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**Committee Bill No. 6**

LCO No. 1889



Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:  
(KID)

***AN ACT CONCERNING SUPPORTS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2026, and applicable to taxable years*  
2 *commencing on or after January 1, 2026*) (a) As used in this section:

3 (1) "Child" means an individual who is under seventeen years of age;

4 (2) "Eligible taxpayer" means a resident of this state who is subject to  
5 the tax under chapter 229 of the general statutes; and

6 (3) "Resident of this state" has the same meaning as provided in  
7 subsection (a) of section 12-701 of the general statutes.

8 (b) For taxable years commencing on or after January 1, 2026, any  
9 eligible taxpayer shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by  
10 chapter 229 of the general statutes, other than the liability imposed  
11 under section 12-707 of the general statutes, for each dependent child of  
12 the taxpayer, up to a maximum of three children. The amount of such  
13 credit shall be six hundred dollars per child, provided such amount  
14 shall be reduced ten per cent for every one thousand dollars, or fraction  
15 thereof, of federal adjusted gross income over (1) one hundred thousand

16 dollars for an individual who files a return under the federal income tax  
17 as an unmarried individual or a married individual filing separately, (2)  
18 one hundred sixty thousand dollars for an individual who files a return  
19 under the federal income tax as a head of household, and (3) two  
20 hundred thousand dollars for individuals who file a return under the  
21 federal income tax as married individuals filing jointly or as a surviving  
22 spouse. If the amount of the credit allowed pursuant to this subsection  
23 exceeds the eligible taxpayer's liability for the tax imposed by chapter  
24 229 of the general statutes, the Commissioner of Revenue Services shall  
25 treat such excess as an overpayment and, except as provided under  
26 section 12-739 or 12-742 of the general statutes, refund the amount of  
27 such excess, without interest, to the eligible taxpayer.

28 (c) For the purposes of this section, the tax liability of an individual  
29 taxpayer shall be calculated without regard to the credit allowed under  
30 section 12-704e of the general statutes.

31 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2026*) Notwithstanding the provisions of  
32 sections 10-215, 10-215a and 10-266w of the general statutes, for the  
33 fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, each eligible school district shall (1)  
34 provide school breakfasts and school lunches to all students at no charge  
35 to such students, and (2) be eligible to receive a grant from the  
36 Department of Education for such school breakfasts and school lunches.  
37 As used in this section, "eligible school district" means a local or regional  
38 board of education, state or local charter school or an interdistrict  
39 magnet school operator that (A) is participating in the federal School  
40 Breakfast Program or the National Lunch Program, as the case may be,  
41 and (B) is not implementing the Community Eligibility Provision; and  
42 "Community Eligibility Provision" means the federal meal  
43 reimbursement program administered by the United States Department  
44 of Agriculture, as set forth in 7 CFR 245.9, as amended from time to time.

45 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) No person who is convicted  
46 on or after October 1, 2026, of a violation of sections 53-20 to 53-21a,  
47 inclusive, section 53-23, 53a-70c, subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of

48 section 53a-86, section 53a-90a, sections 53a-196 to 53a-196f, inclusive, or  
49 section 53a-196i of the general statutes shall share a primary residence  
50 with a minor child, as defined in section 17a-106f of the general statutes,  
51 unless such person is the biological parent of such minor child, or the  
52 adoptive parent of such minor child and such adoption was finalized  
53 prior to such conviction.

54 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) Not later than one week  
55 following the release from a correctional facility of a person convicted  
56 of and incarcerated for a violation of sections 53-20 to 53-21a, inclusive,  
57 section 53-23, 53a-70c, subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 53a-86,  
58 section 53a-90a, sections 53a-196 to 53a-196f, inclusive, or section 53a-  
59 196i of the general statutes, the Commissioner of Correction shall notify  
60 the Commissioner of Children and Families of the residential address to  
61 which such person was released and the violations for which such  
62 person was convicted and incarcerated.

63 (b) Not later than one week after receiving a notification pursuant to  
64 subsection (a) of this section, the Commissioner of Children and  
65 Families shall determine if the residential address provided in said  
66 notification is the address of the primary residence of a child who is the  
67 subject of an order for protective supervision, as defined in section 17a-  
68 93 of the general statutes, or receiving protective services, as defined in  
69 section 17a-93 of the general statutes. If the commissioner determines a  
70 child who is the subject of such an order or receiving such services  
71 resides at such address, the commissioner shall immediately (1) notify  
72 the department's social worker assigned to such case of such person's  
73 release to such address and the violations for which such person was  
74 convicted and incarcerated, and (2) include a copy of such notification  
75 in such child's case file.

76 Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2026*) (a) Any local or regional board of  
77 education that receives a withdrawal form from a parent or person  
78 having control of a child who is withdrawing such child from the public  
79 schools in accordance with the provisions of section 10-184 of the

80 general statutes shall notify the Commissioner of Education of such  
81 withdrawal not later than two business days following receipt of such  
82 withdrawal form.

83 (b) Not later than two business days following receipt of a notification  
84 from a local or regional board of education under subsection (a) of this  
85 section that a child has been withdrawn from the public schools, the  
86 Commissioner of Education shall notify the Commissioner of Children  
87 and Families of such withdrawal.

