



Governor Ned Lamont

Fact Sheet: 2026 Legislative Proposal

HOUSE BILL 5033

AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EDUCATION

The Current Situation

Implement the Governor's Budget Recommendations Related to Education.

Governor Lamont's Solution

Sections 1 through 3 set a schedule by which magnet and vocational agriculture operators can increase the rate at which they charge tuition, ensuring appropriate revenue to support the students who attend these schools.

Sections 4 and 5 extend the caps on the adult education and health and welfare for private pupils grants through FY 2027.

Section 6 repeals a contracting requirement in order to allow the State Department of Education (SDE) to make funds available for maintenance of the Educator Certification System.

Section 7 through 9 clarify that certain state special education grants and programming are to be implemented within available appropriations.

Section 10 establishes an SDE operated Teacher Apprenticeship program funded at \$2 million in FY 27. This will support 75 teacher apprenticeships across the state.

Section 11 effectuates the transfer of the Office of the Student Loan Ombudsman from the Department of Banking to the Office of Higher



Education, for administrative purposes only, and changes the ombudsman appointing authority from the Banking Commissioner to the Governor.

Section 12 repeals \$12 million in additional funding beyond the formula grant level for RESC Magnets. These districts will receive additional tuition funds through the statutory changes proposed in sections 1 through 3.