenditures.

266 Sec. 8. Subsection (a) of section 10-214 of the general statutes is
 267 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
 268 *2025*):

269 (a) Each local or regional board of education shall provide annually
 270 to each pupil in kindergarten and grades one and three to five, inclusive,
 271 a vision screening and may additionally provide such vision screening
 272 annually to each pupil in preschool and grade two. Such vision
 273 screening may be performed using a Snellen chart or an equivalent
 274 screening device, or an automated vision screening device. The
 275 superintendent of schools shall give written notice to the parent or
 276 guardian of each pupil (1) who is found to have any defect of vision or
 277 disease of the eyes, with a brief statement describing such defect or
 278 disease and a recommendation for the pupil to be examined by an
 279 optometrist licensed under chapter 380 or an ophthalmologist licensed
 280 under chapter 370, and (2) who did not receive such vision screening,

281 with a brief statement explaining why such pupil did not receive such
282 vision screening.

283 Sec. 9. Subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 10-287 of the general
284 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
285 (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

286 (b) (1) All orders and contracts for school building construction
287 receiving state assistance under this chapter, except as provided in
288 subdivisions (2) to (4), inclusive, of this subsection, shall be awarded to
289 the lowest responsible qualified bidder only after a public invitation to
290 bid, except for (A) school building projects for which the town or
291 regional school district is using a state contract pursuant to subsection
292 (d) of section 10-292 or a cooperative purchasing contract offered
293 through a regional education service center, and (B) change orders,
294 those contracts or orders costing less than ten thousand dollars and
295 those of an emergency nature, as determined by the Commissioner of
296 Administrative Services, in which cases the contractor or vendor may be
297 selected by negotiation, provided no local fiscal regulations, ordinances
298 or charter provisions conflict. [Any of the qualified bidders under this
299 subdivision may be a cooperative purchasing contract offered through
300 a regional educational service center or a council of government.]

301 Sec. 10. Subsection (c) of section 10-266aa of the general statutes is
302 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
303 *2025*):

304 (c) The program shall be phased in as provided in this subsection. (1)
305 For the school year commencing in 1998, and for each school year
306 thereafter, the program shall be in operation in the Hartford, New
307 Haven and Bridgeport regions. The Hartford program shall operate as
308 a continuation of the program described in section 10-266j. Students
309 who reside in Hartford, New Haven or Bridgeport may attend school in
310 another school district in the region and students who reside in such
311 other school districts may attend school in Hartford, New Haven or

312 Bridgeport, provided, beginning with the 2001-2002 school year, the
313 proportion of students who are not minority students to the total
314 number of students leaving Hartford, Bridgeport or New Haven to
315 participate in the program shall not be greater than the proportion of
316 students who were not minority students in the prior school year to the
317 total number of students enrolled in Hartford, Bridgeport or New
318 Haven in the prior school year. The regional educational service center
319 operating the program shall make program participation decisions in
320 accordance with the requirements of this subdivision. (2) For the school
321 year commencing in 2000, and for each school year thereafter, the
322 program shall be in operation in New London, provided beginning with
323 the 2001-2002 school year, the proportion of students who are not
324 minority students to the total number of students leaving New London
325 to participate in the program shall not be greater than the proportion of
326 students who were not minority students in the prior year to the total
327 number of students enrolled in New London in the prior school year.
328 The regional educational service center operating the program shall
329 make program participation decisions in accordance with this
330 subdivision. (3) The Department of Education may provide, within
331 available appropriations, grants for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003,
332 to the remaining regional educational service centers to assist school
333 districts in planning for a voluntary program of student enrollment in
334 every priority school district, pursuant to section 10-266p, which is
335 interested in participating in accordance with this subdivision. For the
336 school year commencing in 2003, and for each school year thereafter, the
337 voluntary enrollment program may be in operation in every priority
338 school district in the state. Students from other school districts in the
339 area of a priority school district, as determined by the regional
340 educational service center pursuant to subsection (d) of this section, may
341 attend school in the priority school district, provided such students
342 bring racial, ethnic and economic diversity to the priority school district
343 and do not increase the racial, ethnic and economic isolation in the
344 priority school district. (4) For the school year commencing July 1, 2024,
345 and each school year thereafter, there shall be a pilot program in