88 (c) Upon receipt of a notification from the Commissioner of  
89 Education under subsection (b) of this section that a child has been  
90 withdrawn from the public schools, the Commissioner of Children and  
91 Families shall, as soon as practicable, determine if such child is the  
92 subject of an order for protective supervision, as defined in section 17a-  
93 93 of the general statutes, or receiving protective services, as defined in  
94 section 17a-93 of the general statutes. If such child is the subject of such  
95 an order or receiving such services, the Commissioner of Children and  
96 Families shall include a notation of such withdrawal in such child's case  
97 file for informational purposes.

98 Sec. 6. Section 10a-57g of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes  
99 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
100 *October 1, 2026*):

101 (a) As used in this section:

102 (1) ["Preschool through Twenty and Workforce Information  
103 Network" or "P20 WIN"] "Data Link Connecticut" or "DataLinkCT"  
104 means a state integrated data system utilized for the purpose of  
105 matching and integrating data of state agencies and other organizations  
106 to inform policy and practice for education, workforce and supportive  
107 service efforts.

108 (2) "Participating agency" means the Connecticut State Colleges and  
109 Universities, Department of Education, Labor Department, the Office of

110 Early Childhood, The University of Connecticut, the Connecticut  
111 Conference of Independent Colleges and any entity that has executed  
112 an enterprise memorandum of understanding for participation in [the  
113 P20 WIN] DataLinkCT and has been approved for participation  
114 pursuant to the terms of the enterprise memorandum of understanding.

115 (3) "Enterprise memorandum of understanding" means a  
116 foundational multiparty agreement that sets forth the details of how  
117 data is shared and the respective legal rights and responsibilities of each  
118 party within the data sharing process.

119 (b) There is established [a Preschool through Twenty and Workforce  
120 Information Network] Data Link Connecticut. The executive board of  
121 [the P20 WIN] DataLinkCT, established pursuant to subsection (d) of  
122 this section, shall establish processes and structures governing the  
123 secure sharing of data across participating agencies.

124 (c) The Office of Policy and Management shall serve as the  
125 administrator for [P20 WIN] DataLinkCT to support the executive board  
126 and data governing board, develop procedures for secure sharing and  
127 analysis of data and provide program management to support the  
128 continued operation and maintenance of [P20 WIN] DataLinkCT, in  
129 accordance with the state data plan and data sharing efforts specified in  
130 sections 4-67n and 4-67p.

131 (d) [The P20 WIN] DataLinkCT shall be governed by an executive  
132 board that shall provide oversight of such network. Said executive  
133 board shall include, but need not be limited to, the chief executive officer  
134 of each participating agency, or their respective designees, the Chief  
135 Workforce Officer, or the officer's designee, and the Secretary of the  
136 Office of Policy and Management, or the secretary's designee. The duties  
137 of the executive board shall be to:

138 (1) Advance a vision for [the P20 WIN including] DataLinkCT that  
139 includes a prioritized research agenda with support from the Office of  
140 Policy and Management.

141 (2) Convene as needed to respond to issues from the data governing  
142 board.

143 (3) Identify and work to secure resources necessary to sustain [P20  
144 WIN] DataLinkCT funding.

145 (4) Support system implementation, maintenance and improvement  
146 by advocating for [the P20 WIN] DataLinkCT in regard to policy,  
147 legislation and resources.

148 (5) Advocate for and support the state's vision for [the P20 WIN]  
149 DataLinkCT.

150 (6) Establish a data governing board to establish and implement  
151 policies related to cross-agency data management, including, but not  
152 limited to, data confidentiality and security in alignment with the vision  
153 for [the P20 WIN] DataLinkCT and any applicable law. In establishing  
154 such policies, the data governing board shall consult with the Office of  
155 Policy and Management, in accordance with the provisions of sections  
156 4-67n and 4-67p and other applicable statutes and policies.

157 (e) The executive board established pursuant to this section may  
158 appoint advisory committees to make recommendations on data  
159 stewardship, data system expansion and processes, and such other areas  
160 that will advance the work of [the P20 WIN] DataLinkCT.

161 (f) (1) Each regional workforce development board established under  
162 section 31-3k shall regularly submit data to [the P20 WIN] DataLinkCT  
163 to report on the performance and outcomes achieved by the state's  
164 workforce system, including, but not limited to, workforce training and  
165 development programs that receive federal and state funds or grants.  
166 Not later than September 1, 2025, the Chief Workforce Officer shall, in  
167 consultation with the Labor Commissioner, the Chief Data Officer and  
168 the regional workforce development boards, establish standards for the  
169 submission of data by regional workforce development boards  
170 specifying the data to be submitted and the form and manner in which

171 to submit such data.

172 (2) On or before January 1, 2022, and annually thereafter, the Chief  
173 Workforce Officer may, in consultation with the Chief Data Officer and  
174 the Labor Commissioner, submit to the administrator of [the P20 WIN]  
175 DataLinkCT a request for data and analysis of such data for the  
176 purposes of assessing performance and outcomes of the state's  
177 workforce system. Such data and analysis request shall be completed by  
178 the administrator of [the P20 WIN] DataLinkCT not later than August  
179 15, 2022, and annually thereafter.

