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**AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, A
STANDARD SELF-EMPLOYMENT EXPENSE DEDUCTION FOR
TEMPORARY FAMILY ASSISTANCE, THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS
SURCHARGE TO SUPPORT THE FIREFIGHTERS CANCER RELIEF
PROGRAM, COURTHOUSE OPERATIONS, DATA PROTECTION AND
PROCEDURES FOR REDISTRICTING AND CORRECTING
DISTRICTING ERRORS.**

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

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Transforming Children's
2 Behavioral Health Policy and Planning Committee, established
3 pursuant to section 2-137 of the general statutes, as amended by this act,
4 shall conduct a study concerning existing behavioral health services for
5 children and anticipated demand for such services in the future. Such
6 study shall include, but need not be limited to, (1) the rates of utilization
7 of the following providers of behavioral health services for children: (A)
8 The United Way of Connecticut 2-1-1 Infoline program, (B) 9-8-8
9 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, (C) mobile crisis intervention

10 services, urgent crisis centers, as defined in section 19a-179f of the
11 general statutes, (D) subacute crisis stabilization centers, and (E)
12 hospital emergency departments, (2) outreach and marketing strategies
13 utilized by the service providers listed in subdivision (1) of this
14 subsection, (3) common sources of patient referrals to such service
15 providers, (4) the allocation of state and other financial resources to such
16 service providers, and (5) the anticipated demand for behavioral health
17 services for children into the future.

18 (b) Not later than January 1, 2027, the Transforming Children's
19 Behavioral Health Policy and Planning Committee shall submit a report,
20 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
21 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
22 cognizance of matters relating to developmental services, public health
23 and children. Such report shall include an analysis of (1) data collected
24 in conducting the study required pursuant to subsection (a) of this
25 section, and (2) recommendations to improve the delivery of behavioral
26 health services for children and meet anticipated demand for such
27 services into the future.

28 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Transforming Children's
29 Behavioral Health Policy and Planning Committee established pursuant
30 to section 2-137 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, shall, in
31 collaboration with (1) a state-wide association of school-based health
32 centers, develop a survey for administration at such centers that is
33 designed to obtain information from such centers concerning existing
34 data collection practices and the anticipated challenges and
35 opportunities presented by the implementation of more comprehensive
36 data collection systems at such centers, and (2) the Commissioner of
37 Public Health, develop appropriate reporting requirements for school-
38 based health centers to determine and respond to the needs of such
39 centers. The committee may contract with a consultant to develop the
40 survey required pursuant to this subsection.

41 (b) Not later than January 1, 2027, the Transforming Children's

42 Behavioral Health Policy and Planning Committee shall submit a report,
43 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
44 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
45 cognizance of matters relating to public health. Such report shall
46 include, but need not be limited to, the survey and reporting
47 requirements developed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

48 Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section, "Certified
49 Community Behavioral Health Clinics Planning Grant" means a grant
50 program funded by the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health
51 Services Administration to support state-certified behavioral health
52 clinics.

53 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services, in consultation with the
54 Commissioners of Mental Health and Addiction Services and Children
55 and Families, shall use moneys from the Certified Community
56 Behavioral Health Clinics Planning Grant to support development of:
57 (1) Reimbursement for acuity-based care coordination service to
58 improve behavioral outcomes for children, (2) a value-based payment
59 model that provides financial incentives to providers when outcomes
60 improve for children in their care and holds such providers accountable
61 for poor outcomes, and (3) a system to help providers and clients better
62 navigate behavioral health care resources and requirements.

63 (c) Not later than January 1, 2027, the Commissioner of Social Services
64 shall file a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of
65 the general statutes, with the joint standing committees of the General
66 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children, human
67 services and public health on the expenditure of planning grant funds
68 and any improvement to behavioral outcomes attributable to the
69 expenditure of grant funds pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

70 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section,
71 "Intensive In-Home Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Services", or
72 "IICAPS", means in-home psychiatric treatment administered by the

73 Yale Child Study Center at the Yale School of Medicine for families with
74 children or adolescents who have serious emotional disturbances, and
75 are at risk for hospitalization.

