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Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:  
(ED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSPARENCY IN EDUCATION.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) Not later than January 1,  
2 2024, and annually thereafter, the Department of Education shall  
3 conduct a review of each chart of accounts for the previous fiscal year  
4 submitted pursuant to section 10-227 of the general statutes. Following  
5 the review of each such chart of accounts, the department shall prepare  
6 a report for each school district that includes school district financial  
7 information for the following categories: (1) Expense function, (2)  
8 expense object, (3) education type, (4) pre-k flag, (5) allocation, and (6)  
9 funding source. Within each such category, such financial information  
10 shall be disaggregated by each education financial system code utilized  
11 by the department as part of its education financial system.

12 (b) The department shall make the chart of accounts and report of  
13 such chart of accounts for each local or regional board of education  
14 available on its Internet web site.

15 Sec. 2. Section 10-227 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
16 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

17 [Each board of education shall cause the superintendent to make  
18 returns not later than September first of each year to the Commissioner  
19 of Education of the receipts, expenditures and statistics, as prescribed  
20 by the commissioner, provided each such board may submit revisions  
21 to the returns in such form and with such documentation as required by  
22 the commissioner no later than December thirty-first of each year  
23 following the September submission. Such reports or returns required]  
24 Not later than September first of each year, each board of education shall  
25 cause the superintendent to make returns of the receipts, expenditures  
26 and statistics of such board for the previous fiscal year by filing the chart  
27 of accounts described in section 10-10c, as amended by this act, with the  
28 Commissioner of Education. Each such board may submit revisions to  
29 its chart of accounts not later than December thirty-first of each year  
30 following the September submission. Such chart of accounts shall be  
31 [made] filed in accordance with the instructions furnished by the  
32 commissioner, shall be certified no later than December thirty-first of  
33 each year by the independent public accountant selected pursuant to  
34 section 7-392 for the purpose of auditing municipal accounts, and shall  
35 be subject to Department of Education verification. If the [returns and  
36 statistics] chart of accounts and revisions called for by said  
37 commissioner are not [sent] filed on or before the days specified in this  
38 section or if the [returns are] chart of accounts is not certified as required  
39 by the commissioner on or before December thirty-first, each local and  
40 regional board of education required by law to [make separate returns]  
41 file the chart of accounts, whose [returns and statistics] chart of accounts  
42 or revisions are delayed until after those days, shall forfeit of the total  
43 sum which is paid for such board of education from the State Treasurer  
44 an amount to be determined by the State Board of Education, which  
45 amount shall be not less than one thousand dollars nor more than ten  
46 thousand dollars. The amount so forfeited shall be withheld from a  
47 subsequent grant payment as determined by the commissioner.  
48 [Notwithstanding the penalty provision of this section, the  
49 Commissioner of Education may waive said forfeiture for good cause.]

50 Sec. 3. Section 10-10c of the general statutes is repealed and the

51 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

52 (a) The Department of Education shall develop and implement a  
53 uniform system of accounting for school revenues and expenditures.  
54 Such uniform system of accounting shall include a chart of accounts to  
55 be used at the school and district level. Such chart of accounts shall  
56 include, but not be limited to, all amounts and sources of revenue and  
57 donations of cash and real or personal property in the aggregate totaling  
58 five hundred dollars or more, including federal impact aid, received by  
59 a local or regional board of education, regional educational service  
60 center, charter school or charter management organization on behalf of  
61 a school district or individual school. Select measures shall be required  
62 at the individual school level, as determined by the department. The  
63 department shall make such chart of accounts available on its Internet  
64 web site.

65 (b) For the fiscal year ending June 30, [2015] 2024, and each fiscal year  
66 thereafter, each local or regional board of education, regional  
67 educational service center and state charter school shall implement such  
68 uniform system of accounting by completing and filing annual financial  
69 reports with the department using the chart of accounts and meet the  
70 provisions of section 10-227, as amended by this act.

71 (c) The Office of Policy and Management may annually audit the  
72 financial reports submitted pursuant to subsection (b) of this section for  
73 any local or regional board of education, regional educational service  
74 center or state charter school.

75 (d) Not later than July 1, [2013] 2023, the Department of Education  
76 shall submit the chart of accounts described in subsection (a) of this  
77 section to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having  
78 cognizance of matters relating to education and appropriations and the  
79 budgets of state agencies, in accordance with the provisions of section  
80 11-4a.

