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LCO No. 1827



Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:
(ED)

AN ACT CONCERNING SPECIAL EDUCATION.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 10-236b of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
3 *2026*):

4 (d) (1) No school employee shall place a student in seclusion except
5 as an emergency intervention to prevent immediate or imminent injury
6 to the student or to others, provided the seclusion is not used for
7 discipline or convenience and is not used as a substitute for a less
8 restrictive alternative. (2) No student shall be placed in seclusion unless
9 (A) such student is monitored by a school employee during the period
10 of such student's seclusion pursuant to subsection (m) of this section,
11 and (B) the area in which such student is secluded is equipped with a
12 camera and a window or other fixture allowing such student a clear line
13 of sight beyond the area of seclusion. (3) Seclusion shall not be utilized
14 as a planned intervention in a student's behavioral intervention plan,
15 individualized education program or plan pursuant to Section 504 of the
16 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended from time to time.

17 Sec. 2. Subsection (f) of section 10-76ggg of the 2026 supplement to
18 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
19 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

20 (f) Not later than July 15, 2026, and annually thereafter, each local and
21 regional board of education shall submit an annual expenditure report
22 to the Commissioner of Education, except any board of education that
23 receives a grant under this section that is less than ten thousand dollars
24 in any fiscal year shall not be responsible for submitting such report for
25 such fiscal year. Such report shall include a summary and itemization of
26 how grant funds received pursuant to this section were expended
27 during the prior fiscal year for [the direct provision of special education
28 and related services to students, including whether such grant was used
29 to hire any new special education teachers, paraeducators or behavioral
30 or reading specialists] special education purposes, as defined in
31 subsection (e) of this section.

32 Sec. 3. Section 10-91j of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes as
33 amended by section 24 of public act 25-67, is repealed and the following
34 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

35 (a) (1) Subject to the provisions of subdivision (2) of this subsection,
36 any agreement entered into or amended on or after July 1, 2018, but
37 prior to June 30, 2019, or any contract entered into or amended on or
38 after July 1, 2019, pursuant to section 10-76d, between a local or regional
39 board of education and a private provider of special education services,
40 as defined in section 10-91g, shall include an explanation of how the
41 tuition or costs for services provided under the agreement or contract
42 are to be calculated. Any such agreement or contract may include the
43 following provisions: (A) A requirement that such private provider of
44 special education services submit monthly or quarterly reports to such
45 board regarding the specific services and frequency of such services
46 being provided by such private provider of special education services
47 to students under the agreement or contract, and (B) authorization for
48 such board to (i) review and reconcile such reports to the contracted

49 services described in the agreement or contract, or (ii) conduct periodic
50 site visits at the location where such private provider of special
51 education services provides services.

52 (2) Any contract entered into or amended on or after July 1, 2026,
53 pursuant to section 10-76d, between a local or regional board of
54 education and a private provider of special education services that is
55 subject to the provisions of section 10-76aaa, shall be in accordance with
56 the rates or the rate schedule, as the case may be, established pursuant
57 to section 10-76aaa.

58 (b) On and after July 1, 2026, a local or regional board of education
59 shall not be eligible for reimbursement pursuant to subsection (b) of
60 section 10-76g for any costs of special education paid by such board of
61 education to a private provider of special education services unless such
62 board of education has entered into a written contract with such private
63 provider of special education services for the provision of such special
64 education services. The individualized education program of a child
65 shall not be considered a contract between a local or regional board of
66 education and a private provider of special education services for
67 purposes of this section. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed
68 to limit or interrupt the provision of special education and related
69 services to a child by a local or regional board of education or private
70 provider of special education services.

71 (c) Any written contract entered into or amended on or after July 1,
72 2025, between a local or regional board of education and a private
73 provider of special education services shall include a provision that
74 requires such private provider of special education services to submit a
75 base tuition and cost for services for each school year in which services
76 are to be provided pursuant to such contract to such local or regional
77 board of education not later than December thirty-first preceding the
78 school year in which services are to be provided.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	10-236b(d)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	10-76ggg(f)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	10-91j

Statement of Purpose:

To require cameras in seclusion rooms and make minor revisions to the special education 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.]