76 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services shall consult with the Yale
77 Child Study Center to review IICAPS and other evidence-based
78 alternatives that focus on delivering positive outcomes for children with
79 behavioral health issues in a sustainable manner while considering the
80 needs and time demands on children and families enrolled in the
81 center's IICAPS program. Not later than January 1, 2027, the
82 commissioner shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section
83 11-4a of the general statutes, the results of the review to the
84 Transforming Children's Behavioral Health Policy and Planning
85 Committee established pursuant to section 2-137 of the general statutes,
86 as amended by this act. The report shall include recommendations
87 concerning IICAPS models that may be used to deliver Medicaid-
88 funded behavioral health care in the state.

89 (c) The Transforming Children's Behavioral Health Policy and
90 Planning Committee established pursuant to section 2-137 of the general
91 statutes, as amended by this act, within available appropriations, may
92 contract with the Yale Child Study Center to determine what additional
93 federal funding and reimbursements may be available for IICAPS
94 model development and to conduct a quasi-experimental design trial of
95 the Yale Child Study Center model to determine whether it may qualify
96 federally as an evidence-based treatment program.

97 Sec. 5. Subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of section 38a-514b of the
98 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
99 thereof (*Effective January 1, 2027*):

100 (4) "Behavioral therapy" means any interactive behavioral therapies
101 derived from evidence-based research and consistent with the services
102 and interventions designated by the Commissioner of Social Services
103 pursuant to subsection (e) of section 17a-215c, including, but not limited

104 to, applied behavior analysis, cognitive behavioral therapy, or other
105 therapies supported by empirical evidence of the effective treatment of
106 individuals diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder, that are: (A)
107 Provided to [children less than twenty-one] individuals under twenty-
108 six years of age; and (B) provided or supervised by (i) a licensed
109 behavior analyst, (ii) a licensed physician, or (iii) a licensed
110 psychologist. For the purposes of this subdivision, behavioral therapy is
111 "supervised by" such licensed behavior analyst, licensed physician or
112 licensed psychologist when such supervision entails at least one hour of
113 face-to-face supervision of the autism spectrum disorder services
114 provider by such licensed behavior analyst, licensed physician or
115 licensed psychologist for each ten hours of behavioral therapy provided
116 by the supervised provider.

117 Sec. 6. Subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of section 38a-488b of the
118 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
119 thereof (*Effective January 1, 2027*):

120 (4) "Behavioral therapy" means any interactive behavioral therapies
121 derived from evidence-based research and consistent with the services
122 and interventions designated by the Commissioner of Social Services
123 pursuant to subsection (e) of section 17a-215c, including, but not limited
124 to, applied behavior analysis, cognitive behavioral therapy, or other
125 therapies supported by empirical evidence of the effective treatment of
126 individuals diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder, that are: (A)
127 Provided to [children less than twenty-one] individuals under twenty-
128 six years of age; and (B) provided or supervised by (i) a licensed
129 behavior analyst, (ii) a licensed physician, or (iii) a licensed
130 psychologist. For the purposes of this subdivision, behavioral therapy is
131 "supervised by" such licensed behavior analyst, licensed physician or
132 licensed psychologist when such supervision entails at least one hour of
133 face-to-face supervision of the autism spectrum disorder services
134 provider by such licensed behavior analyst, licensed physician or
135 licensed psychologist for each ten hours of behavioral therapy provided
136 by the supervised provider.

137 Sec. 7. (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section, "urgent crisis
138 center" has the same meaning as provided in section 19a-179f of the
139 general statutes. The Transforming Children's Behavioral Health Policy
140 and Planning Committee established pursuant to section 2-137 of the
141 general statutes, as amended by this act, in consultation with the
142 Behavioral Health Advocate, Insurance Commissioner and
143 Commissioner of Children and Families, shall convene a working group
144 to review private health insurance coverage for treatment of children at
145 urgent crisis centers, identify potential barriers to commercial insurance
146 coverage and reimbursement and make recommendations to address
147 any such barriers.

