



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 1467**

January Session, 2025



**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.*