346 operation in Danbury and Norwalk. The pilot program shall serve (A)
347 up to fifty students who reside in Danbury, and such students may
348 attend school in the school districts for the towns of New Fairfield,
349 Brookfield, Bethel, Ridgefield and Redding, and (B) up to fifty students
350 who (i) reside in Norwalk, and such students may attend school in the
351 school districts for the towns of Darien, New Canaan, Wilton, Weston
352 and Westport, and (ii) reside in Darien, New Canaan, Wilton, Weston
353 and Westport, and such students may attend school in the school district
354 for the town of Norwalk. School districts which receive students under
355 this subdivision as part of the pilot program shall allow such students
356 to attend school in the district until they graduate from high school. (5)
357 For the school year commencing July 1, 2022, and each school year
358 thereafter, the town of Guilford shall be eligible to participate in the
359 program as a receiving district and a sending district with New Haven.
360 (6) For the school year commencing July 1, 2025, and each school year
361 thereafter, the town of Madison shall be eligible to participate in the
362 program as a receiving district and a sending district with New Haven.

363 Sec. 11. Section 10-153b of the general statutes is amended by adding
364 subsection (g) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

365 (NEW) (g) For any negotiation with respect to salaries, hours and
366 other conditions of employment with an organization which has been
367 designated or elected the exclusive representative of a unit defined in
368 this section occurring on or after July 1, 2025, at least one member of the
369 local or regional board of education which employs such unit shall be
370 present for such negotiations.

371 Sec. 12. Section 10-206 of the general statutes is repealed and the
372 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

373 (a) Each local or regional board of education shall require each pupil
374 enrolled in the public schools to have health assessments pursuant to
375 the provisions of this section. Such assessments shall be conducted by
376 (1) a legally qualified practitioner of medicine, (2) an advanced practice

377 registered nurse or registered nurse, licensed pursuant to chapter 378,
378 (3) a physician assistant, licensed pursuant to chapter 370, (4) a school
379 medical advisor, or (5) a legally qualified practitioner of medicine, an
380 advanced practice registered nurse or a physician assistant stationed at
381 any military base, to ascertain whether such pupil is suffering from any
382 physical disability tending to prevent such pupil from receiving the full
383 benefit of school work and to ascertain whether such school work
384 should be modified in order to prevent injury to the pupil or to secure
385 for the pupil a suitable program of education. No health assessment
386 shall be made of any [child] pupil enrolled in the public schools unless
387 such examination is made in the presence of the parent or guardian or
388 in the presence of another school employee. The parent or guardian of
389 such [child] pupil shall receive prior written notice and shall have a
390 reasonable opportunity to be present at such assessment or to provide
391 for such assessment himself or herself. A local or regional board of
392 education may deny continued attendance in public school to any
393 [child] pupil who fails to obtain the health assessments required under
394 this section.

395 (b) Each local or regional board of education shall require each [child]
396 pupil to have a health assessment prior to public school enrollment. The
397 assessment shall include: (1) A physical examination which shall
398 include hematocrit or hemoglobin tests, height, weight, blood pressure,
399 a medical risk assessment for lead poisoning and, when indicated by
400 such assessment, a test of the [child's] pupil's blood lead level, and,
401 beginning with the 2003-2004 school year, a chronic disease assessment
402 which shall include, but not be limited to, asthma. The assessment form
403 shall include (A) a check box for the provider conducting the
404 assessment, as provided in subsection (a) of this section, to indicate an
405 asthma diagnosis, (B) screening questions relating to appropriate public
406 health concerns to be answered by the parent or guardian, and (C)
407 screening questions to be answered by such provider; (2) an updating
408 of immunizations as required under section 10-204a, provided a
409 registered nurse may only update said immunizations pursuant to a

410 written order by a physician or physician assistant, licensed pursuant to
411 chapter 370, or an advanced practice registered nurse, licensed pursuant
412 to chapter 378; (3) vision, hearing, speech and gross dental screenings;
413 and (4) such other information, including health and developmental
414 history, as the physician feels is necessary and appropriate. The
415 assessment shall also include tests for tuberculosis, sickle cell anemia
416 and Cooley's anemia where the local or regional board of education
417 determines after consultation with the school medical advisor and the
418 local health department, or in the case of a regional board of education,
419 each local health department, that such tests are necessary, provided a
420 registered nurse may only perform said tests pursuant to the written
421 order of a physician or physician assistant, licensed pursuant to chapter
422 370, or an advanced practice registered nurse, licensed pursuant to
423 chapter 378.