81 Sec. 4. Section 10-16b of the general statutes is repealed and the

82 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

83 (a) In the public schools the program of instruction offered shall  
84 include at least the following subject matter, as taught by legally  
85 qualified teachers, the arts; career education; consumer education;  
86 health and safety, including, but not limited to, human growth and  
87 development, comprehensive sex education that is age and  
88 developmentally appropriate and includes, but is not limited to,  
89 instruction about affirmative consent, as defined in section 10a-55m,  
90 nutrition, first aid, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation training in  
91 accordance with the provisions of section 10-16qq, disease prevention  
92 and cancer awareness, including, but not limited to, age and  
93 developmentally appropriate instruction in performing self-  
94 examinations for the purposes of screening for breast cancer and  
95 testicular cancer, community and consumer health, physical, mental  
96 and emotional health, including youth suicide prevention, substance  
97 abuse prevention, including instruction relating to opioid use and  
98 related disorders, safety, which shall include the safe use of social  
99 media, as defined in section 9-601, and may include the dangers of gang  
100 membership, and accident prevention; language arts, including reading,  
101 writing, grammar, speaking and spelling; mathematics; physical  
102 education; science, which may include the climate change curriculum  
103 described in subsection (d) of this section; social studies, including, but  
104 not limited to, citizenship, economics, geography, government, history  
105 and Holocaust and genocide education and awareness in accordance  
106 with the provisions of section 10-18f; African-American and black  
107 studies in accordance with the provisions of section 10-16ss; Puerto  
108 Rican and Latino studies in accordance with the provisions of section  
109 10-16ss; computer programming instruction; and in addition, on at least  
110 the secondary level, one or more world languages; vocational education;  
111 and the black and Latino studies course in accordance with the  
112 provisions of sections 10-16tt and 10-16uu. For purposes of this  
113 subsection, world languages shall include American Sign Language,  
114 provided such subject matter is taught by a qualified instructor under  
115 the supervision of a teacher who holds a certificate issued by the State

116 Board of Education. For purposes of this subsection, the "arts" means  
117 any form of visual or performing arts, which may include, but not be  
118 limited to, dance, music, art and theatre; "reading" means evidenced-  
119 based instruction that focuses on competency in the following areas of  
120 reading: Oral language, phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency,  
121 vocabulary, rapid automatic name or letter name fluency and reading  
122 comprehension.

123 (b) If a local or regional board of education requires its pupils to take  
124 a course in a world language, the parent or guardian of a pupil  
125 identified as deaf or hard of hearing may request in writing that such  
126 pupil be exempted from such requirement and, if such a request is  
127 made, such pupil shall be exempt from such requirement.

128 (c) Each local and regional board of education shall on September 1,  
129 1982, and annually thereafter at such time and in such manner as the  
130 Commissioner of Education shall request, attest to the State Board of  
131 Education that such local or regional board of education offers at least  
132 the program of instruction required pursuant to this section, and that  
133 such program of instruction is planned, ongoing and systematic.

134 (d) The State Board of Education shall make available curriculum  
135 materials and such other materials as may assist local and regional  
136 boards of education in developing instructional programs pursuant to  
137 this section. The State Board of Education, within available  
138 appropriations and utilizing available resource materials, shall assist  
139 and encourage local and regional boards of education to include: (1)  
140 Holocaust and genocide education and awareness; (2) the historical  
141 events surrounding the Great Famine in Ireland; (3) African-American  
142 and black studies; (4) Puerto Rican and Latino studies; (5) Native  
143 American history; (6) personal financial management, including, but not  
144 limited to, financial literacy as developed in the plan provided under  
145 section 10-16pp; (7) training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the  
146 use of automatic external defibrillators; (8) labor history and law,  
147 including organized labor, the collective bargaining process, existing

148 legal protections in the workplace, the history and economics of free  
149 market capitalism and entrepreneurialism, and the role of labor and  
150 capitalism in the development of the American and world economies;  
151 (9) climate change consistent with the Next Generation Science  
152 Standards; (10) topics approved by the state board upon the request of  
153 local or regional boards of education as part of the program of  
154 instruction offered pursuant to subsection (a) of this section; and (11)  
155 instruction relating to the Safe Haven Act, sections 17a-57 to 17a-61,  
156 inclusive. The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection  
157 shall be available to each local and regional board of education for the  
158 development of curriculum on climate change as described in this  
159 subsection.

