



General Assembly

**Proposed Substitute
Bill No. 5336**

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LCO No. 2301

AN ACT CONCERNING SHARED SERVICES.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10-158a of the 2010 supplement
2 to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in
3 lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):

4 (a) Any two or more boards of education may, in writing, agree to
5 establish shared service agreements between such boards of education
6 or between such boards of education and municipalities in which such
7 boards of education are located or to establish cooperative
8 arrangements to provide school accommodations services, programs
9 or activities, special education services or health care services to enable
10 such boards to carry out the duties specified in the general statutes.
11 Such arrangements may include the establishment of a committee to
12 supervise such programs, the membership of the committee to be
13 determined by the agreement of the cooperating boards. Such
14 committee shall have the power, in accordance with the terms of the

15 agreement, to (1) apply for, receive directly and expend on behalf of
16 the school districts which have designated the committee an agent for
17 such purpose any state or federal grants which may be allocated to
18 school districts for specified programs, the supervision of which has
19 been delegated to such committee, provided such grants are payable
20 before implementation of any such program or are to reimburse the
21 committee pursuant to subsection (d) of this section for transportation
22 provided to a school operated by a cooperative arrangement; (2)
23 receive and disburse funds appropriated to the use of such committee
24 by the cooperating school districts, the state or the United States, or
25 given to the committee by individuals or private corporations; (3) hold
26 title to real or personal property in trust, or as otherwise agreed to by
27 the parties, for the appointing boards; (4) employ personnel; (5) enter
28 into contracts; and (6) otherwise provide the specified programs,
29 services and activities. Teachers employed by any such committee
30 shall be subject to the provisions of the general statutes applicable to
31 teachers employed by the board of education of any town or regional
32 school district. For purposes of this section, the term "teacher" shall
33 include each professional employee of a committee below the rank of
34 superintendent who holds a regular certificate issued by the State
35 Board of Education and who is in a position requiring such
36 certification.

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37 Sec. 2. Section 10-266m of the 2010 supplement to the general
38 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
39 (*Effective October 1, 2010*):

40 (a) A local or regional board of education providing transportation
41 in accordance with the provisions of sections 10-54, 10-66ee, 10-97, 10-
42 158a, 10-273a, 10-277 and 10-281 shall be reimbursed for a percentage
43 of such transportation costs as follows:

44 (1) The percentage of pupil transportation costs reimbursed to a
45 local board of education shall be determined by (A) ranking each town
46 in the state in descending order from one to one hundred sixty-nine

47 according to such town's adjusted equalized net grand list per capita,
48 as defined in section 10-261; (B) based upon such ranking, and
49 notwithstanding the provisions of section 2-32a, (i) except as otherwise
50 provided in this subparagraph, a percentage of zero shall be assigned
51 to towns ranked from one to thirteen and a percentage of not less than
52 zero nor more than sixty shall be determined for the towns ranked
53 from fourteen to one hundred sixty-nine on a continuous scale, except
54 that any such percentage shall be increased by twenty percentage
55 points in accordance with section 10-97, where applicable, and (ii) for
56 the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997, and for each fiscal year thereafter,
57 a percentage of zero shall be assigned to towns ranked from one to
58 seventeen and a percentage of not less than zero nor more than sixty
59 shall be determined for the towns ranked from eighteen to one
60 hundred sixty-nine on a continuous scale.

61 (2) The percentage of pupil transportation costs reimbursed to a
62 regional board of education shall be determined by its ranking. Such
63 ranking shall be determined by (A) multiplying the total population, as
64 defined in section 10-261, of each town in the district by such town's
65 ranking, as determined in subdivision (1) of this section, (B) adding
66 together the figures determined under subparagraph (A) of this
67 subdivision, and (C) dividing the total computed under subparagraph
68 (B) of this subdivision by the total population of all towns in the
69 district. The ranking of each regional board of education shall be
70 rounded to the next higher whole number and each such board shall
71 receive the same reimbursement percentage as would a town with the
72 same rank, provided such percentage shall be increased in the case of a
73 secondary regional school district by an additional five percentage
74 points and, in the case of any other regional school district by an
75 additional ten percentage points.