424 (c) Each local or regional board of education shall require each pupil
425 enrolled in the public schools to have health assessments in either grade
426 six or grade seven and in either grade nine or grade ten. The assessment
427 shall include: (1) A physical examination which shall include hematocrit
428 or hemoglobin tests, height, weight, blood pressure, and, beginning
429 with the 2003-2004 school year, a chronic disease assessment which shall
430 include, but not be limited to, asthma as defined by the Commissioner
431 of Public Health pursuant to subsection (c) of section 19a-62a. The
432 assessment form shall include (A) a check box for the provider
433 conducting the assessment, as provided in subsection (a) of this section,
434 to indicate an asthma diagnosis, (B) screening questions relating to
435 appropriate public health concerns to be answered by the parent or
436 guardian, and (C) screening questions to be answered by such provider;
437 (2) an updating of immunizations as required under section 10-204a,
438 provided a registered nurse may only update said immunizations
439 pursuant to a written order of a physician or physician assistant,
440 licensed pursuant to chapter 370, or an advanced practice registered
441 nurse, licensed pursuant to chapter 378; (3) vision, hearing, postural and
442 gross dental screenings; and (4) such other information including a

443 health history as the physician feels is necessary and appropriate. The
444 assessment shall also include tests for tuberculosis and sickle cell
445 anemia or Cooley's anemia where the local or regional board of
446 education, in consultation with the school medical advisor and the local
447 health department, or in the case of a regional board of education, each
448 local health department, determines that said screening or test is
449 necessary, provided a registered nurse may only perform said tests
450 pursuant to the written order of a physician or physician assistant,
451 licensed pursuant to chapter 370, or an advanced practice registered
452 nurse, licensed pursuant to chapter 378.

453 (d) The results of each assessment done pursuant to this section and
454 the results of screenings done pursuant to section 10-214, as amended
455 by this act, shall be recorded on forms supplied by the State Board of
456 Education. An asthma action plan shall be included with the assessment
457 form of each pupil that indicates an asthma diagnosis pursuant to
458 subsections (b) and (c) of this section. Such information shall be included
459 in the cumulative health record of each pupil and shall be kept on file in
460 the school such pupil attends. If a pupil permanently leaves the
461 jurisdiction of the board of education, the pupil's original cumulative
462 health record shall be sent to the chief administrative officer of the
463 school district to which such student moves. The board of education
464 transmitting such health record shall retain a true copy. Each physician,
465 advanced practice registered nurse, registered nurse, or physician
466 assistant performing health assessments and screenings pursuant to this
467 section and section 10-214, as amended by this act, shall completely fill
468 out and sign each form and any recommendations concerning the pupil
469 shall be in writing.

470 (e) Appropriate school health personnel shall review the results of
471 each assessment and screening as recorded pursuant to subsection (d)
472 of this section. When, in the judgment of such health personnel, a pupil,
473 as defined in section 10-206a, is in need of further testing or treatment,
474 the superintendent of schools shall give written notice to the parent or
475 guardian of such pupil and shall make reasonable efforts to assure that

476 such further testing or treatment is provided. Such reasonable efforts
477 shall include a determination of whether or not the parent or guardian
478 has obtained the necessary testing or treatment for the pupil, and, if not,
479 advising the parent or guardian on how such testing or treatment may
480 be obtained. The results of such further testing or treatment shall be
481 recorded pursuant to subsection (d) of this section, and shall be
482 reviewed by school health personnel pursuant to this subsection.

483 (f) On and after October 1, 2017, each local or regional board of
484 education shall report to the local health department and the
485 Department of Public Health, on an triennial basis, the total number of
486 pupils per school and per school district having a diagnosis of asthma
487 (1) at the time of public school enrollment, (2) in grade six or seven, and
488 (3) in grade nine or ten. The report shall contain the asthma information
489 collected as required under subsections (b) and (c) of this section and
490 shall include pupil age, gender, race, ethnicity and school. Beginning on
491 October 1, 2021, and every three years thereafter, the Department of
492 Public Health shall review the asthma screening information reported
493 pursuant to this section and shall submit a report to the joint standing
494 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
495 relating to public health and education concerning asthma trends and
496 distributions among pupils enrolled in the public schools. The report
497 shall be submitted in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
498 and shall include, but not be limited to, (A) trends and findings based
499 on pupil age, gender, race, ethnicity, school and the education reference
500 group, as determined by the Department of Education for the town or
501 regional school district in which such school is located, and (B) activities
502 of the asthma screening monitoring system maintained under section
503 19a-62a.