148 (b) Not later than October 1, 2026, the Transforming Children's
149 Behavioral Health Policy and Planning Committee shall submit a report,
150 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
151 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
152 cognizance of matters relating to children, human services and
153 appropriations and the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
154 Management. Such report shall include, but need not be limited to, the
155 working group's findings and recommendations.

156 Sec. 8. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There shall be an advisory committee
157 to advise the Council on Medical Assistance Program Oversight,
158 established pursuant to section 17b-28 of the general statutes, on a
159 statutory and regulatory framework for the delivery of applied behavior
160 analysis services to children by all providers, including, but not limited
161 to, providers enrolled in Medicaid.

162 (b) The advisory committee's review shall include, but need not be
163 limited to: (1) Current legislative and regulatory oversight of such
164 services, (2) potential statutory and regulatory frameworks for oversight
165 of such services, including, but not limited to, the need for any
166 regulatory structure to include expertise in the provision of child care
167 and applied behavior analysis services to children with autism spectrum
168 disorder, (3) whether employees of any entity delivering applied

169 behavior analysis services to children should be mandated reporters of
170 suspected abuse or neglect of such children, (4) whether employees of
171 applied behavior analysis services providers should submit to
172 comprehensive background checks, (5) a rate-setting structure to ensure
173 adequate Medicaid reimbursement rates to ensure reasonably prompt
174 access to such services for children and families, and (6) whether any
175 entity delivering applied behavioral analysis services to children should
176 provide notice to patients regarding the manner in which to report
177 complaints regarding the conduct of licensed professionals to the
178 Department of Public Health.

179 (c) The advisory committee shall consist of the following members:

180 (1) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
181 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
182 relating to public health, human services and children, or their
183 designees;

184 (2) The Commissioner of Early Childhood, or the commissioner's
185 designee;

186 (3) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's
187 designee;

188 (4) The Commissioner of Social Services, or the commissioner's
189 designee;

190 (5) The Commissioner of Children and Families, or the
191 commissioner's designee;

192 (6) The Commissioner of Developmental Services, or the
193 commissioner's designee;

194 (7) The Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee;

195 (8) The Child Advocate, or the Child Advocate's designee;

196 (9) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the
197 secretary's designee;

198 (10) A representative of the Autism Spectrum Disorder Advisory
199 Council, selected by the cochairpersons of the council;

200 (11) One appointed jointly by the House and Senate chairpersons of
201 the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
202 cognizance of matters relating to public health, who shall be a
203 representative of an entity that provides applied behavior analysis
204 services to children;

205 (12) One appointed jointly by the ranking House and Senate members
206 of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
207 cognizance of matters relating to public health, who shall be a parent of
208 a child with autism spectrum disorder;

209 (13) One appointed jointly by the House and Senate chairpersons of
210 the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
211 cognizance of matters relating to human services, who shall be a
212 representative of an organization dedicated to advocacy for children
213 with autism spectrum disorder;

214 (14) One appointed jointly by the ranking House and Senate members
215 of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
216 cognizance of matters relating to human services, who shall be a parent
217 of a child with autism spectrum disorder;

218 (15) One appointed jointly by the House and Senate chairpersons of
219 the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
220 cognizance of matters relating to children, who shall be a board-certified
221 behavior analyst who provides services to children; and

222 (16) One appointed jointly by the ranking House and Senate members
223 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
224 children, who shall be a psychiatrist with expertise in the delivery of

225 services to children with autism spectrum disorder.

226 (d) Any member of the advisory committee appointed under
227 subdivision (11), (12), (13), (14), (15) or (16) of subsection (c) of this
228 section may be a member of the General Assembly.

229 (e) All initial appointments to the advisory committee shall be made
230 not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any
231 vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority.

232 (f) The advisory committee shall hold its first meeting within sixty
233 days of the effective date of this section and choose a chairperson from
234 among its members. The Joint Committee on Legislative Management
235 shall provide administrative support to such chairperson and advisory
236 committee.

237 (g) Not later than January 1, 2027, the advisory committee shall
238 submit a report on its review and recommendations, in accordance with
239 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the Council on
240 Medical Assistance Program Oversight, the Governor and the joint
241 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
242 matters relating to children, human services and public health. The
243 advisory committee shall terminate on the date that it submits such
244 report or January 1, 2027, whichever is later.