180 (g) Not later than October 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, each  
181 constituent unit of the state system of higher education, as defined in  
182 section 10a-1, and such constituent unit's central or system office, if any,  
183 shall submit, in a manner that complies with the requirements of the  
184 Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 USC 1232g, as amended  
185 from time to time, data to [the P20 WIN] DataLinkCT to report on the  
186 outcomes of postsecondary education and workforce development  
187 programs operated by such constituent unit. Not later than September  
188 1, 2025, the Chief Data Officer shall specify the form and manner in  
189 which to submit such data. Any report produced from such data shall  
190 be in aggregated form and, consistent with any other provision of state  
191 or federal law, shall not include any personally identifiable information  
192 of students or participants in such programs.

193 Sec. 7. Subsection (c) of section 4-124w of the 2026 supplement to the  
194 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
195 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

196 (c) The Chief Workforce Officer may call upon any office,  
197 department, board, commission, public institution of higher education  
198 or other agency of the state to supply such reports, information, data  
199 and assistance as may be reasonable, necessary and appropriate in order  
200 to carry out the Chief Workforce Officer's or the Office of Workforce  
201 Strategy's duties and requirements. Each officer or employee of such  
202 office, department, board, commission, public institution of higher

203 education or other agency of the state shall furnish such reports,  
204 information, data and assistance as requested by the Chief Workforce  
205 Officer, to the extent permitted under state and federal law. Any request  
206 for data from a participating agency in [P20 WIN] DataLinkCT,  
207 established pursuant to section 10a-57g, as amended by this act, shall be  
208 submitted through [P20 WIN] DataLinkCT in accordance with the  
209 policies and procedures established by [P20 WIN] DataLinkCT.

210 Sec. 8. Subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 10-15o of the 2026  
211 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is  
212 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

213 (2) Compile and analyze data on students and young people, through  
214 available data systems, including, but not limited to, [the Connecticut  
215 Preschool through Twenty and Workforce Information Network] Data  
216 Link Connecticut, established pursuant to section 10a-57g, as amended  
217 by this act;

218 Sec. 9. Subdivision (19) of subsection (b) of section 12-15 of the 2026  
219 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is  
220 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

221 (19) To the extent allowable under federal law, return information to  
222 another state agency or to support a data request submitted through  
223 [P20 WIN] DataLinkCT, established in section 10a-57g, as amended by  
224 this act, in accordance with the policies and procedures of [P20 WIN]  
225 DataLinkCT for the purposes of evaluation or research, provided the  
226 recipient of such data enters into a data sharing agreement pursuant to  
227 section 4-67aa if such recipient is not a state agency;

228 Sec. 10. Subsection (e) of section 17b-112l of the 2026 supplement to  
229 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
230 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

231 (e) Not later than July 1, 2020, pursuant to the advisory authority  
232 established in section 3-125, the Office of the Attorney General, in

233 consultation with the Two-Generational Advisory Board, the Secretary  
 234 of the Office of Policy and Management, the Chief Data Officer  
 235 appointed pursuant to section 4-67p and [the Preschool through Twenty  
 236 and Workforce Information Network] Data Link Connecticut,  
 237 established pursuant to section 10a-57g, as amended by this act, shall  
 238 develop a uniform interagency data sharing protocol to remove legal  
 239 barriers to promote cross-agency and cross-sector collaboration under  
 240 this section to the fullest extent permitted under state and federal laws.

241       Sec. 11. Section 22 of public act 24-45 is repealed and the following is  
 242 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

243       Not later than [January 1, 2025] July 1, 2027, and [annually] biennially  
 244 thereafter, the executive board of [the Connecticut Preschool Through  
 245 Twenty and Workforce Information Network] Data Link Connecticut,  
 246 established pursuant to section 10a-57g of the general statutes, as  
 247 amended by this act, shall submit [an annual] a report on disconnected  
 248 youth. In developing such report, the executive board shall use the data  
 249 model established through the data sharing agreement 0043 regarding  
 250 Research on Disengaged and Disconnected Youth in Connecticut. The  
 251 executive board shall submit such report to the joint standing  
 252 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
 253 relating to education, children, the judiciary, labor, human services,  
 254 public health and appropriations, in accordance with the provisions of  
 255 section 11-4a of the general statutes. As used in this section,  
 256 "disconnected youth" has the same meaning as provided in section 21 of  
 257 [this act] public act 24-45.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2026, and applicable to taxable years commencing on or after January 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section

Sec. 4	October 1, 2026	New section
Sec. 5	July 1, 2026	New section
Sec. 6	October 1, 2026	10a-57g
Sec. 7	October 1, 2026	4-124w(c)
Sec. 8	October 1, 2026	10-15o(b)(2)
Sec. 9	October 1, 2026	12-15(b)(19)
Sec. 10	October 1, 2026	17b-112l(e)
Sec. 11	October 1, 2026	PA 24-45, Sec. 22

**Statement of Purpose:**

To improve the well-being of children and families.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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