76 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions (1) and (2) of
77 this section, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997, and for each fiscal
78 year thereafter, no local or regional board of education shall receive a
79 grant of less than one thousand dollars.

80 (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the fiscal
81 years ending June 30, 2004, to June 30, 2011, inclusive, the amount of
82 transportation grants payable to local or regional boards of education
83 shall be reduced proportionately if the total of such grants in such year
84 exceeds the amount appropriated for such grants for such year.

85 (5) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the
86 Commissioner of Education may provide grants, within available
87 appropriations, in an amount not to exceed two thousand dollars per
88 pupil, to local and regional boards of education and regional
89 educational service centers that transport (A) out-of-district students to
90 technical high schools located in Hartford, or (B) Hartford students
91 attending a technical high school or a regional agricultural science and
92 technology education center outside of the district, to assist the state in
93 meeting the goals of the 2008 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al.
94 v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as determined by the commissioner, for
95 the costs associated with such transportation.

96 (6) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, in addition to the
97 reimbursements and grants payable under subdivisions (1) to (5),
98 inclusive, of this subsection, the Commissioner of Education shall
99 provide a grant when (A) two or more boards of education enter into a
100 cooperative arrangement in accordance with section 10-158a to
101 transport students to schools operated by the boards of education
102 during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, and (B) such cooperative
103 arrangement results in a savings over the transportation costs incurred
104 by the boards of education during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010.
105 This grant, which shall be returned to the municipalities in which the
106 participating boards of education are located in accordance with the
107 terms of the written cooperative arrangement, shall be equal to half of
108 the difference in pupil transportation costs reimbursed to such boards
109 of education in the fiscal years ending June 30, 2010, and June 30, 2011,
110 pursuant to this subsection, provided any savings realized as a result
111 of such cooperative arrangement shall be attributed to the state and the
112 participating boards of education in the fiscal year ending June 30,

113 2011, in proportion to the amount reimbursed by the state and paid by
114 each participating board of education in the fiscal year ending June 30,
115 2010.

116 (b) A cooperative arrangement established pursuant to section 10-
117 158a which provides transportation in accordance with said section
118 shall be reimbursed for a percentage of such transportation costs in
119 accordance with its ranking pursuant to this subsection. The ranking
120 shall be determined by (1) multiplying the total population, as defined
121 in section 10-261, of each town in the cooperative arrangement by such
122 town's ranking as determined pursuant to subsection (a) of this
123 section, (2) adding such products, and (3) dividing such sum by the
124 total population of all towns in the cooperative arrangement. The
125 ranking of each cooperative arrangement shall be rounded to the next
126 higher whole number and each cooperative arrangement shall receive
127 the same reimbursement percentage as a town with the same rank.

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128 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 10-66c of the general statutes is
129 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
130 *1, 2010*):

131 (a) A regional educational service center shall be a body corporate
132 and politic. The board of a regional educational service center shall be
133 a public educational authority acting on behalf of the state of
134 Connecticut and shall have the power to sue and be sued, to receive
135 and disburse private funds and such prepaid and reimbursed federal,
136 state and local funds as each member board of education may
137 authorize on its own behalf, to employ personnel, to enter into
138 contracts, to perform construction management services, to purchase,
139 receive, hold and convey real and personal property and otherwise to
140 provide the programs, services and activities agreed upon by the
141 member boards of education. The board of a regional educational
142 service center shall have authority, within the limits prescribed by this
143 part and as specified by the written agreement of the member boards,
144 to establish policies for the regional educational service center, to

145 determine the programs and services to be provided, to employ staff
146 including a director of the center, to prepare and expend the budget
147 and, within the limits authorized under this section, to provide for the
148 financing of the programs and projects of the regional educational
149 service center.

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

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| Section 1 | <i>October 1, 2010</i> | 10-158a(a) |
| Sec. 2 | <i>October 1, 2010</i> | 10-266m |
| Sec. 3 | <i>July 1, 2010</i> | 10-66c(a) |