245 Sec. 9. Subsection (b) of section 2-137 of the general statutes is
246 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
247 *passage*):

248 (b) The committee shall consist of the following members:

249 (1) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
250 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
251 relating to public health, human services, children and appropriations
252 and the budgets of state agencies, or their designees;

253 (2) Three appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,

254 one of whom shall be a member of the General Assembly and two of
255 whom shall be providers of behavioral health services for children in the
256 state;

257 (3) Three appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one
258 of whom shall be a member of the General Assembly and two of whom
259 shall be representatives of private advocacy groups that provide
260 services for children and families in the state;

261 (4) (A) Two appointed by the chairperson of the committee selected
262 by the speaker of the House of Representatives pursuant to subsection
263 (e) of this section, one of whom shall be a child or youth advocate; [and]
264 (B) two appointed by the chairperson of the committee selected by the
265 president pro tempore of the Senate pursuant to subsection (e) of this
266 section, one of whom shall be a child or youth advocate; and (C) two
267 jointly appointed by the three chairpersons of the committee, as
268 described in subsection (e) of this section, who shall be providers of
269 substance use treatment services to young adults;

270 (5) Two appointed by the majority leader of the House of
271 Representatives, who shall be representatives of children's hospitals;

272 (6) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be
273 a representative of public school superintendents in the state;

274 (7) Two appointed by the minority leader of the House of
275 Representatives, who shall be representatives of families with children
276 who have been diagnosed with behavioral health disorders;

277 (8) Two appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be
278 providers of behavioral health services;

279 (9) Two jointly appointed by the chairpersons of the joint standing
280 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
281 relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, each of
282 whom shall be a representative of one of the two federally recognized

283 Indian tribes in the state;

284 (10) The Commissioners of Children and Families, Correction,
285 Developmental Services, Early Childhood, Education, Insurance,
286 Mental Health and Addiction Services, Public Health and Social
287 Services, or their designees;

288 (11) The Commissioner of Health Strategy, or the commissioner's
289 designee;

290 (12) The Child Advocate, or the Child Advocate's designee;

291 (13) The Healthcare Advocate [, or the Healthcare Advocate's
292 designee] and the Behavioral Health Advocate, or their designees;

293 (14) The executive director of the Court Support Services Division of
294 the Judicial Branch, or the executive director's designee;

295 (15) The executive director of the Commission on Women, Children,
296 Seniors, Equity and Opportunity, or the executive director's designee;

297 (16) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the
298 secretary's designee; and

299 (17) One representative from each administrative services
300 organization under contract with the Department of Social Services to
301 provide such services for recipients of assistance under the HUSKY
302 Health program, who shall be ex-officio, nonvoting members.

303 Sec. 10. Subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of section 17b-112 of the
304 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
305 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

306 (d) (1) Under said program, no family shall be eligible that has total
307 gross earnings exceeding the federal poverty level, however, in the
308 calculation of the benefit amount for eligible families and previously
309 eligible families that become ineligible temporarily because of receipt of

310 workers' compensation benefits by a family member who subsequently
311 returns to work immediately after the period of receipt of such benefits,
312 earned income shall be disregarded up to the federal poverty level.
313 When calculating the earnings of a family with income from self-
314 employment, the commissioner shall apply a standard deduction
315 equivalent to fifty-one per cent of the total monthly income derived
316 from such self-employment, provided the family verifies at least one
317 allowable expense directly related to earning such income. A family
318 may instead deduct all allowable monthly expenses directly related to
319 the self-employment earnings if such expenses are verified and, in the
320 aggregate, exceed the amount of the standard deduction. On and after
321 October 1, 2023, the commissioner shall not deny a family assistance
322 under said program on the basis of such family's assets unless such
323 assets exceed six thousand dollars. Except when determining eligibility
324 for a six-month extension of benefits pursuant to subsection (c) of this
325 section, the commissioner shall disregard the first fifty dollars per
326 month of income attributable to current child support that a family
327 receives in determining eligibility and benefit levels for temporary
328 family assistance. Any current child support in excess of fifty dollars per
329 month collected by the department on behalf of an eligible child shall be
330 considered in determining eligibility but shall not be considered when
331 calculating benefits and shall be taken as reimbursement for assistance
332 paid under this section, except that when the current child support
333 collected exceeds the family's monthly award of temporary family
334 assistance benefits plus fifty dollars, the current child support shall be
335 paid to the family and shall be considered when calculating benefits.

