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Connecticut State Board of Education Hartford

To Be Proposed:

June 5, 2024

Resolved, That the State Board of Education approves the request for Finance Advisory Committee action to transfer funds from the Aspiring Educators Diversity Scholarship Program account to the Vocational Agriculture account and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

Approved by a vote of _____ this fifth day of June, Two Thousand Twenty-Four.

Signed: _____
Charlene M. Russell-Tucker, Secretary
State Board of Education

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To: State Board of Education
From: Charlene M. Russell-Tucker, Commissioner of Education
Date: June 5, 2024
Subject: Request for Finance Advisory Committee (FAC) Action

When an agency needs to transfer funds between state accounts over a certain dollar threshold, it must make a request to the Office of Policy and Management that the transfer be considered by the FAC.

The Department is requesting the following FAC action:

Transfer of funds from:
Aspiring Educators Diversity Scholarship Program (SID 12652) account \$759,000

Funding is available in the Aspiring Educators Diversity Scholarship Program account due to fewer than anticipated qualified applicants.

Transfer of funds to:
Vocational Agriculture (SID 17017) account \$759,000

Public Act 24-81 removes the “within available appropriations” language, essentially removing the cap on the Vocational Agriculture grant for the 2024 fiscal year. This means the Department no longer has statutory authority to prorate the entitlements to remain within the appropriation. Therefore, we must transfer sufficient funds into the account to cover the shortfall. The grant reimburses districts for a percentage of current year costs for vocational agriculture programs. Actual costs came in higher than the appropriation.

Therefore, we are requesting to repurpose a portion of the Aspiring Educators Diversity Scholarship Program funds to cover additional financial needs in the Vocational Agriculture account.

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