160       Sec. 5. Section 10-16b of the general statutes, as amended by section  
161 376 of public act 21-2 of the June special session and section 263 of public  
162 act 22-118, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:  
163 (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

164       (a) In the public schools the program of instruction offered shall  
165 include at least the following subject matter, as taught by legally  
166 qualified teachers, the arts; career education; consumer education;  
167 health and safety, including, but not limited to, human growth and  
168 development, comprehensive sex education that is age and  
169 developmentally appropriate and includes, but is not limited to,  
170 instruction about affirmative consent, as defined in section 10a-55m,  
171 nutrition, first aid, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation training in  
172 accordance with the provisions of section 10-16qq, disease prevention  
173 and cancer awareness, including, but not limited to, age and  
174 developmentally appropriate instruction in performing self-  
175 examinations for the purposes of screening for breast cancer and  
176 testicular cancer, community and consumer health, physical, mental  
177 and emotional health, including youth suicide prevention, substance  
178 abuse prevention, including instruction relating to opioid use and  
179 related disorders, safety, which shall include the safe use of social  
180 media, as defined in section 9-601, and may include the dangers of gang

181 membership, and accident prevention; language arts, including reading,  
182 writing, grammar, speaking and spelling; mathematics; physical  
183 education; science, which shall include the climate change curriculum  
184 described in subsection (d) of this section; social studies, including, but  
185 not limited to, citizenship, economics, geography, government, history  
186 and Holocaust and genocide education and awareness in accordance  
187 with the provisions of section 10-18f; African-American and black  
188 studies in accordance with the provisions of section 10-16ss; Puerto  
189 Rican and Latino studies in accordance with the provisions of section  
190 10-16ss; Native American studies, in accordance with the provisions of  
191 section 10-16vv; computer programming instruction; and in addition,  
192 on at least the secondary level, one or more world languages; vocational  
193 education; and the black and Latino studies course in accordance with  
194 the provisions of sections 10-16tt and 10-16uu. For purposes of this  
195 subsection, world languages shall include American Sign Language,  
196 provided such subject matter is taught by a qualified instructor under  
197 the supervision of a teacher who holds a certificate issued by the State  
198 Board of Education. For purposes of this subsection, the "arts" means  
199 any form of visual or performing arts, which may include, but not be  
200 limited to, dance, music, art and theatre.

201 (b) If a local or regional board of education requires its pupils to take  
202 a course in a world language, the parent or guardian of a pupil  
203 identified as deaf or hard of hearing may request in writing that such  
204 pupil be exempted from such requirement and, if such a request is  
205 made, such pupil shall be exempt from such requirement.

206 (c) Each local and regional board of education shall on September 1,  
207 1982, and annually thereafter at such time and in such manner as the  
208 Commissioner of Education shall request, attest to the State Board of  
209 Education that such local or regional board of education offers at least  
210 the program of instruction required pursuant to this section, and that  
211 such program of instruction is planned, ongoing and systematic.

212 (d) The State Board of Education shall make available curriculum

213 materials and such other materials as may assist local and regional  
214 boards of education in developing instructional programs pursuant to  
215 this section. The State Board of Education, within available  
216 appropriations and utilizing available resource materials, shall assist  
217 and encourage local and regional boards of education to include: (1)  
218 Holocaust and genocide education and awareness; (2) the historical  
219 events surrounding the Great Famine in Ireland; (3) African-American  
220 and black studies; (4) Puerto Rican and Latino studies; (5) Native  
221 American studies; (6) personal financial management, including, but  
222 not limited to, financial literacy as developed in the plan provided under  
223 section 10-16pp; (7) training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the  
224 use of automatic external defibrillators; (8) labor history and law,  
225 including organized labor, the collective bargaining process, existing  
226 legal protections in the workplace, the history and economics of free  
227 market capitalism and entrepreneurialism, and the role of labor and  
228 capitalism in the development of the American and world economies;  
229 (9) climate change consistent with the Next Generation Science  
230 Standards; (10) topics approved by the state board upon the request of  
231 local or regional boards of education as part of the program of  
232 instruction offered pursuant to subsection (a) of this section; and (11)  
233 instruction relating to the Safe Haven Act, sections 17a-57 to 17a-61,  
234 inclusive. The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection  
235 shall be available to each local and regional board of education for the  
236 development of curriculum on climate change as described in this  
237 subsection.