336 Sec. 11. Section 407 of public act 25-168 is repealed and the following
337 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

338 (a) As used in this section, "provider" means a telephone or
339 telecommunications company providing local telephone service,
340 provider of commercial mobile radio service, as defined in 47 CFR
341 Section 20.3, as amended from time to time, and voice over Internet
342 protocol service provider, as defined in section 28-30b of the general

343 statutes.

344 (b) On and after January 1, [2026] 2027, each provider shall assess
345 against each subscriber a fee in an amount equal to five cents per month
346 per access line. [, unless the subscriber has opted out of such fee in
347 accordance with the provisions of subsection (c) of this section.] Each fee
348 assessed under this subsection shall be remitted to the office of the State
349 Treasurer for deposit into the firefighters cancer relief account
350 established pursuant to section 7-313h of the general statutes, not later
351 than the fifteenth day of each month. No part of any fee assessed under
352 this subsection shall be subject to a refund.

353 (c) Not later than [sixty days before a provider first assesses the fee
354 described in subsection (b) of this section against a subscriber]
355 November 1, 2026, the provider shall provide written notice to [such]
356 each subscriber disclosing [(1)] the amount and frequency of such fee. [,
357 (2) that the subscriber may opt out of such fee prior to the first
358 assessment of such fee or a subsequent assessment of such fee, (3) that
359 such fee will be assessed against the subscriber if the subscriber does not
360 opt out of such fee, (4) the process to opt out of the first assessment of
361 such fee or a subsequent assessment of such fee, and (5) the date when
362 such fee will be assessed against the subscriber if the subscriber does not
363 opt out of such fee.]

364 (d) The fee described in subsection (b) of this section shall not apply
365 to any prepaid wireless telecommunications service, as defined in
366 section 28-30b of the general statutes.

367 Sec. 12. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) No representative of a local,
368 state or federal law enforcement authority shall detain, arrest or
369 otherwise take an individual on courthouse grounds into custody on the
370 basis of a civil offense, unless such representative (1) is acting in the
371 representative's official capacity, and (2) has notified a judicial marshal
372 within the courthouse in which the representative intends to detain,
373 arrest or otherwise take an individual into custody and has provided

374 documentation to the judicial marshal demonstrating that the
375 individual to be detained, arrested or otherwise taken into custody (A)
376 is the subject of a judicial warrant, (B) has been convicted of (i) a
377 violation of section 53-21 of the general statutes, 53a-56a of the general
378 statutes, 53a-64aa of the general statutes, 53a-71 of the general statutes,
379 53a-72a of the general statutes, 53a-72b of the general statutes, 53a-90a
380 of the general statutes, 53a-102a of the general statutes, 53a-196e of the
381 general statutes, 53a-196f of the general statutes, 53a-196i of the general
382 statutes, 53a-222 of the general statutes or 53a-223 of the general statutes,
383 or (ii) any class A or B felony offense, or (C) is identified as a possible
384 match in the federal Terrorist Screening Database or similar database.
385 The provisions of this subsection do not apply to a judicial marshal
386 detaining, arresting or otherwise taking an individual on courthouse
387 grounds into custody.

