



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1467

LCO No. 5912



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT

Introduced by:
(GOS)

***AN ACT REQUIRING A REVIEW OF THE COSTS OF SPECIAL
EDUCATION SERVICES PROVIDED BY PRIVATE PROVIDERS.***

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 providers of special education services to local or regional boards of
4 education in the state. As part of such review, the commissioner shall
5 solicit comments from local and regional boards of education in the state
6 concerning what rates such boards are paying for such services. Such
7 review shall include an examination of (1) how rates are determined and
8 the reasons for any rapid increases in such rates, (2) what oversight
9 exists of the setting of such rates, including whether any limitations exist
10 upon increases of such rates during the school year, (3) whether there
11 are variances in the rates charged to districts and the reasons for such
12 variances, (4) whether there is any oversight of the governance structure
13 of such providers and what criteria the department uses to qualify a
14 provider as an approved provider, (5) a comparison of the rates charged
15 for services provided based upon diagnosis of the recipient of such
16 services in the individualized education plan, (6) whether the rates

17 charged result in a lack of equity in the services provided across
18 municipalities, and (7) the feasibility of implementing a fee-for-service
19 model where a bundle of services are provided based upon the
20 diagnosis of the recipient of such services.

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

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

To require the Commissioner of Education to conduct a review of the costs of special education services provided by private providers and submit a report with the results of such review.

[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.]