238 Sec. 6. Section 10-16b of the general statutes, as amended by section  
239 32 of public act 22-80, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
240 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

241 (a) In the public schools the program of instruction offered shall  
242 include at least the following subject matter, as taught by legally  
243 qualified teachers, the arts; career education; consumer education;  
244 health and safety, including, but not limited to, human growth and  
245 development, comprehensive sex education that is age and



246 developmentally appropriate and includes, but is not limited to,  
247 instruction about affirmative consent, as defined in section 10a-55m,  
248 nutrition, first aid, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation training in  
249 accordance with the provisions of section 10-16qq, disease prevention  
250 and cancer awareness, including, but not limited to, age and  
251 developmentally appropriate instruction in performing self-  
252 examinations for the purposes of screening for breast cancer and  
253 testicular cancer, community and consumer health, physical, mental  
254 and emotional health, including youth suicide prevention, substance  
255 abuse prevention, including instruction relating to opioid use and  
256 related disorders, safety, which shall include the safe use of social  
257 media, as defined in section 9-601, and may include the dangers of gang  
258 membership, and accident prevention; language arts, including reading,  
259 writing, grammar, speaking and spelling; mathematics; physical  
260 education; science, which may include the climate change curriculum  
261 described in subsection (d) of this section; social studies, including, but  
262 not limited to, citizenship, economics, geography, government, history  
263 and Holocaust and genocide education and awareness in accordance  
264 with the provisions of section 10-18f; African-American and black  
265 studies in accordance with the provisions of section 10-16ss; Puerto  
266 Rican and Latino studies in accordance with the provisions of section  
267 10-16ss; Native American studies, in accordance with the provisions of  
268 section 10-16vv; Asian American and Pacific Islander studies, in  
269 accordance with the provisions of section 10-66ww; computer  
270 programming instruction; and in addition, on at least the secondary  
271 level, one or more world languages; vocational education; and the black  
272 and Latino studies course in accordance with the provisions of sections  
273 10-16tt and 10-16uu. For purposes of this subsection, world languages  
274 shall include American Sign Language, provided such subject matter is  
275 taught by a qualified instructor under the supervision of a teacher who  
276 holds a certificate issued by the State Board of Education. For purposes  
277 of this subsection, the "arts" means any form of visual or performing  
278 arts, which may include, but not be limited to, dance, music, art and  
279 theatre.

280 (b) If a local or regional board of education requires its pupils to take  
281 a course in a world language, the parent or guardian of a pupil  
282 identified as deaf or hard of hearing may request in writing that such  
283 pupil be exempted from such requirement and, if such a request is  
284 made, such pupil shall be exempt from such requirement.

285 (c) Each local and regional board of education shall on September 1,  
286 1982, and annually thereafter at such time and in such manner as the  
287 Commissioner of Education shall request, attest to the State Board of  
288 Education that such local or regional board of education offers at least  
289 the program of instruction required pursuant to this section, and that  
290 such program of instruction is planned, ongoing and systematic.

291 (d) The State Board of Education shall make available curriculum  
292 materials and such other materials as may assist local and regional  
293 boards of education in developing instructional programs pursuant to  
294 this section. The State Board of Education, within available  
295 appropriations and utilizing available resource materials, shall assist  
296 and encourage local and regional boards of education to include: (1)  
297 Holocaust and genocide education and awareness; (2) the historical  
298 events surrounding the Great Famine in Ireland; (3) African-American  
299 and black studies; (4) Puerto Rican and Latino studies; (5) Native  
300 American studies; (6) Asian American and Pacific Islander studies; (7)  
301 personal financial management, including, but not limited to, financial  
302 literacy as developed in the plan provided under section 10-16pp; (8)  
303 training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of automatic  
304 external defibrillators; (9) labor history and law, including organized  
305 labor, the collective bargaining process, existing legal protections in the  
306 workplace, the history and economics of free market capitalism and  
307 entrepreneurialism, and the role of labor and capitalism in the  
308 development of the American and world economies; (10) climate change  
309 consistent with the Next Generation Science Standards; (11) topics  
310 approved by the state board upon the request of local or regional boards  
311 of education as part of the program of instruction offered pursuant to  
312 subsection (a) of this section; and (12) instruction relating to the Safe

313 Haven Act, sections 17a-57 to 17a-61, inclusive. The Department of  
314 Energy and Environmental Protection shall be available to each local  
315 and regional board of education for the development of curriculum on  
316 climate change as described in this subsection.