504 Sec. 13. Subsection (g) of section 10-233c of the general statutes is
505 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
506 *2025*):

507 (g) On and after July 1, 2015, all suspensions pursuant to this section

508 shall be in-school suspensions, except a local or regional board of
 509 education may authorize the administration of schools under its
 510 direction to impose an out-of-school suspension on any pupil in (1)
 511 grades three to twelve, inclusive, if, during the hearing held pursuant to
 512 subsection (a) of this section, (A) the administration determines that the
 513 pupil being suspended poses such a danger to persons or property or
 514 such a disruption of the educational process that the pupil shall be
 515 excluded from school during the period of suspension, or (B) the
 516 administration determines that an out-of-school suspension is
 517 appropriate for such pupil based on evidence of (i) previous disciplinary
 518 problems that have led to suspensions or expulsion of such pupil, and
 519 (ii) efforts by the administration to address such disciplinary problems
 520 through means other than out-of-school suspension or expulsion,
 521 including positive behavioral support strategies, or (2) grades preschool
 522 to two, inclusive, if during the hearing held pursuant to subsection (a)
 523 of this section, the administration (A) determines that an out-of-school
 524 suspension is appropriate for such pupil based on evidence that such
 525 pupil's conduct on school grounds is behavior that causes serious
 526 physical harm, (B) requires that such pupil receives services that are
 527 trauma-informed and developmentally appropriate and align with any
 528 behavioral intervention plan, individualized education program or plan
 529 pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended
 530 from time to time, for such pupil upon such pupil's return to school
 531 immediately following the out-of-school suspension, and (C) [considers
 532 whether to convene a planning and placement team meeting for the
 533 purposes of conducting] conducts an evaluation pursuant to the
 534 procedures set forth in section 10-76ff to determine whether such pupil
 535 may require special education or related services. An out-of-school
 536 suspension imposed under subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not
 537 exceed ten school days, and an out-of-school suspension imposed under
 538 subdivision (2) of this subsection shall not exceed [five] two school days.
 539 An in-school suspension may be served in the school that the pupil
 540 attends, or in any school building under the jurisdiction of the local or
 541 regional board of education, as determined by such board. Nothing in

542 this section shall limit a person's duty as a mandated reporter pursuant
543 to section 17-101a to report suspected child abuse or neglect.

544 Sec. 14. Subsection (d) of section 10-233d of the general statutes is
545 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
546 *2025*):

547 (d) No local or regional board of education is required to offer an
548 alternative educational opportunity, except in accordance with this
549 section. Any pupil under sixteen years of age who is expelled shall be
550 offered an alternative educational opportunity, which shall be (1)
551 alternative education, as defined by section 10-74j, with an
552 individualized learning plan, if such board provides such alternative
553 education, or (2) in accordance with the standards adopted by the State
554 Board of Education, pursuant to section 10-233o, during the period of
555 expulsion, provided any parent or guardian of such pupil who does not
556 choose to have such parent's or guardian's child enrolled in an
557 alternative educational opportunity shall not be subject to the
558 provisions of section 10-184. Any pupil expelled for the first time and
559 the second time, who is between the ages of sixteen and eighteen, and
560 who wishes to continue such pupil's education shall be offered such an
561 alternative educational opportunity if such pupil complies with
562 conditions established by such pupil's local or regional board of
563 education. Such alternative educational opportunity may include, but
564 shall not be limited to, the placement of a pupil who is at least seventeen
565 years of age in an adult education program pursuant to section 10-69.
566 Any pupil participating in any such adult education program during a
567 period of expulsion shall not be required to withdraw from school under
568 section 10-184. A local or regional board of education shall count the
569 expulsion of a pupil when the pupil was under sixteen years of age for
570 purposes of determining whether an alternative educational
571 opportunity is required for such pupil when such pupil is between the
572 ages of sixteen and eighteen. A local or regional board of education may
573 offer an alternative educational opportunity to a pupil for whom such
574 alternative educational opportunity is not required pursuant to this

575 section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2025	New section
Sec. 2	July 1, 2025	10-222
Sec. 3	July 1, 2025	10-51(a)
Sec. 4	July 1, 2025	10-206(d)
Sec. 5	July 1, 2025	10-233m
Sec. 6	July 1, 2025	1-231(a)
Sec. 7	July 1, 2025	10-51(d)(2)
Sec. 8	July 1, 2025	10-214(a)
Sec. 9	July 1, 2025	10-287(b)(1)
Sec. 10	July 1, 2025	10-266aa(c)
Sec. 11	July 1, 2025	10-153b(g)
Sec. 12	July 1, 2025	10-206
Sec. 13	July 1, 2025	10-233c(g)
Sec. 14	July 1, 2025	10-233d(d)

Statement of Purpose:

To make various revisions to the education statutes, including, but not limited to, statutes concerning board of education budgets, accounts, meetings and employment negotiations, health assessments and related forms, school resource officers, open choice, out-of-school suspensions and expulsions.

[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.]