388 (b) Any judicial marshal receiving documentation pursuant to
389 subsection (a) of this section shall promptly review such documentation
390 in accordance with policies and procedures approved by the Office of
391 the Chief Court Administrator. No representative of a local, state or
392 federal law enforcement authority shall detain, arrest or otherwise take
393 an individual on courthouse grounds into custody on the basis of a civil
394 offense who is the subject of such documentation, unless the judicial
395 marshal determines, based upon such review, that such individual (1) is
396 the subject of a judicial warrant, (2) has been convicted of (A) a violation
397 of section 53-21 of the general statutes, 53a-56a of the general statutes,
398 53a-64aa of the general statutes, 53a-71 of the general statutes, 53a-72a
399 of the general statutes, 53a-72b of the general statutes, 53a-90a of the
400 general statutes, 53a-102a of the general statutes, 53a-196e of the general
401 statutes, 53a-196f of the general statutes, 53a-196i of the general statutes,
402 53a-222 of the general statutes or 53a-223 of the general statutes, or (B)
403 any class A or B felony offense, or (3) is identified as a possible match in
404 the federal Terrorist Screening Database or similar database.

405 (c) Any violation of the provisions of this section may be deemed
406 contempt of court and punished in accordance with the provisions of

407 section 51-33 of the general statutes.

408 (d) Any individual aggrieved by a violation of this section may bring
409 a civil action for equitable relief or damages in the Superior Court. A
410 civil action brought for damages may be triable by jury.

411 (e) In any action pursuant to this section, the court may award
412 reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred to the prevailing party.

413 (f) No action may be commenced pursuant to subsection (d) of this
414 section against the Judicial Branch or any officer or employee of said
415 branch acting lawfully pursuant to such officer's or employee's official
416 capacity, regarding actions or omissions of said branch or such officer
417 or employee.

418 (g) The provisions of this section shall not be construed to prohibit a
419 representative of a local, state or federal law enforcement authority from
420 detaining, arresting or otherwise taking an individual on courthouse
421 grounds into custody on the basis of a civil offense, if such action is in
422 compliance with the provisions of this section and section 54-192h of the
423 general statutes.

424 (h) For purposes of this section, "courthouse" means the interior of
425 any facility or property in which a court of this state conducts business,
426 and "courthouse grounds" includes the courthouse and any garage or
427 parking lot owned by the Judicial Branch, or under contract with said
428 branch, for the purpose of serving a courthouse, any walkways or
429 sidewalks on the grounds of, contiguous to or abutting the grounds of
430 the courthouse or connecting such garage or parking lot to the
431 courthouse or grounds of the courthouse.

432 Sec. 13. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) No individual shall, while
433 carrying out the enforcement of laws of this state, any other state or the
434 United States, wear a mask or other covering that obscures the face of
435 such individual while on courthouse grounds, as defined in section 12
436 of this act, unless medically necessary and with prior authorization of a

437 judicial authority.

438 Sec. 14. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) No public agency, as defined
439 in section 1-200 of the general statutes, or employee, appointee, officer
440 or official or any other individual acting on behalf of a public agency
441 shall disclose an individual's personal information that is not a matter
442 of public record to any other individual or entity that is not a public
443 agency or employee, appointee, officer or official or any other individual
444 acting on behalf of a public agency, unless such disclosure is:

445 (1) Authorized in writing by the individual to whom the information
446 pertains, or by the parent or guardian of such individual if the
447 individual is a minor or not legally competent to consent to such
448 disclosure;

449 (2) Necessary in furtherance of a criminal investigation of terrorism
450 of an individual identified as a possible match in the federal Terrorist
451 Screening Database or similar database; or

452 (3) Otherwise required by state or federal law, including, but not
453 limited to, student and exchange visitor visa sponsorship requirements
454 for public institutions of higher education, or in compliance with a
455 judicial warrant or court order issued by a judge or magistrate of the
456 state or federal judicial branches.

457 (b) For purposes of this section, an individual's personal information
458 includes (1) such individual's address, (2) such individual's workplace
459 or hours of work, (3) such individual's school or school hours, (4) the
460 date, time or place of such individual's hearings, proceedings or
461 appointments with a public agency, or (5) any other information that
462 provides the date, time or place where such individual may be located.

463 (c) The Attorney General may bring an action against any individual
464 or entity who violates the provisions of this section in the superior court
465 for the judicial district of Hartford for injunction, declaratory judgment
466 or mandamus.