317 Sec. 7. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) On and after July 1, 2023, the  
318 Department of Education shall annually offer a training program to  
319 newly elected members of local and regional boards of education. Such  
320 training program shall be developed by the department, and include,  
321 but not be limited to, the role and responsibilities of a board member,  
322 the duties and obligations of a board of education and school district  
323 budgeting and education finance.

324 Sec. 8. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) On and after July 1, 2023, any  
325 person who has been elected to a local or regional board of education  
326 for the first time shall complete, at a time and in a manner prescribed by  
327 the Department of Education, the training program for newly elected  
328 members of local and regional boards of education, as described in  
329 section 7 of this act. Each such member shall complete such training  
330 program not later than one year after assuming office.

331 Sec. 9. Subsection (i) of section 10-145a of the general statutes is  
332 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
333 *2023*):

334 (i) On and after July 1, [2016] 2023, any program of teacher  
335 preparation leading to professional certification shall require, as part of  
336 the curriculum, clinical experience, field experience or student teaching  
337 experience in a classroom during four semesters of such program of  
338 teacher preparation. [Such clinical experience, field experience or  
339 student teaching experience shall occur: (1) In a school district that has  
340 been categorized by the Department of Education as District Reference  
341 Group A, B, C, D or E, and (2) in a school district that has been  
342 categorized by the department as District Reference Group F, G, H or I.]  
343 Such clinical experience, field experience or student teaching experience  
344 may include a cooperating teacher serving as a mentor to student

345 teachers, provided such cooperating teacher has received a performance  
346 evaluation designation of exemplary or proficient, pursuant to section  
347 10-151b, for the prior school year.

348 Sec. 10. Subsections (a) to (c), inclusive, of section 10-262u of the  
349 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
350 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

351 (a) As used in this section and section 10-262i:

352 (1) "Alliance district" means a school district for a town that (A) is  
353 among the towns with the [thirty-three] lowest accountability index  
354 scores [, as calculated] and so designated by the [Department]  
355 Commissioner of Education, or (B) was previously designated as an  
356 alliance district by the Commissioner of Education [for the fiscal years  
357 ending June 30, 2013, to June 30, 2022, inclusive] on or before July 1,  
358 2023.

359 (2) "Accountability index" has the same meaning as provided in  
360 section 10-223e.

361 (3) "Mastery test data of record" has the same meaning as provided  
362 in section 10-262f.

363 (4) "Educational reform district" means an alliance district that is  
364 among the ten lowest accountability index scores when all towns are  
365 ranked highest to lowest in accountability index scores.

366 (b) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, the Commissioner of  
367 Education shall designate thirty school districts as alliance districts.  
368 [Any school district designated as an alliance district shall be so  
369 designated for a period of five years. On or before June 30, 2016, the  
370 Department of Education shall determine if there are any additional  
371 alliance districts.]

372 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the commissioner shall  
373 designate thirty-three school districts as alliance districts. [Any school

374 district designated as an alliance district shall be so designated for a  
375 period of five years.]

376 (3) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the commissioner shall  
377 designate thirty-six school districts as alliance districts. [Any school  
378 district designated as an alliance district shall be so designated for a  
379 period of five years.]

380 (4) On and after July 1, 2023, the commissioner may designate  
381 additional school districts as alliance districts.

382 (c) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, and each fiscal year  
383 thereafter, the Comptroller shall withhold from any town that [(A)] was  
384 designated as an alliance district (A) pursuant to subdivision (2) of  
385 subsection (b) of this section any increase in funds received over the  
386 amount the town received for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012,  
387 pursuant to subsection (a) of section 10-262i, [and (B) was designated as  
388 an alliance district] (B) for the first time pursuant to subdivision (3) of  
389 subsection (b) of this section, any increase in funds received over the  
390 amount the town received for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022,  
391 pursuant to subsection (a) of section 10-262i, or (C) pursuant to  
392 subdivision (4) of subsection (b) of this section any increase in funds  
393 received over the amount the town received for the fiscal year prior to  
394 such designation as an alliance district pursuant to subsection (a) of  
395 section 10-262i. The Comptroller shall transfer such funds to the  
396 Commissioner of Education.

397 (2) Upon receipt of an application pursuant to subsection (d) of this  
398 section or section 10-156gg, the Commissioner of Education may pay  
399 such funds to the town designated as an alliance district and such town  
400 shall pay all such funds to the local or regional board of education for  
401 such town on the condition that such funds shall be expended in  
402 accordance with (A) the plan described in subsection (d) of this section,  
403 (B) the minority candidate certification, retention or residency year  
404 program pursuant to section 10-156gg, (C) the family resource center  
405 program, pursuant to section 10-4o, to establish a family resource center

406 in each elementary school under the jurisdiction of such board, (D) the  
407 provisions of subsection (c) of section 10-262i, and [(D)] (E) any  
408 guidelines developed by the State Board of Education for such funds.  
409 Such funds shall be used to improve student achievement and recruit  
410 and retain minority teachers in such alliance district and to offset any  
411 other local education costs approved by the commissioner.

412 Sec. 11. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) As used in this section:

413 (1) "Alliance district" has the same meaning as provided in section 10-  
414 262u of the general statutes, as amended by this act;

415 (2) "Private entity" means any individual, corporation, general  
416 partnership, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, joint  
417 venture, nonprofit organization or other business entity;

418 (3) "Public-private partnership" means the relationship established  
419 between the local or regional board of education for a town designated  
420 as an alliance district, a community college and a private entity for the  
421 purpose of implementing a pathways in technology early college high  
422 school program; and

423 (4) "Pathways in technology early college high school program"  
424 means a program of instruction in which students in grades nine to  
425 twelve, inclusive, complete high school and college-level coursework  
426 while simultaneously engaging in industry-guided workforce  
427 development.

428 (b) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, and each fiscal year  
429 thereafter, the Department of Education shall annually issue a request  
430 for proposals to local and regional boards of education for towns  
431 designated as alliance districts for the establishment of a new public-  
432 private partnership or the enhancement of an existing pathways in  
433 technology early college high school program. The department shall  
434 review such proposals and award a grant to two such boards for the  
435 costs associated with the establishment or enhancement of a pathways

436 in technology early college high school program.

437       Sec. 12. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) No person shall sell or offer for  
438 sale to any local or regional board of education, or in any public school,  
439 any food product in which the name and branding on the packaging  
440 that is available at retail in the general market place is the same or  
441 similar to the name and branding on the packaging for sale in a public  
442 school, but in which the nutritional value or ingredients in such food  
443 product deviate from the same or similarly named and branded food  
444 product that is for sale in a public school.

445       Sec. 13. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) For the fiscal years ending June 30,  
446 2024, to June 30, 2026, inclusive, the Department of Education shall  
447 administer a wholesome school meals pilot program that awards a grant  
448 to an alliance district, as defined in section 10-262u of the general  
449 statutes, as amended by this act, for the purpose of embedding a  
450 professional chef in such alliance district to assist school meal programs  
451 in building the capacity of food service staff, improving school meal  
452 quality, increasing diner satisfaction, streamlining operations and  
453 establishing a financially viable school meal program. The department  
454 shall partner with an organization that specializes in the placement of  
455 chefs for the purposes described in this subsection.

456       (b) Not later than October 1, 2023, a local or regional board of  
457 education for a town designated as an alliance district may apply to the  
458 department, in a form and manner prescribed by the department, for a  
459 grant under this section.

460       (c) The department shall review each application submitted under  
461 subsection (b) of this section and award five grants under this section.  
462 Each grant recipient shall receive an annual grant of one hundred fifty  
463 thousand dollars in each year of the pilot program. Such grant shall be  
464 expended for the purposes described in subsection (a) of this section.

465       (d) Not later than January 1, 2027, the department shall submit a  
466 report on the wholesome school meals pilot program to the joint

467 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
 468 matters relating to education and appropriations, in accordance with the  
 469 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	10-227
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	10-10c
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	10-16b
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	10-16b
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	10-16b
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	10-145a(i)
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	10-262u(a) to (c)
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