467 (d) Nothing in this section shall permit the Attorney General to assert
468 any claim against a state agency or a state officer or state employee in
469 such officer's or employee's official capacity, regarding actions or
470 omissions of such state agency, state officer or state employee. If the
471 Attorney General determines that a state officer or state employee is not
472 entitled to indemnification under section 5-141d of the general statutes,
473 the Attorney General may, as it relates to such officer or employee, take
474 any action authorized under this section.

475 (e) If there is a conflict between any provision of this section and any
476 provision of chapter 14 of the general statutes, the provision of chapter
477 14 of the general statutes shall prevail.

478 Sec. 15. Section 9-50b of the general statutes is repealed and the
479 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

480 (a) As used in this section, "state-wide centralized voter registration
481 system" means a computerized system designed and maintained by the
482 Secretary of the State which includes: (1) Voter registration information
483 prescribed by the Secretary, (2) information contained in applications
484 for admission as electors described in section 9-20, (3) information
485 needed to compile registry lists and enrollment lists under sections 9-35
486 and 9-54, (4) information required by section 9-50a, and (5) other
487 information for use in complying with the provisions of this title.

488 (b) Not later than July 1, 2003, each registrar of voters shall transmit
489 to the office of the Secretary of the State all elector information required
490 by the office to complete the state-wide centralized voter registration
491 system. Each registrar shall transmit such information in a format
492 prescribed by the Secretary. Not later than September 1, 2003, each
493 registrar of voters shall participate in the state-wide centralized voter
494 registration system in the manner prescribed by the Secretary. On and
495 after July 1, 2024, each town clerk shall utilize the state-wide centralized
496 voter registration system whenever carrying out any provision of this
497 title.

498 (c) Not later than sixty days after each election or primary, the
499 registrars of voters shall update the state-wide centralized voter
500 registration system and indicate whether the eligible voters on the
501 official registry list for such election or primary voted and, if so, [if]
502 whether they voted in person on the day of such election or primary, in
503 person during the period of early voting at such election or primary or
504 by absentee ballot.

505 (d) (1) Upon the adoption or other establishment of a plan of
506 districting pursuant to article sixteenth of the amendments to the
507 Constitution of the state, as amended by articles twenty-sixth and
508 thirtieth of said amendments, the General Assembly, the
509 reapportionment commission or the Supreme Court, as applicable, shall
510 provide to the Secretary of the State all map, statistical and voting
511 district information deemed necessary by the Secretary for the effective
512 implementation of such plan of redistricting. Upon receipt of such
513 information, the Secretary shall (A) update the state-wide centralized
514 voter registration system to reflect the congressional, senatorial and
515 assembly district lines of such plan of redistricting, and (B) transmit to
516 the registrars of voters of each municipality the information necessary
517 for such registrars to update the state-wide centralized voter
518 registration system to reflect the voting district lines within such
519 municipality of such plan of redistricting.

520 (2) (A) Whenever an error in the implementation within a
521 municipality of a plan of redistricting described in subdivision (1) of this
522 subsection (i) is identified by the Secretary of the State, the Secretary
523 shall notify the registrars of voters of such municipality of such error, or
524 (ii) is identified by the registrars of voters of such municipality, such
525 registrars shall notify the Secretary of such error. For any such error as
526 to congressional, senatorial or assembly district lines, the Secretary shall
527 update the state-wide centralized voter registration system to correct
528 such error. For any such error as to the voting district lines within a
529 municipality, the registrars of voters of such municipality shall
530 immediately update the state-wide centralized voter registration system

531 to correct such error and certify in writing to the Secretary when such
532 error has been corrected.

533 (B) For each error described in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision,
534 the registrars of voters shall notify in writing each voter whose polling
535 place was changed due to correction of such error, subject to the
536 provisions of section 9-169 regarding any such correction made within
537 ninety days prior to any election or primary.

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

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>January 1, 2027</i>	38a-514b(a)(4)
Sec. 6	<i>January 1, 2027</i>	38a-488b(a)(4)
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 8	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 9	<i>from passage</i>	2-137(b)
Sec. 10	<i>from passage</i>	17b-112(d)(1)
Sec. 11	<i>from passage</i>	PA 25-168, Sec. 407
Sec. 12	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 13	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 14	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 15	<i>from passage</i>	9-50b